# DRAFT 2021-2022 ORANGE COUNTY **Mental Health Services Act**



2022 Annual Plan Update





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### **MESSAGE FROM THE AGENCY DIRECTOR**

This year marks one year into our current Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. It also marks one year into an unprecedented public health crisis, during which time counties have been working diligently to protect and support the physical health and mental well-being of their residents. Importantly, we must also prepare for the fact that the emotional impact of coronavirus illnesses can persist for years following the worst of the pandemic. As such, we remain committed to advancing the three strategic priorities of the current MHSA Three-Year Plan: 1) extend the scope and reach of mental health awareness campaigns, community training and education; 2) strengthen the County's suicide prevention efforts by expanding the programs making up our crisis services continuum; and 3) improve access to needed behavioral health services. Through these inter-related efforts, the MHSA will continue to transform the Orange County mental health system via the principles of community collaboration; cultural competence; wellness, recovery and resilience; consumer- and family-driven decision-making; integrated service experiences; and increased access for unserved and underserved populations.

While it remains a top priority to ensure that we provide our consumers, family members and participants with exemplary services, we are also called to pay attention to our own cultural awareness and sensitivity. As we do our work, it is incumbent that we do so from a health equity perspective – addressing longstanding inequalities in service delivery and outcomes based on race, ethnicity and culture. An important step in this transformation is a continued commitment to engage meaningfully with the people, families and communities we have the privilege of working with every day, and whose voices have helped shape this MHSA Annual Plan Update.

Our progress to date would not have been possible without the support and guidance of groups and entities including the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Behavioral Health Advisory Board, MHSA Steering Committee, advocates for the unserved and underserved, members of our provider organizations, OC Health Care Agency (HCA) and County staff and, most importantly, the multitude of consumers and family members who have so graciously given their time and expertise to create the successes achieved over the past 16 years.

I am pleased with the continued success of many of our programs and encouraged by the plans to expand our system and outreach methods in new and exciting ways. This was truly a collaborative effort between our outstanding county residents, community partners and Behavioral Health Services staff, and demonstrates our dedication to improving the lives of the individuals and family members affected by mental health conditions here in Orange County.



Sincerely,

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In November 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, also known as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The Act implemented a 1% state tax on income over \$1 million and emphasizes transforming the mental health system to improve the quality of life for individuals living with a mental health condition and their families. With 16 years of funding, mental health programs have been tailored to meet the needs of diverse consumers in each county in California. As a result, local communities and their residents are experiencing the benefits of expanded and improved mental health services.

Orange County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) has used a comprehensive stakeholder process to develop local MHSA programs that range from prevention services to crisis residential care. Central to the development and implementation of all programs is the focus on community collaboration; cultural competence; consumer- and family-driven services; service integration for consumers and families; prioritization of serving the unserved and underserved; and a focus on wellness, recovery and resilience. The current array of services was developed incrementally, starting with the planning efforts of stakeholders in 2005 and continuing to present day.

This Executive Summary contains a synopsis of the significant changes being proposed for Orange County's MHSA programs and/or program budgets in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22. To understand the context of these changes, a review of the Strategic Priorities for the County's MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FYs 2020-21 through 2022-23 is provided below. The full Annual Plan Update also includes a detailed description of the HCA's community program planning process (CPPP), descriptions of the target population to be served, the services to be provided and outcomes achieved by each MHSA-funded program, and supporting documentation in the Appendices.

# **MHSA Three-Year Plan Progress Update**

#### **Strategic Priorities for the Three-Year Plan**

Following the community planning process in 2019 and 2020 that was used to develop the Three-Year Plan (3YP) beginning in FY 2020-21, the HCA identified the following MHSA Strategic Priorities:

- Mental Health Awareness and Stigma Reduction (PEI)
- Suicide Prevention (PEI, CSS)
- Access to Services (PEI, CSS)

In preparation for the community planning process for the FY 2021-22 Annual Plan Update, the HCA reviewed the current status of each of OC's MHSA priorities (see below). Based on this review, as well as HCA's commitment to on-going discussions with community stakeholders from unserved and underserved populations, this year's community planning focused on engaging with community members to pinpoint potential approaches that would be responsive and tailored to the identified priority populations ('starred' sections below):

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction

Expand campaigns, trainings & community education focused on increasing awareness of mental health signs & available resources, as well as reducing stigma

Priority Populations	Strategies	Progress Update
<ul> <li>LGBTIQ individuals</li> <li>Boys ages 4-11</li> <li>Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-25</li> <li>Adults ages 25-34 and 45-54</li> <li>Unemployed adults</li> <li>Homeless individuals</li> <li>Individuals living with cooccurring mental health and substance use conditions</li> <li>Older Adults ages 60+</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue partnering with local groups engaged with the priority populations</li> <li>Continue partnering with CalMHSA's Statewide Projects and other organizations</li> <li>Partner with media/marketing organizations</li> <li>Incorporate findings &amp; recommendations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Establishing and/or strengthening outreach partnerships with trusted local organizations that serve priority populations</li> <li>Offering range of mental health trainings for various community organizations</li> <li>Expanding reach of CalMHSA <i>Directing Change</i> project in OC schools Launched local digital stigma reduction and awareness campaigns (<i>click links to learn more</i>):         <ul> <li>Stigma Free OC Campaign</li> <li>Stigma Free OC website</li> <li>Connect OC Coalition website</li> </ul> </li> <li> <ul> <li>Beginning to increase/expand use of social marketing to promote</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	from RAND reports on social marketing	mental health-related messages

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Access to Behavioral Health Services

Improve access to behavioral health services and address transportation challenges

★ Priority Populations	Strategies	Progress Update
<ul> <li>Youth</li> <li>Families with children living with a mental health condition</li> <li>Asian/Pacific Islander</li> <li>Latino/Hispanic</li> <li>Black/African-American</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work with community to identify and integrate culturally and linguistically responsive strategies and approaches</li> <li>Offer telehealth/virtual behavioral health care options for people of all ages living w/ significant mental health conditions</li> <li>Expand school-focused mental health services</li> <li>Expand transportation services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Establishing and/or strengthening partnerships with trusted local organizations that serve priority populations</li> <li>✓ Made rapid, systemwide transition to various virtual behavioral health services and supports in response to COVID-19         <ul> <li>Continuing to work through challenges in accessing, transitioning to, and using technology by providers and/or clients</li> <li>Expanded hours/availability of counseling services</li> </ul> </li> <li>Launched outreach, peer support, networking and resource activities for K-12 students, college students and TAY</li> <li>✓ Along with OC Department of Education and OC School Districts, implementing a grant to coordinate referrals and linkages, and to train school staff on mental health topics</li> <li>① Waiting for State direction on new Medi-Cal program in schools</li> <li>① Transportation support remains available at reduced levels due to</li> </ul>
✓ Completed & ongoing	In progress, some delays due to COVID	COVID-19 and expansion on pause Paused due to COVID

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Suicide Prevention

Expand support for suicide prevention efforts

+ Priority Populations	Strategies	Progress Update
<ul> <li>People from all MHSA age groups</li> <li>Homeless individuals</li> <li>Individuals living with co- occurring mental health and substance use conditions</li> <li>LGBTIQ individuals</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase capacity of Warmline and Suicide Prevention Services</li> <li>Increase crisis services for youth under 18</li> <li>Increase Crisis Residential Services for adults/older adults</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Warmline expanded to 24/7</li> <li>Suicide Prevention Services increased staffing to manage rising call volume and community training requests         <ul> <li>While there has been some success outreaching to monolingual &amp; limited English-speaking communities, cultural &amp; generational barriers persist and callers continue to be predominantly English-speaking. A gradual shift in perceptions has been observed in younger generations, and there is also growing interest in suicide prevention in the Korean media</li> <li>Crisis residential services expanded for adolescents, adults/older adults</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Continue partnering with OC Community Suicide Prevention Initiative</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Examples of resulting activities/campaigns (also leverage CalMHSA's Know the Signs information; click links to view):         <ul> <li>Suicide Prevention Campaign for Adult/Older Adult Men</li> <li>Adult "Help is Here" website</li> <li>Youth "Be a Friend for Life" website</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Use strategies from MHSOAC Striving for Zero report</li> </ul>	HCA ramped up various suicide prevention and mental health resources in response to COVID pandemic ( <i>click here for example</i> ). These and other activities will be cross-walked to the MHSOAC strategies as time permits.

# **MHSA Components and Funding Categories**

MHSA funding is broken down into five components that are defined by the Act: Community Services and Supports (CSS), which includes funding allocations for MHSA Housing, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Innovation (INN), Workforce Education and Training (WET), and Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN). A brief description and the funding level for each of these areas is provided below. This section first begins with a brief description of the budget "true up" process, which helps to identify availability of funds.

## Budget Review and "True up" Process

As part of the fiscal review done in preparation for the current MHSA Annual Plan Update, HCA staff engaged in a detailed process of aligning existing program budgets more closely with actual program expenditures from the most recent fiscal year (i.e., FY 2019-20). This budget "true up," which is done annually, allows managers to identify cost savings for programs that could be transferred to cover budget increases and/or implementation costs of other programs within the same MHSA component. Based on the significant MHSA budget shortfall initially projected by the state during the COVID-19 pandemic, the HCA prepared to close a projected \$72 million deficit in CSS and PEI the end of FY 2022-23. BHS program and HCA fiscal managers spent several intensive months identifying cost savings that would have the least impact on consumers. Staff reviewed and discussed the proposed changes with the MHSA Steering Committee over several months, which concluded in November 2020 (see Appendix I), and was used to inform the proposed component budgets presented at the March 2021 MHSA meeting (see Appendix II).

