

# Member Spotlight - Magellan Health Services of Arizona

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As a local leader in specialty healthcare, **Magellan Health Services of Arizona** has partnered with small and large behavioral health businesses to improve and expand the Maricopa County public behavioral health care system—positively impacting our community and our economy by cultivating a healthy system that helps people achieve recovery and contribute back to Arizona.

One example of such partnership was the 2011 opening of two regional 24/7 behavioral health access point facilities in the East Valley and the West Valley. These long-needed facilities enable quick and easy entry into the behavioral health system, avoiding the use of costly emergency rooms and reliance on the already scarce first responder resources. Magellan's partnership with local provider Community Bridges and the City of Avondale provided nearly 11,000 interventions since 2011.

Another example of partnership was the launching last year of Integrated Health Homes with Maricopa Integrated Health Systems (MIHS). To address costly and unacceptable health disparities for those challenged with mental illness, Magellan and MIHS launched Integrated Health Homes to deliver integrated, coordinated behavioral and physical health care to members with severe mental illness. Most people in the program have seen dramatic improvement in chronic health symptoms, such as lowering high blood pressure and losing weight; and many lives have been saved by early detection of life threatening conditions.

These are just two examples of numerous award-winning innovations Magellan and its partners have achieved in recent years. To learn more, please visit [www.MagellanofAZ.com](http://www.MagellanofAZ.com) or view this brief video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=1xfKi5Xj3\\_s#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=1xfKi5Xj3_s#).