In February 2021, as HCA staff were finalizing the proposed updates, the state issued dramatically revised projections, swinging Orange County from a projected deficit of \$72 million to a projected surplus of nearly \$50 million in CSS and PEI at the end of FY 2022-23. At the same time, the MHSA Office was in the midst of conducting its 2021 CPPP. With an anticipated increase in available funding, at the conclusion of the last CPPP meeting held on April 19, 2021, the MHSA Office rapidly analyzed stakeholder feedback, program and financial services managers re-evaluated program budgets and BHS staff identified additional opportunities to update the MHSA Annual Plan based on consumer and family member feedback.

Most of the current proposed changes are to 1) reverse budget reductions identified in 2020 during a very different financial landscape and/or 2) respond to Board of Supervisor directives. In addition, there are three proposals for new uses of CSS and PEI funding, described in more detail below. These proposals were developed based on community feedback, anticipated community needs and the projected availability of funds. Importantly, all new funding proposals are naturally time-limited and can be discontinued with minimal impact to Orange County consumers and family members should the fiscal landscape shift once again. This flexibility was regarded as important given the marked volatility in MHSA projections and lingering uncertainties related to the future of COVID-19.

# Community Services and Supports Component

Community Services and Supports (CSS) is the largest of all five MHSA components and receives 76% of the Mental Health Services Fund. It supports comprehensive mental health treatment for people of all ages who are living with a serious mental health condition that is significantly impacting their daily activities and functioning. CSS develops and implements promising or proven practices designed to increase underserved groups' access to services, enhance quality of services, improve outcomes and promote interagency collaboration.

Several changes to the CSS component are proposed for Orange County's FY 2021-22 MHSA Plan Update. These include shifts in program budgets, discontinuation of programs and implementation of new projects. While the proposed modifications generate a net increase in the overall CSS component budget, it remains lower than what was originally approved in the Three-Year Plan and closely approximates the annual CSS revenue of approximately \$158 million that is currently projected by the state at the writing of this report.

Slightly over half of the CSS budget (51%), excluding transfers to WET and CFTN, is dedicated to serving individuals enrolled in and/or eligible to be enrolled in a Full Service Partnership program. A description of each CSS program is provided in this Plan.

<u>CSS</u>
\$155,088,175
\$164,627,171
\$158,785,110
\$165,320,336

*Synopsis of proposed and modified CSS budget adjustments.* The following tables summarize which CSS programs had proposed shifts to funding at the March 15, 2021 MHSA Committee meeting (middle column), and whether there were further modifications proposed following the more favorable MHSA fiscal forecast released in February 2021. Thus, if there are adjustments in the right column, they generally reflect recommendations to *restore* a program's budget rather than reduce it.

CSS	PROGRAM	ORIGINAL PROPOSED UPDATE	MODIFIED PROPOSED UPDATE
		(per presentation on March 15, 2021; see Appendix II)	(as reflected in Exhibit A FY 2021-22 Budget Grids)
ACCESS & LINKAGE	BHS Outreach & Engagement	Transfer all costs to PEI (~\$2.6m CSS savings annually)	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
TO TREATMENT	Recovery Open Access	Right-size and <b>increase annual budget</b> to \$2.6m	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
CRISIS PREVENTION & SUPPORT	Crisis Residential Services (CRS)	Net decrease of \$265k due to: Delaying expansion of Children's Crisis Residential Program for 6 months to start of FY 2021-22; Maintaining CYBH-managed TAY CRS beds at 6 rather than expanding to 12 (this provider's services were significantly under-utilized by TAY relative to those offered by the AOABH-operated CRS provider, thus planned expansion not proceeding); and Increasing budget due to lease costs at Anita Be Well Campus	<u>No</u> decrease to CRS budget. Remain level at \$11,280,845 and instead encumber the \$265k net savings for psychiatrist to support CRS; depending on how long candidate search and hiring process goes, funds may be spent in later FY. In addition, should DHCS release requirements for children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), additional unencumbered CSS funds (above \$265k in originally proposed savings) may be used to expand CRS for children's PRTF beds
	Children & Youth Clinic Services	<b>Time-limited decrease</b> to account for decreased expenditures resulting from COVID-19 impacts and related delays impacting start-up	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet. However, should start-up go faster than anticipated, available CSS funds may be added during FY 21/22 if demand for services exceeds proposed budget
	Services for the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)	<b>Time-limited decrease</b> so budget better reflects savings accrued during lengthy DHCS licensure/approval process that results in significant delays before services can be offered	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
CLINIC EXPANSION	Outpatient Recovery	<b>Decrease</b> to right-size, including savings from vacancies	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	Integrated Community Services	<b>Retire</b> as a result of services having been transitioned to CalOptima during FY 2019-2020	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	Behavioral Health       telehealth and virtual behavioral health care       program         Care       solutions       incluincre         both       both       both	In response to community feedback, reinstate new program, with program implementation and ramp up including needs assessment and initial focus on increasing digital literacy and digital health literacy both of consumers and service providers (see description under NEW CSS EXPENDITURES)	

CSS	PROGRAM	ORIGINAL PROPOSED UPDATE (per presentation on March 15, 2021; see Appendix II)	MODIFIED PROPOSED UPDATE (as reflected in Exhibit A FY 2021-22 Budget Grids)
FSP/PACT	Full Service Partnership (FSP)	<b>Overall decrease</b> of \$2m due to 1) right-sizing TAY provider budget and 2) a time-limited decrease in the Adult Housing FSP provider budget resulting from reduced expenditures during program ramp up combined with use of alternative funding	<u>No</u> decrease to combined FSP budget; remain level funding at ~\$53.8m, adding \$500k to each age group (Children increased to ~\$11.6m, TAY level at ~\$8.2m, Adult increased to ~\$30.3m, Older Adult increased to ~\$3.7m) so several providers that recently began operating at full capacity can continue to serve participants at an appropriate, reduced FSP- caseload. Actual adjustments may vary depending on need.
	Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)	<b>On-going increase</b> to cover increased staffing for Older Adult team, enhanced flexible funding for non-billable services that support the "Whatever It Takes" intervention model, and after-hours coverage	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	CSS Housing	<b>On-going increase</b> to cover increase in staff salaries covered by MOU with OCCR that were the result of recent labor negotiations	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	Mentoring Program for Children and Youth	<b>Retire</b> program due to multiple factors, including challenges with ability to demonstrate program efficacy; youth and parents will continue to receive peer/parent partner support through the Peer Mentoring and Parent Partner Support program	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
ADMIN	CSS Administrative Costs	Net increase of \$71k to transition CSS programs into OC Navigator, the digital tool being developed as part of the BH System Transformation INN Project. Funds will also support development of automated/electronic features designed to increase productivity and operational efficiency (i.e., electronic bed board for CSUs, CRS, etc.; dashboards, reports; integration with HCA EHR, etc.)	In response to community feedback, <b>add additional</b> , <b>time-limited funds</b> , in an amount not to exceed \$400k, for BHS facility improvements (see description under NEW CSS EXPENDITURES)

#### New CSS Expenditures Proposed as a Result of the CPPP

In addition to the above recommended shifts, the HCA is proposing two recommendations for new or enhanced funding based on feedback received from consumers, clients and family members during the 2021 community engagement meetings (CEM). A brief summary of the focus group discussions that generated these recommendations is below.

The first recommendation is to reinstate the Telehealth/Virtual Behavioral Health Care program because of CEM participants' overwhelming preference to engage in both in-person and telehealth services even after the pandemic ends and even though they had experienced challenges with telehealth during the pandemic. Rather than rejecting telehealth as a service delivery option out-right, they expressed a need to learn about how to use and navigate technology and, to a lesser extent, improving access to (quality) devices and Wi-Fi.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Access to Behavioral Health Services

Improve access to behavioral health services and address transportation challenges

Priority Populations	Strategies Discussed During PEMs	Proposal: Reinstate and expand scope of Telehealth Virtual Healthcare
<ul> <li>Youth</li> <li>Families with children living with a mental health condition</li> <li>Asian/Pacific Islander</li> <li>Latino/Hispanic</li> <li>Black/African-American</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WHAT WORKED</li> <li>Training staff on mobile technology, telehealth, other remote service options</li> <li>Scheduling one-on-one meetings with upto-date information and in a combination of synchronous (i.e., live) and asynchronous format</li> <li>WHAT DIDN'T WORK</li> <li>Merely providing devices (ex. Headsets and phones) due to issues with privacy and Wi-fi access</li> <li>Using a one-sized fits all approach with both the language of content and the content itself, all material should be population specific</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reinstate CSS Telehealth/Virtual Behavioral Health Care program</li> <li>Conduct an assessment of consumer and provider needs around devices, Wi-Fi and/or cellular data to better understand their barriers and challenges when trying to utilize telehealth during the pandemic</li> <li>Incorporate a variety of training and technical assistance tools for consumers and providers to improve digital literacy</li> <li>Partner with local agencies and organizations to ensure the materials/trainings are culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate</li> <li>Accelerate the implementation of digital literacy basics for individuals and groups most in need of in-person training by the end of Summer 2021 to provide those with the greatest gaps in digital knowledge the opportunity to receive hands-on assistance while in-person gatherings and meetings are permitted, since it remains unknown whether there will be new safer-at-home orders in the fall/winter</li> </ul>

CEM participants were also asked about the types of changes or improvements that would make services feel more welcoming and easier for their community to connect with services. Much of the discussion focused on the importance of meeting a person where they were at, understanding their culture and having a shared language. Interestingly, participants also indicated that the physical space helped set a tone.

"Avoid sterile, hospital-like relationships and counseling spaces that may be intimidating to disclose personal information. Create a more welcoming and home-like atmosphere."

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Access to Behavioral Health Services

Improve access to behavioral health services and address transportation challenges

Priority Populations	Strategies Discussed During CEMs	Proposal: Create more welcoming spaces in clinic common areas
<ul> <li>Youth</li> <li>Families with children living with a mental health condition</li> <li>Asian/Pacific Islander</li> <li>Latino/Hispanic</li> <li>Black/African-American</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WHAT WORKS</li> <li>Culturally appropriate and representative images, materials in preferred language</li> <li>Collaborative, group, community activities</li> <li>Focus on the positive, use encouraging phrases</li> <li>WHAT DOESN'T WORK</li> <li>Depicting sadness, despair or vulnerability through colors, imagery, stigmatizing and/or illness-focused language</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify Lobby and common areas in BHS outpatient clinics eligible for and in need of upgrades:</li> <li>Use CSS funds for paint, "homey" touches (e.g., end tables, artwork, framed posters/art, pamphlet/brochure displays, etc.</li> <li>Begin w/ needs assessment (of physical space, input from consumers)</li> <li>Coordinate through peer project manager (e.g., PEACe, the BHS peer workgroup)</li> <li>Host art fair with consumers to create artwork that could potentially be used in clinics***</li> <li>Encumber funds: up to \$80k/clinic for materials, supplies, labor, decorative furnishings, artwork, art fair event etc., up to 5 clinics = Max/NTE \$400k</li> </ul>

# Prevention and Early Intervention Component

MHSA dedicates 19% of its allocation to Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), which is intended to prevent mental health conditions from becoming severe and disabling and to improve timely access for people who are underserved by the mental health system.

As part of the current Three-Year Plan, several PEI program consolidations were implemented to streamline operations and create efficiencies without negatively impacting service delivery. They are as follows:

- The Suicide Prevention Services program is the consolidation of the former Suicide Prevention Hotline and Survivor Support Services into a single Countycontracted program. Beginning FY 2021-22, this program will also include the newly formed Office of Suicide Prevention within the HCA's Behavioral Health Services area.
- The OC Parent Wellness Program is the consolidation of the former County-operated, family-focused early intervention programs that provides comparable services tailored to meet the needs of three specific target populations
- The Community Counseling and Supportive Services Program is the consolidation of two County-operated early intervention programs serving all agegroups and culturally diverse populations.
- The Outreach to Increase Recognition of the Early Signs of Mental Illness program is the consolidation of six programs that provide similar outreach and training activities through a network of providers that each specialize in working with specific target populations.

Several changes to the PEI component are proposed for Orange County's FY 2021-22 MHSA Plan Update. These include shifts in program budgets, discontinuation of a program and implementation of new projects, which are summarized in a series of tables below.

Consistent with PEI requirements, 59.71% of the total PEI budget is dedicated to serving youth who are under age 26 years. PEI is governed by additional regulations and legislation, which are described in Appendix III. A description of each PEI program is provided in this Plan.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<u>PEI</u>	
<b>FY 2020-21</b> (from 3YP)	\$47,061,483	
<b>FY 2021-22</b> (from 3YP)	\$49,286,926	
<b>FY 2021-22</b> (proposed)	\$56,144,101	
<b>FY 2022-23</b> (from 3YP)	\$40,988,101	

*Synopsis of proposed and modified PEI budget adjustments.* Similar to CSS, the following tables summarize the shifts in PEI program funding between March 15, 2021 MHSA Committee meeting (middle column), and the draft Plan currently posted (right column).

PEI	PROGRAM	ORIGINAL PROPOSED UPDATE	MODIFIED PROPOSED UPDATE
		(per presentation on March 15, 2021; see Appendix II)	(as reflected in Exhibit A FY 2021-22 Budget Grids)
	MH Community	No proposed change	Time-limited increase of \$319k to FY 21-22 budget,
	Education Events		resulting in a total budget of \$1.2m with set-aside for
	for Reducing Stigma		Veteran-specific event (see description under NEW
MH AWARENESS &	and Discrimination		PEI EXPENDITURES)
STIGMA REDUCTION	Outreach for	Time-limited net decrease due to impact of COVID-19	In response to community feedback, increase by
SHOWA REDUCTION	Increasing	and restrictions/limitations on large events/mass	~\$2.7million (see description under NEW PEI
	Recognition of Early	gatherings	EXPENDITURES)
	Signs of Mental		
	Illness		
	School Readiness	<b>Decrease</b> due to one provider contract not being renewed	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	Parent Education Services	<b>Increase</b> Parent Education Services using funds from School Readiness budget reduction to provide support to families with children ages 0-8 years	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	Children's Support	Decrease due to savings from vacancies and	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	& Parenting	temporary staff re-deployments to other programs in	
PREVENTION	Program	response to COVID-19	
	School-Based	Reduce back to on-going budget level due to ending	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	Health Intervention	of time-limited expansion using carryover funds	
	& Support		
	School-Based Stress	Following the retirement of the provider's Subject	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	Management	Matter Expert, <b>discontinue</b> standalone program and	
	Services	continue to provide mindfulness training for students/school staff through BH Training Services	
	OC Links	In response to Board Directive for HCA to create a 24/7 Behavioral Health Line, OC Links budget <b>increased</b> by \$1.2m annually to cover 24/7 expansion including crisis calls and dispatch	Add a total of \$3m (\$1.8 additional) to cover additional staffing needs beyond what was first projected when program shifted to 24/7 operations, as well as county-wide marketing campaign advertising the BHS single access line; per
			CEM/community feedback, ensure that materials are tailored/customized to the specific target audiences (language, images, culture, etc)
	BHS Outreach and	On-going increase to cover shift of program MHSA-	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet
	Engagement	related costs to be covered entirely by PEI (rather	
		than being shared with CSS; other funding sources also being used)	

PEI	PROGRAM	ORIGINAL PROPOSED UPDATE (per presentation on March 15, 2021; see Appendix II)	MODIFIED PROPOSED UPDATE (as reflected in Exhibit A FY 2021-22 Budget Grids)		
	Warmline	<b>On-going increase</b> to cover increased staffing costs due to services being increased to 24/7 and time- limited increase to cover increased lease costs at Anita Be Well Campus	<b>On-going increase</b> by \$500k to improve staffing/shift coverage now that program has shifted to 24/7 operations, bringing total budget to \$2 million		
CRISIS PREVENTION & SUPPORT	Suicide Prevention Services	No proposed change	Increase ongoing budget of contracted provider by \$500k in response to community need, and increase on-going budget by additional \$1million to implement programming through the BHS Office of Suicide Prevention, established in response to Board Directive (see description under NEW PEI EXPENDITURES)		
EARLY INTERVENTION OUTPATIENT	School-Based Mental Health Services (SB MHS)	<b>On-going decrease</b> of PEI funds due to anticipated Medi-Cal revenue generation	<u>No</u> decrease; keep level PEI funding due to unanticipated effect of Medi-Cal billing process resulting in reduced referrals to program		
	OC CREW	<b>On-going decrease</b> of PEI funds due to anticipated Medi-Cal revenue generation	Adjust projected PEI savings from \$204k to \$50k due to lower than anticipated Medi-Cal revenue as program readjusts to new billing requirements. In contrast to SB MHS, OC CREW not experiencing same impact on referrals after beginning to bill Medi- Cal		
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	Transportation	<b>Time-limited decrease</b> , resulting from impact of COVID- 19 on delaying start-up of program in PEI	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet. However, available PEI funds may be added during FY 21/22 if demand for transportation exceeds current proposed budget		
ADMIN	PEI Administrative Costs	<b>Net increase</b> of \$600k to transition PEI programs into OC Navigator, the digital tool being developed as part of the BH System Transformation INN Project. Funds will also support development of automated/electronic features designed to increase productivity and operational efficiency (i.e., electronic bed board for CSUs, CRS, etc.; dashboards, reports; integration with HCA EHR, etc.)	No change from March 15, 2021 budget worksheet		

#### New PEI Expenditures Proposed as a Result of the CPPP

In addition, the HCA is proposing to respond to CPPP input and enhance funding for mental health awareness campaigns and education. Upon a Board Directive,

the HCA will also use PEI funds to support a new Office of Suicide Prevention. A brief summary of these recommendations is below.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction

Expand campaigns, trainings & community education focused on increasing awareness of mental health signs & available resources, as well as reducing stigma

Priority Populations	Recommended/Preferred Strategies	Proposed Activities for FY 2021-22
<ul> <li>LGBTIQ individuals</li> <li>Boys ages 4-11</li> <li>Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-25</li> <li>Adults ages 25-34 and 45-54</li> <li>Unemployed adults</li> <li>Homeless individuals</li> <li>Individuals living with cooccurring mental health and substance use conditions</li> <li>Older Adults ages 60+</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>From CEMs:</li> <li>Engage through Social Media, Internet, Events/Fairs <ul> <li>TV radio, newspapers, senior centers for older adults</li> </ul> </li> <li>Focus on positive messages, simple language, good visuals &amp; color, slogans &amp; phrases, not jargon</li> <li>Culturally representation (authentically)</li> <li>Use trusted sources, celebrities, influencers</li> </ul> <li>From PEMs: <ul> <li>Increase inter-agency Increase interagency collaboration and group activities</li> </ul> </li>	<ul> <li>Increase FY 21-22 budget for Mental Health Community Education Events to \$1.2m total, with set aside for Veteran-specific event</li> <li>Continue improvement of StigmaFree OC website and countywide campaign, drawing upon consumer feedback from CEMs</li> <li>Contract out web designer, copy writer to work with BHS program and HCA IT to improve organization, navigation and content of HCA website (ochealthinfo.com), drawing upon consumer feedback from CEMs</li> <li>Begin planning to host Directing Change Awards Ceremony in OC*</li> <li>Continue to pay for tv slots to air an OC Directing Change video as public service announcement, post/share on social media*</li> <li>Increase/expand use of social marketing</li> <li>Add \$3 million to Mental Health Awareness Campaigns &amp; Education (Stigma, Outreach program budgets)</li> </ul>

\* Also responsive to feedback about increasing collaborative/group activities to "help make services more welcoming for members of my community"

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Office of Suicide Prevention

Expand support for suicide prevention efforts

Priority Populations	Board of Supervisors Directive	Proposed Activities
<ul> <li>People from all MHSA age groups</li> <li>Homeless individuals</li> <li>Individuals living with cooccurring mental health and substance use conditions</li> <li>LGBTIQ individuals</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>On October 6, 2020, the Board directed the County Executive Officer and HCA Director to create an Office of Suicide Prevention to: <ul> <li>Reach out to high risk populations to find and engage those in need</li> <li>Maintain contact with those in need and support continuity of care</li> <li>Improve the lives of those in need through comprehensive services and supports, and</li> <li>Build community awareness, reduce stigma and promote help-seeking</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The newly formed Office will be responsible for identifying and implementing promising pilot programs utilizing the above-referenced systems-approach for each of the initial populations of focus: youth and young adults, men in their middle years and older adults. The Office will also be responsible for integrating new and existing services and supports across the suicide prevention continuum and throughout the entire County to ensure all suicide prevention activities are linked to other behavioral health activities/services and directly targeted populations in need. The Office will create a systems approach to suicide prevention that leverages existing community and agency resources to build hope, purpose and connection for individuals in need.</li> <li>The Office and its activities will be a component of the Suicide Prevention Services program in the Orange County MHSA Plan. The Office will be funded through PEI and have a budget of \$1.5 million in FY 2021-22.</li> </ul>

## **Innovation Component**

The MHSA designates 5% of a County's allocation to the Innovation (INN) component, which specifically and exclusively dedicates funds to trying new approaches that contribute to learning rather than expanding service delivery. Projects are time-limited to a maximum of five years and evaluated for effectiveness and consideration for continued funding through CSS, PEI or other funds. All active projects are described in this Plan, and regulations governing the INN component are described in Appendix IV.

In addition, the HCA is in various stages of exploring several new potential INN projects, listed below (please see Special Projects for the complete list).

- allcove
- Middle School Student Wellness Centers
- Mobile Phones
- Psychiatric Advanced Directives
- Social Media & Approaches to Stigma Reduction

The Continuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families project was extended for one additional year to continue data gathering and evaluation, utilizing the remaining INN project-approved budget and timeline. The remaining project budget was not reflected in the FY 2020-2023 MHSA Three-Year Program Expenditure Plan due to an oversight. It is included in the Annual Plan Update, which resulted in an adjusted INN component budget.

# Workforce Education and Training Component

Workforce Education and Training (WET) component is intended to increase the mental health services workforce and to improve staff cultural and language competency. It is currently funded through transfers from CSS.

The budget in FY 2021-22 is to remain the same from that which was approved in the MHSA Three-Year Plan. Increases to the Training and Technical Assistance program and the Financial Incentives Program are offset by a decrease to the Residencies and Internships Program. A full description of each WET program is provided in the Plan Update.

# Capital Facilities and Technological Needs Component

The Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) component funds projects necessary to support the service delivery system. CFTN is now funded through transfers from CSS, which will support several projects:

- Renovations for a behavioral health training facility
- Continued development and enhanced functionality of the HCA electronic health record (EHR), which will include the transfer of additional funds in FY 2020-21 to migrate the EHR into the cloud
- Development and on-going support of a County Data Integration Project that will facilitate appropriate, allowable and timely data-sharing across County departments and with external stakeholders, to effectively delivering essential and critical services, including behavioral health care, to county residents.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	INN
<b>FY 2020-21</b> (from 3YP)	\$18,346,360
<b>FY 2021-22</b> (from 3YP)	\$9,009,773
FY 2021-22 (proposed)	\$10,999,190
<b>FY 2022-23</b> (from 3YP)	\$2,042,071

FISCAL YEAR	WET	
<b>FY 2020-21</b> (from 3YP)	\$6,216,634	
<b>FY 2021-22</b> (from 3YP)	\$5,219,984	
FY 2021-22 (proposed)	No Change	
<b>FY 2022-23</b> (from 3YP)	\$5,296,662	

FISCAL YEAR	<u>CFTN</u>
<b>FY 2020-21</b> (from 3YP)	\$12,519,749
<b>FY 2021-22</b> (from 3YP)	\$8,840,752
<b>FY 2021-22</b> (proposed)	\$16,307,384
<b>FY 2022-23</b> (from 3YP)	\$8,966,158

# **CSS Housing**

Under direction from the Board of Supervisors, a total of \$70,500,000 of CSS funds was allocated during FY 2018-19 to the development of permanent supportive housing. Following a \$70.5 million investment in FY 2018-19, the Board of Supervisors and HCA remain committed to providing safe housing for individuals living with mental illness, with all dollars now having been allocated or in process of being allocated to various permanent supportive housing projects. At the end of FY 20-21 all funds have been allocated to projects in various phases of development.

### **Community Planning Expenditures**

Per California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5892, a county is authorized to use <u>up to</u> 5% of its total annual allocation to cover community planning costs, where planning costs shall "include funds for County's MHSA programs to pay for the costs of consumers, family members, and other stakeholders to participate in the planning process and for the planning and implementation required for private contracts to be significantly expanded to provide additional services pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 5800) and Part 4 (commencing with Section 5850)."

Consistent with the WIC, the HCA shall use MHSA funds for allowable purchases of food, refreshments, transportation assistance, parking fees and/or promotional items. These items will be offered to consumers, family members, the public, committee and advisory board members as permitted by law, non-HCA providers and other stakeholders to encourage them to participate in planning and feedback activities, learn about MHSA and/or Orange County's services, and/or publicly recognize the achievements of MHSA's consumers and programs (e.g., graduation ceremonies, etc.). Items may be provided at conferences, meetings, trainings, award ceremonies, representation activities, community outreach, and other similar events where consumer, family members and/or other potential stakeholders may be likely to attend. MHSA funds may also be used to purchase gift cards and/or provide stipends for consumers, family members and/or community stakeholders who actively engage with the HCA to provide valuable feedback regarding programming, services, strategies for overcoming barriers to accessing services, etc. This feedback may be provided through surveys, workshops, focus groups or other similar types of activities. In addition, funds may be used to provide stipends and/or fees to community-based organizations, service providers, etc. for assistance with executing the HCA's community planning efforts.

Orange County MHSA Three-Year Plan Budgets by Fiscal Year	
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<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<u>CSS</u>	PEI	INN	WET	<u>CFTN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FY 2020-21	\$155,088,175	\$47,061,483	\$18,346,360	\$6,216,634	12,519,749	\$239,232,401
FY 2021-22*	\$158,785,110	\$56,144,101	\$10,999,190	\$5,219,984	\$16,307,384	\$247,455,769
FY 2022-23	\$165,320,336	\$40,988,101	\$2,042,071	\$5,296,662	\$8,966,158	\$222,613,328
* Reflects proposed revised budgets for FY 2021-22 Annual Plan Update						

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During the years since Proposition 63 was passed, the Act has continued to evolve and help better the lives of those living with mental illness, their families and the entire Orange County community. We look forward to continuing our partnership with our stakeholders as we implement the MHSA in Orange County.



# COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS

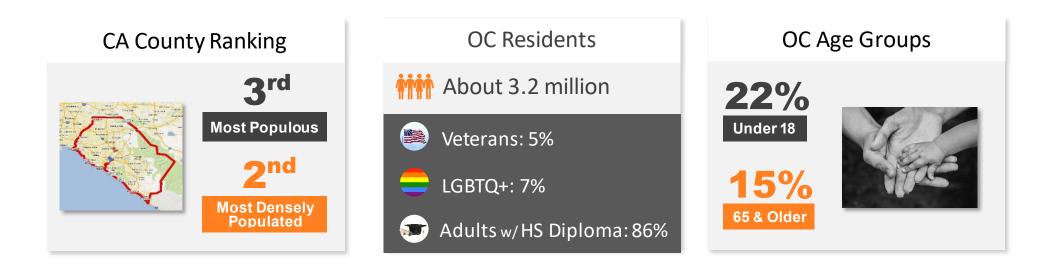
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WELLNESS + RECOVERY + RESILIENCE



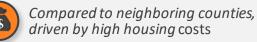
# **Orange County At-A-Glance**



Language Spoken at Home



# Highest Cost of Living

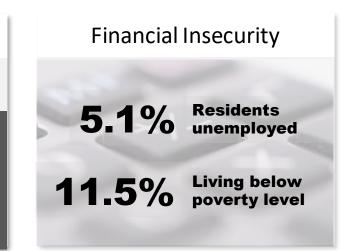


driven by high housing costs

Median household income: \$90,234

Median gross rent: \$1,854

Median house price: \$679,300



# **Individuals Served in CSS & PEI by Demographic Feature**

Age	2019 Census	<u>Gender</u>	2019 Census	Race/Ethnicity	2019 Census
0-14 yrs	18%	Female	51%	African American/Black	2%
15-24 yrs	13%	Male	47%	American Indian/Alaskan Nativ	t 1%
26-59 yrs	48%	Transgender	2%	Asian/Pacific Islander	20%
60+ yrs	20%	Genderqueer	<1%	Caucasian/White	39%
		Questioning/Unsure	<1%	Latino/Hispanic	33%
2019 Popu	ulation: 3,175,692	Another	<1%	Middle Eastern/North African	NOT COLLECTED
				Two or More Races	4%

	Indi	viduals	Serve	d in CSS Clinica	al Servi	ces b	y Demographic Chara	octerist	ic
1	Age	<b>Estimated</b>	<u>Actual</u>	Gender Identity E	Estimated	<u>Actual</u>	Race/Ethnicity	Estimated	<u>Actual</u>
2	0-15 yrs	9%	17%	Female	42%	48%	African American/Black	7%	5%
	16-25 yrs	16%	25%	Male	56%	52%	American Indian/Alaskan Native	1%	1%
>	26-59 yrs	63%	47%	Transgender	2%	0.1%	Asian/Pacific Islander	10%	10%
	60+ yrs	12%	11%	Genderqueer	-	0.1%	Caucasian/White	42%	35%
5				Questioning/Unsure	-	0.1%	Latino/Hispanic	34%	37%
)	Projected	<b>Duplicated</b> :	61,623	Another	-	0.1%	Middle Eastern/North African	1%	1%
)	<b>Actual Un</b>	duplicated:	14,758				Another	5%	11%

Demographic breakdown based on individuals entered into Electronic Health Record. Those served only in Supportive Services not included.

	I	ndividu	ials Se	rved in PEI Pr	ogram	s by D	Demographic Charact	eristic	
	Age	<b>Estimated</b>	<u>Actual*</u>	<u>Gender Identity</u>	<b>Estimated</b>	<u>Actual</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<b>Estimated</b>	Actual
<b>A</b>	0-15 yrs	47%	22%	Female	54%	51%	African American/Black	7%	13%
HS	16-25 yrs	18%	8%	Male	42%	49%	American Indian/Alaskan Native	e 1%	1%
	26-59 yrs	25%	53%	Transgender	1%	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	10%	19%
Σ	60+ yrs	10%	17%	Genderqueer	-	-	Caucasian/White	42%	38%
				Questioning/Unsu	re -	-	Latino/Hispanic	34%	29%
Н	Projected	Duplicated	: 216,898	Another	2%	-	Middle Eastern/North African	1%	0%
	Actual Un	duplicated:	178,009				Another	5%	-

\* Age reflects the age of the person served. These percentages do not reflect the expenditure breakdown, where programs that enroll adult caregivers and guardians in support of their children and youth count as youth-focused programming.

# **MHSA Community Planning Process**

# State Requirements for the Development of the Three-Year Plan

Per the California Code of Regulations (CCR) 3650, while developing the <u>Community Services and Supports</u> (CSS) component of its Three-Year Plan, the County shall include the following:

- Assessment of the Mental Health Needs of unserved, underserved, inappropriately and fully served county residents who qualify for MHSA services, including a) an analysis by age group, race/ethnicity and primary language, and b) assessment data that includes racial/ethnic, age and gender disparities
- Identification of Issues resulting from a lack of mental health services and supports as identified through the CPPP, categorized by age group
- Identification of the Issues that will be Priorities in the CSS component
- Identification of Full Service Partnership (FSP) Population, including a) an estimate of the number of clients, in each age group, to be served in the FSP for each fiscal year of the Three-Year Plan, and b) a description how the selection of FSP participants will reduce the identified disparities
- **Proposed Programs/Services**, including a) descriptions and work plans for each proposed program/service, including the budget and estimated number of individuals to be served by fiscal year, and b) the breakdown of the FSP population by gender, race/ethnicity, linguistic group and age, by fiscal year
- **County's Capacity to Implement** the proposed programs/services, including a) the strengths and limitations of the County and its service providers to meet the needs of racially/ethnically diverse populations, including language proficiency in the county's threshold languages, and b) Identification of barriers to Implementing the proposed programs/services, and potential solutions for addressing these barriers

# OC Community Program Planning Process

Orange County has operationalized the community planning requirements outlined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) into the general strategies and steps described in the graphic below. Over the past several years the HCA has been refining its approach to integrate data into its planning process more systematically, particularly as part of assessing mental health needs and identifying issues and priorities. It has also expanded and refined its approach to engaging community stakeholders in the planning process, evolving from a single community meeting that followed an extended public comment format to a series of semi-structured discussions and focus groups with community stakeholders.

As described in <u>Orange County's MHSA Three-Year Plan</u> (page 14the HCA was and is committed to increasing meaningful engagement with clients, consumers and family members, particularly those who identify with one or more of the MHSA Priority Populations. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the HCA had to adapt its Community Program Planning Process (CPPP) activities in 2021 and shift away from in-person interactions and meetings. As such, the HCA recognizes that the feedback and input received to-date for the FY 2021-22 Annual Plan Update may more accurately reflect the perspectives and interests of those with the financial means, access to technology and digital literacy to engage in a virtual and/or electronic format. As opportunities for in-person gatherings become available, the MHSA Office will seek to engage those who were unable to participate in this year's virtual meetings and/or online surveys.

#### **Orange County Community Planning Process**

#### **COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER INPUT ON NEEDS & STRATEGIES**

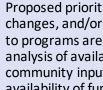
County distributes a community survey and reviews other published reports to identify needs and gaps in local behavioral health services.

**Community Engagement** Meetings (CEMs) are hosted to better understand identified needs and gaps and gather additional input on potential priorities and strategies.

#### **ANALYSIS OF INPUT**

County reviews surveys, reports and community input to identify proposed strategic priorities, as well as programmatic changes, improvements and/or implementation strategies.

#### **PLAN DEVELOPMENT**



Proposed priorities, strategies, changes, and/or improvements to programs are drafted using an analysis of available data, community input and projected availability of funding.

#### PLAN APPROVAL

The MHSA Plan is finalized and submitted to Board of Supervisors for approval. Upon Board approval, County submits the adopted Plan to the State.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The Mental Health Board holds a Public Hearing, where the County presents the MHSA Plan and responds to substantive written public comments received in the 30-day period.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The draft MHSA Plan is posted online and distributed throughout the county for 30 days so the public may submit written comments on the Plan.

#### PROGRAM BUDGET REVIEW

Proposed programs and budgets are presented to the MHSA Steering Committee and stakeholders for input and feedback.

### **OC MHSA Steering Committee**

The MHSA requires that each County partner with local community members and stakeholders for the purpose of community planning. Orange County had been utilizing an MHSA Steering Committee since the very first Three-Year Plan was developed to support its community planning process. The most recent Committee was composed of 51 members representing the following stakeholder groups:

- Adults/Older Adults living with a mental illness
- Family members of individuals living with SMI/SED
- Mental Health Providers
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Education Services
- Social Services
- **Health Organizations**

- **Veteran Organizations**
- **Providers of Substance Use Services**
- Housing Organizations •
- Representatives from ethnic/cultural minority organizations
- Local government official representatives .
- Mental Health Board

The Steering Committee was tasked with the following responsibilities:

- 1. Remain educated about the status of MHSA funding and requirements, as well as the status of Orange County MHSA program implementation.
- 2. Assist the County with identifying challenges to the development and delivery of MHSA-funded services and make recommendations for strategies to address these challenges.

- 3. Remain informed about current stakeholder meetings and the funding and program recommendations made by members of these groups.
- 4. Review MHSA funding proposals and provide feedback to ensure funding is allocated to services for identified needs and priorities.
- 5. Provide timely recommendations that maximize the amount of funding secured by Orange County that preclude Orange County from losing funding for which it is potentially eligible.
- 6. Support the County's ability to meet both State funding requirements and Orange County funding needs.
- 7. Make recommendations regarding future MHSA allocations so funds will be used to provide services for identified needs and priorities.

In March 2021 the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the merging of the Mental Health Board and Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board into a single Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB). As part of this reorganization, MHSA Steering Committee functions were transferred to a new MHSA Committee to be formed as part of the BHAB. The HCA continued to work with and present to the MHSA Steering Committee during this time of transition while the new BHAB MHSA Committee is being established. The first official BHAB meeting took place in April 2021.

## Considerations for FY 2021-22 CPPP

WHAT barrier to implementing program services will be the focus of FY 2021-22? As part of last year's CPPP and capacity assessment undertaken for the current Three-Year Plan, BHS Managers reported that consumers seeking MHSA services frequently experienced challenges to accessing needed services (see table below). While many programs have individually implemented strategies to address these issues (described within each program description), transportation, the number of bilingual service providers, stigma and, to a lesser but still significant extent, childcare remain persistent challenges across the overall system of care. In response, transportation was expanded as part of the current Three-Year Plan and efforts to mitigate transportation issues are underway.

		ortation tance	Child Care Issues		LEP / Monolingual		Stigma	
MHSA Program/Program Category	PEI	CSS	PEI	CSS	PEI	CSS	PEI	CSS
Mental Health Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma & Discrimination	X	-	Х	-	-	-	X	-
Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness	х	-	Х	-	Х	-	х	-
Prevention Programs	Х	-	Х	-	-	-	X	-
Access and Linkage to Treatment/Services	-	X	-	-	Х	-	Х	Х
Crisis Services and Support	-	X	-	-	-	Х	х	Х
Outpatient Treatment	х	X	х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х
Supportive Services	Х	X	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х

As part of this year's CPPP, the HCA opted to primarily focus on identifying potential solutions to reducing mental health-related stigma that could be implemented in FY 2021-22 with minimal impact from COVID-19 safety precautions. The HCA also initiated conversations on ways to increase the language/linguistic capacity of direct service providers specifically and enhance the cultural responsiveness of staff and the system more generally.

**WHO do we hope to engage?** As part of last year's CPPP and mental health needs and disparities assessment, the HCA identified that the individuals from certain groups and communities in Orange County were disproportionately affected by mental health conditions or barriers to accessing needed mental healthcare:

- Children, including boys age 4-11 years
- Transitional Age Youth
- Families of children/youth living with a mental health condition
- Adults, especially ages 25-34 and 45-54 years, those with a high school education or some college education but no degree, and those who are unemployed
- Older Adults
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Individuals living with a co-occurring substance use and mental health condition
- Veterans
- LGBTIQ+ community
- Asian/Pacific-Islander (API), Hispanic/Latinx and Black/African-American Communities

**HOW will we engage?** Due to COVID-19, HCA staff modified its approaches and used electronic surveys and web-based meetings since in-person events were not permitted. MHSA Office staff also coordinated with BHS program staff to try and engage individuals living with serious mental health conditions who might not have access to their own devices and/or private Wi-Fi or cellular data, thereby precluding them from being able to participate in the CPPP. Despite these efforts, participation of the county's most vulnerable residents nevertheless appears to have been limited due to the inability to engage in person.

The HCA conducted community planning in three phases, beginning with a county-wide electronic survey to assess how Orange County residents were coping eight months into the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by focus groups with consumers and family members to learn what strategies and solutions they believed to be most effective and responsive to their community's unique needs; and (3) feedback and input from service providers on how to respond to and/or support the feedback provided by consumers and family members. Each of these three steps, and their accompanying results, are described in more detail below.

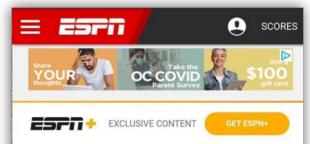
# **Community Survey Method and Results**

Methods. Between November 23 and December 30, 2020, the HCA assessed the impact COVID-19 was having on the emotional well-being of Orange County residents through two electronic surveys: the Adult Stress Survey for adults 18+ years and a Parent Survey for parents of a child 4-17 years old. The surveys assessed individual's experiences with COVID-19, their emotional well-being (i.e., Kessler-6 for adults; Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17, PSC-17, for youth), informal/peer/paraprofessional support, access and barriers to professional healthcare and demographic characteristics. The surveys were anonymous, multiple choice and only available electronically due to COVID-19. They were primarily distributed through a countywide digital media marketing campaign and accessed through advertisements placed on the internet and social media. The survey was also offered via iPad to BHS clinic clients checking in for in-person appointments, and through a link emailed to stakeholders on the MHSA, Be Well and BHS Contract Provider distribution lists. Ads and the surveys were available in all county threshold languages and Khmer. To encourage participation, eligible respondents could enter a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card.

A total of 10,785 surveys were started, with approximately 7,380 adults and 1,420 parents having completed the survey in entirety. Of note, 7% of adult respondents identified as 60+ years of age, an underrepresentation of older adults based on 2019 Census data, and 23% of adult respondents were between the ages of 18-25 years), which is up from 16% in last year's survey and reflecting the HCA's continued progress on engaging Transitional Age Youth (TAY) in community planning efforts. In addition, the racial and ethnic diversity of respondents reflected the diversity of the county as a whole, although the overwhelming majority of surveys (>96%) were completed in English. It was also noted, that adults were disproportionately female (73%) which may limit the generalizability of findings on the adult survey to Orange County residents identifying as other genders. Parents reported on a roughly equal number of boys and girls. See Appendix V for descriptive characteristics of respondents.

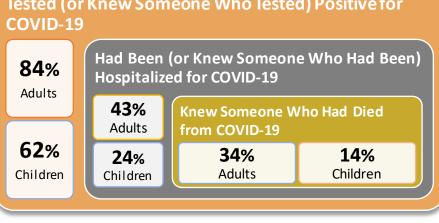
Experiences with COVID-19. A substantial proportion of Orange County adults and youth had some personal experience or impact related to COVID-19 (see graphic to the right). Moreover, Hispanic adults and children were significantly more likely to report that they (their child) or someone they (their child) knew had tested positive, had been hospitalized or had died from COVID-19. In addition, about half of adults and over one-third of parents indicated that they or someone in their immediate family had delayed getting healthcare due to COVID-19.

Adult Well-Being. Not surprisingly, a high proportion of Orange County adults reported experiencing struggles with their emotional well-being during the pandemic. More specifically, 28% indicated they were experiencing 'serious psychological distress' on the Kessler-6, which was twice the rate reported by Orange County adults on the California Health Interview Survey in 2019 (14%). Adults also reported feeling stressed or angry, and/or that they had started or increased use of one or more harmful behaviors (alcohol, drug and/or tobacco use, gambling) to cope



Why did the Broncos play without a guarterback? Where the NFL stands in its COVID-19 battle, what's next





# Tested (or Knew Someone Who Tested) Positive for

with COVID-19-related stress or emotions (*see graphic below*). Moreover, adults who were more likely to report experiencing serious psychological distress on the K-6 were:

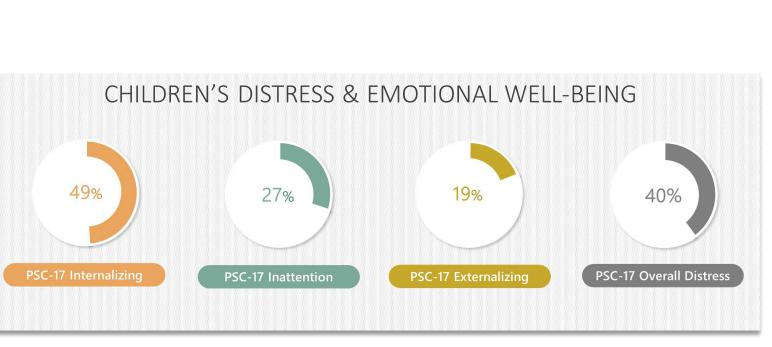
- TAY (ages 18-25 years)
- More than one race/ ethnicity
- Unemployed
- Uninsured or had public insurance
- An unpaid caregiver for another adult and/or
- Lived in North county

Finally, nearly one-third of adults indicated they were having a "very" or "extremely difficult" time coping with the stress and emotional impact of COVID-19.

#### Children's Well-Being.

Orange County parents reported that their children were feeling distressed during the pandemic, with the proportion ranging from about one-fifth to one-half depending on the nature of the distress (i.e., externalizing, disruptive behaviors; internalizing symptoms such as sadness and worry; etc.).

In contrast to the findings observed for adults, distress among youth did not differ based on the their



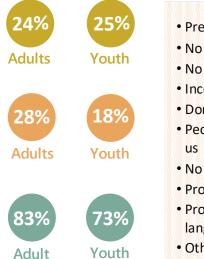
racial/ethnic back-ground, gender identity, insurance status, the region of the county in which they lived, and/or their personal experiences with COVID-19.



#### Other Survey Findings.

Adults and parents also reported on their use of informal, peer and/or paraprofessional support, as well as access and barriers to professional healthcare. Key findings are briefly listed here, with additional details available on the slides in Appendix V.

- % reporting they tried to seek help from a healthcare professional regarding their/their child's stress or emotions
- % reporting they experienced two or more barriers to seeking professional healthcare for their/their child's stress or emotions
- % reporting they used one or more informal supports to seeking professional healthcare for their/their child's stress, with the overwhelming majority reaching out to family, friends and their social network





- Prefer face-to-face\*
- No childcare
- No insurance/can't afford\*
- Inconvenient/delayed appt times\*
- Don't know who to call\*
- People think something wrong w/ us
- No transportation
- Problems w/ accessing telehealth
- Provider doesn't speak child's language
- Other

\*Most common barriers encountered

#### List of Informal Supports

- Family, friends, social network
- Faith/spiritual leader
- Teacher, professor, coach, mentor, etc.
- Hotlines, Crisis lines, Warmline, etc.
- Support groups
- Other support
- AA, NA, other 12-step programs/sponsors (adult survey only)

# Community Engagement Meetings (CEMs)

#### **CBO Engagement**

To engage more meaningfully with clients, consumers and family members, HCA staff emailed various community based organizations (CBOs) that are trusted members of their communities and inquired about the CBO staff's interest in co-hosting a MHSA community engagement meeting for their community members. HCA staff explained the County's desire to increase representation from members of the MHSA Priority Populations and hear directly from unserved and underserved individuals as part of its CPPP. They described what CBO participation would entail and began planning with interested CBO partners. CBO staff also promoted the CEM they were hosting.

#### **CEM Orientation for Community Based Organization Partners**

Prior to facilitating a CEM, CBO partners attended an orientation hosted by the MHSA Office, allowing MHSA staff the opportunity to connect directly with provider organizations who had not collaborated or worked with the HCA or MHSA Office in the past. Topics covered in the orientation included historical information about the MHSA, community planning requirements, the HCA's operationalization of the planning process, and Orange County's strategic priorities in the MHSA Three-Year Plan (see Appendix V for materials). In addition, MHSA staff held an optional in-service training that CBO facilitating staff could attend if they wished to practice and/or enhance their facilitation skills prior to the CEM. At the in-service, CBO staff could ask questions and go through role-playing scenarios.



#### **Community Engagement Meeting Format**

In partnership with the CBOs, the MHSA Office co-hosted 21 CEMs for consumers, client and community stakeholders between February and March 2020 (see table below). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings were held virtually over Zoom with participants joining via computer, tablet and/or phone. Because CBO staff facilitated the breakout rooms, meeting capacity was limited by the number of CBO facilitators (i.e., approximately 10 participants per CBO facilitator). Participants registered online and meeting materials were hand-delivered or emailed to all participants prior to the CEM so that they could follow along in the event they were unable to see the presentation. Meetings were conducted in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog and Khmer, in addition to interpretation services for Farsi-speaking individuals. A total of 484 people registered for a CEM and approximately 327 attended.

2021 CEM Outreach to Priority Populations									
Community Engagement Meeting	Date	# Registered	<u>Children</u>	TAY	<u>Adults</u>	Older Adults	Additional Population Characteristics		
Arabic/Muslim Community	3/11/2021	8			х	Х			
Parents/Families (in Spanish)	2/18/2021	8	Х	Х			Latino/Hispanic		
BHS Consumers	3/18/2021	31			Х	х	In Recovery w/ SUD		
HCA Peers	3/25/2021	12			Х	х			
Cambodian Community	2/24/2021	16			Х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander		
Chinese Community	3/2/2021	6			Х	Х	Asian/Pacific Islander		
Filipino Community	3/3/2021	5			х	Х	Asian/Pacific Islander		
Family Resource Centers of OC	2/3/2021	61	Х	Х			Latino/Hispanic		
Korean Community	3/10/2021	8			Х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander		
LatinX Transwomen	3/2/2021	28					LGBTIQ, Latino/Hispanic		
LGBTQ Community (in English)	34/2021	6		Х	Х		LGBTIQ		
LGBTQ Community (in Spanish)	2/26/2021	4		Х	Х		LGBTIQ, Latino/Hispanic		
LGBTQ Community (in Vietnamese/ English)	2/26/2021	6		Х	Х		LGBTIQ, Asian/Pacific Islander		
Older Adults (two meetings)	2/23 & 3/9/2021	26/31				х			
Parent Partners	3/9/2021	11	Х	Х					
Permanent Supportive Housing Residents	3/4/2021	9		Х	Х		Persons in Recovery, (Homeless Individuals)		
Persons In Recovery	3/11/2021	41			Х		Persons in Recovery w/ SUD		
Veterans / Military-Connected Families	3/9/2021	30	Х	Х	Х	х	Veterans		
Vietnamese Community	2/25/2021	107		Х	х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander		
Wellness Center Members	2/26/2021	30			х				

Each CEM was facilitated following the same general structure:

- Welcome, Introductions
- Overview of MHSA
- Breakout Session 1: Improve Awareness
- Report Out 1

- Breakout Session 2: Improve Access
- Report Out 2
- Wrap Up

In the breakout sessions, participants moved into smaller, virtual rooms where CBO staff facilitated a 20-minute discussion. Everyone returned to the main room and a volunteer shared themes from their group's discussion. To help prompt and/or guide the group's discussion, polling responses from the registration form for that meeting were aggregated and presented in the breakout rooms.



Other

#### **PROMPTS TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND:**

- What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?
- Are some ways of advertising/promoting better suited for certain types of messages/information than others?
- Are certain ways of advertising/promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.?

#### **IMPROVING ACCESS**

#### MAIN QUESTION

In recent surveys of Orange County residents (2020) and CalOptima members (2018), two common barriers to accessing mental health services included:

#### Stigma

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"Don't want people to think something is wrong with me" "Did not feel comfortable talking about personal problems"

Preference for face-to-face services compared to telehealth during COVID

<sup>66</sup> What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?

#### PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF:

- Cultural practices
- Language: terms/phrasing to use? To avoid?
- Types of interventions that support well-being
- Finding a private space if you live with others to help make a telehealth session more comfortable

#### PROMPTS TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND:

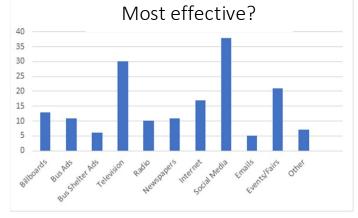
- What types of changes or improvements would make services more welcoming for members of my community?
- What types of changes or improvements would make it easier for my community to connect with services, including telehealth?
- What are short-term strategies the OC Health Care Agency can use now to encourage people from diverse backgrounds (to apply) to work in the public mental health system?

# Analysis of CEM Feedback

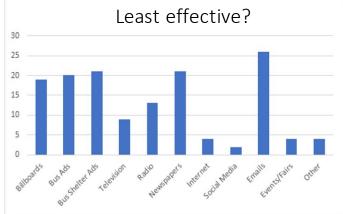
After the CEM, MHSA staff emailed an electronic, Post-CEM Summary form to participating CBO staff, who provided a written summary of their notes. Feedback from these surveys (n=61) were analyzed using a mixed method approach, allowing for the combining of information from quantitative survey data and qualitative open-ended responses (see Appendix VII for full analytic strategy). The following tables illustrate several item frequencies, and details of all CEM findings and analytic strategy used can be found in Appendix VIII). Below is a synopsis of the strategies and approaches that consumers, family and community members recommended for improving mental health-related messaging and for making services feel more welcoming and engaging.

Of note, preferences for an overall approach (i.e., social media vs newspapers) tended to *vary by a person's age* or were *universally shared* (i.e., focus on hope, positive messaging, reflect the culture of the person you are trying to reach). Differences related to cultural background emerged when discussing specifics around preferred terms, images, etc., thus underscoring the critical importance of involving members of the audience of interest during the creation of content.

What are the advertising and outreach strategies that would be most effective in getting mental health-related messages out to my community? Least effective?



Social media, television, and events / fairs



Emails, bus shelter ads, newspapers, and billboards

What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?



Representation & Culturally Appropriate Messaging



**Positive Messaging** 



**Good Visuals & Color** 



Simple Wording, Accessible Language, Culturally Appropriate & Representative Language

Are some ways of advertising / promoting better suited for certain types of messages / information than others?



Provide Specific Resources



Use Simple Language from Community of Interest



Short and Precise Content

Are certain ways of advertising/ promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.?



Social Media (Younger Adults)



TV and Radio (Bilingual & Older Adults)



Community Centers (Older Adults)

What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?



Cultural Representation



**Technology Upskilling** 



Simplified Reading Level

What types of changes or improvements would make services more welcoming for members of my community?



Socialize content of services (don't make lists)



Use appropriate and representative language



Increase collaboration and group activities

What types of changes or improvements would make it easier for my community to connect with services, including telehealth?



Have more services and outreach locations



Include blend of hybrid, remote, and in-person services



Enhanced digital and digital health literacy

What are short-term strategies the OC Health Care Agency can use now to encourage people from diverse backgrounds (to apply) to work in the public mental health system?



**Provide internships** 



Create Volunteer Opportunities



Outreach in respective communities

## Provider Engagement Meetings

Recommendations and suggestions provided by clients, family members and community members during the CEMs were synthesized, and two areas of focus were identified for initial discussion with providers and advocates: 1) how to better improve technology skills and access, and 2) how to more accurately articulate mental health terms and language to better reach and connect with individuals from unserved and underserved communities. Meetings with providers and advocates were intended to better understand to what extent their organization may have tried different approaches identified by CEM participants, sharing of lessons learned and assessing their interest in and capacity to potentially implement different recommendations generated in the CEMs. The process and key findings from meetings with providers are described below.

## **Provider Engagement Meeting Format**

In partnership with the provider organizations, the MHSA Office held two provider engagement meetings (PEMs) on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings were held virtually over Zoom with participants joining via computer, tablet and/or phone. Because the April 19<sup>th</sup> provider engagement meeting was held during the MHSA Steering Committee Meeting and was also attended by HCA staff, HCA direct service staff were invited to participate in the breakout room discussions and administrative staff and management were invited to listen to the discussion and feedback during the report out periods.

Participants registered online and meeting materials were emailed to all registrants prior to the PEMs so that they could follow along in the event they were unable to see the presentation. The meetings were conducted in English and facilitated following the same general structure as the CEMs, although the breakout rooms were not facilitated and instead self-directed by the group using the materials provided by the HCA:

- Welcome,
- Introductions
- Overview of CEM Findings
- Breakout Session 1: Improve Technology Skills & Access
- Report Out 1
- Breakout Session 2: Improve Mental Health Terms & Language
- Report Out 2
- Wrap Up

## **Provider Engagement Meeting Breakout Room Questions**

Similar to the CEMs, participants in the PEM were provided with discussion prompts and questions, which are provided below.



## Improving Technology Skills & Access

#### NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Despite existing challenges, CEM participants overwhelmingly expressed a preference for a hybrid of in-person and remote/ virtual services even after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The challenges with telehealth or virtual services they reported include:

- Easier to share when face-to-face
- · Lack of privacy during telehealth/virtual services
- Need for education and training on technology and devices, including digital literacy and digital health literacy

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· Access to devices and Wi-Fi

## QUESTIONS

What strategies have you tried to address one or more of these challenges (i.e., improving skills/comfort/privacy during virtual services)? Which approaches worked? Didn't work?

Of the strategies discussed and/or considered, what are you interested in trying?

Are there barriers that you or your organization might face trying to implement these preferred strategies?



- Substance use disorder, substance use, drug use, addiction, etc.
- Specific conditions, such as anxiety, depression, OCD/obsessive-compulsive disorder, etc.
- Clients, consumers, etc.
- What impact have you noticed when different terms are used?
- Which words/phrases seem to be preferred? Should be avoided?

## Analysis of PEM Feedback

A total of 91 individuals responded to a multiple-choice pre-meeting survey when registering for the PEM, and approximately 65 people across the two meetings participated in the breakout room discussions. The analytical strategy that was used for the PEM feedback mirrored the same mixed method approach utilized in the CEM feedback analysis, combining both qualitative and quantitative inferences. Key findings, which tended to focus on the value of building capacity and increasing skills for both consumers and provider staff are summarized below, and more details can be found in Appendix IX. Because the second breakout discussion was abbreviated in both PEMs, the focus of the summaries is on telehealth.

What strategies have you tried to address one or more of these challenges (i.e., improving skills/comfort/ privacy during virtual services)? Which approaches worked? Didn't work?



WORKED	DIDN'T WORK
Training staff on mobile technology, telehealth, and other remote service options	Merely providing devices (ex. Headsets and phones) due to issues with privacy and Wi-fi access
Scheduling one-on-one meetings with up-to-date information and in a combination of synchronous (I.e., live) and asynchronous format	Using a one-sized fits all approach with both the language of content and the content itself, all material should be population specific

*Of the strategies discussed and/or considered, what are you interested in trying?* 



- Increase collaboration between organizations and diverse individuals (ex. Connect older adults with students or interns)
- Emphasize cultural and linguistic competency of staff members through workforce learning opportunities
- Improve tele-visits platforms (I.e., platforms that have chat, video, and audio functionality)
- Demonstrate the use of technology in both live and asynchronous sessions to teach the necessary steps in accessing the various platforms

Are there barriers that you or your organization might face trying to implement these preferred strategies?

## Putting it All Together



- For consumers who cannot meet through video, offering text or chat options is one alternative
- Language, representation, and cultural barriers as mentioned in the CEM findings

Drawing upon findings from the community survey, CEMs and PEMs, several overarching themes emerged that helped inform the recommended updates within this FY 2021-22 Plan Update:

- COVID-19 has taken its toll on Orange County adults, with over one-half reporting high levels of stress or anger, one-third reporting increased or new use of substances or gambling, over one-quarter reporting an elevated level of serious psychological distress, and nearly one-third indicating they were having a "very" or "extremely" difficult time coping during the pandemic.
- Orange County parents similarly noted that their children's well-being was affected during COVID-19, with approximately one-fifth of children exhibiting elevated levels of disruptive behavior and nearly one-half experiencing elevated sadness or worry.
- Nevertheless, Orange County residents have been resilient, with an overwhelming number having stayed connected with their friends, family or social network and relying on them as a resource for maintaining their well-being during the pandemic (78% adults, 62% youth/parents).
- About one-quarter each of adults and children/parents also sought help from a healthcare professional for their stress or emotions during the pandemic, with the majority who tried having successfully connected with a therapist or a physician.
- Nevertheless, Orange County residents still face multiple barriers when trying to connect to mental health care (28% adults, 18% children/parents), with some of the most common challenges being lack of insurance or an ability to pay, inconvenient or delayed appointment times and uncertainty over who to call.
- Less than 5% of adults or parents/youth had used a warmline, hotline or crisis line, suggesting a potential area for improved outreach and marketing.
- Consumers' outreach and communication preferences tended to *vary by age* (i.e., social media vs newspapers) or were *universally shared* (i.e., focus on hope, positive messaging, culture of the person you are trying to reach). Differences related to cultural background emerged when discussing specifics around preferred terms, images, etc., thus underscoring the critical importance of involving members of the intended audience during the creation and/or approval of content.
- While individuals expressed a preference for face-to-face services and generally found it easier to share in person, an overwhelming majority nevertheless stated they would like to engage in telehealth services at least some of the time, even after COVID-19 was "done" and there were no restrictions on inperson meetings.
- Both individuals and providers reported they would be interested in and could benefit from learning how to use and navigate technology.
- Some individuals and/or groups also had need for reliable devices and/or Wi-Fi.
- Finally, meeting people "where they were at" is core to fostering hope, healing and health. An essential element of this is understanding and authentically engaging the diverse cultural backgrounds of those we are seeking to engage and support on their recovery journeys.

Looking ahead to FY 2021-22 and beyond, the HCA and MHSA Office will continue to gauge trends in well-being, stress and coping among Orange County residents; monitor the MHSA fiscal outlook; and continue to adjust and adapt as needed to ensure needed services and supports are not disrupted. Moreover, we remain committed to partnering with consumers, family members, service providers and community organizations as, together, we strive to anticipate future needs, close existing gaps, address persisting disparities and support the health and well-being of Orange County's residents.

# "Desire to do justice to the person"

- PEM Participant



## **Public Hearing and Approval by the Board of Supervisors**

The MHSA Plan Update for FY 2021-22 was completed, reviewed and approved by the BHS Director and posted to the Orange County MHSA website on April 30, 2021 for a 30-day review by the public. At the close the of the public comment period the MHSA Office and BHS Managers responded to all substantive public comments. The Plan, with the additional comments and responses, was submitted to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB), and on DATE the BHAB held a Public Hearing via Zoom Teleconference. The Public Hearing was advertised through a posting with the Clerk of the Board and emails to members of the MHSA Steering Committee and interested community members who have asked to be notified of meetings and events from the MHSA Office. In addition, the Public Hearing was posted on the Board of Supervisors Event Calendar and promoted through the Health Care Agency's social media applications (Twitter, Facebook). At the hearing, BHS Management reviewed the key priorities and changes to the Plan and individuals from MHSA programs provided testimonials to the positive impact that MHSA services has had on their lives. At [INSERT], the Chair of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board led a discussion among the members and called for a vote to approve the BHAB's recommendation of the Plan. The plan was [INSERT OUTCOME].

After receiving formal recommendation by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, the MHSA Three-Year Plan for FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23 was brought before the Orange County Board of Supervisors and [INSERT OUTCOME] at the regularly scheduled meeting held on DATE.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON MHSA PROGAMS & SERVICES

With the onset of COVID-19 and the subsequent closure of many community sites, programs had to quickly transition to providing services virtually or over the phone, while many participants lacked access to reliable technology. Referrals decreased due to the reduction of outreach opportunities but, due to the economic effects of the pandemic, participants had an increased need for essentials such as food, housing and supplies. With ingenuity, dedication and the utilization of CARES Act funds, programs were able to address these challenges.

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Mental health awareness and prevention programs strive to prevent the development of serious emotional or behavioral disorders or mental health conditions in at-risk individuals. These programs achieve this through large-scale, populationbased efforts designed to educate and inform the public about mental health and well-being, reduce risk factors or stressors, build protective factors and skills, and/or increase resilience. They aim to strengthen the resilience and wellbeing of a community as a whole by providing information, training and skill-building around mental health. The programs often use creative and culturally appropriate strategies for engaging different populations, especially unserved and underserved communities.

Community planning identified that, should the demand or opportunities for awareness campaigns and educational/ training efforts outpaces proposed budgets, impacted programs may have their funding augmented midyear, pending availability of funds.







- Mental Health Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma and Discrimination
- Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness
- Prevention (several programs focused on mental health and well-being)

## Mental Health Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma and Discrimination (PEI)

The **Mental Health Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma and Discrimination** program hosts mental health-related educational and artistic events that aim to reduce stigma and discrimination related to mental health. Collectively, the events are open to individuals of all ages living in Orange County, with specific events intended to reach identified unserved and underserved communities. A time-limited Request for Application (RFA) is periodically released inviting individuals and organizations to submit proposals for events. Examples of events that have received funding include art workshops and exhibits, plays, conferences, multi-cultural musical and dance performances, and other related activities.



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- Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian/White Latino/Hispanic

American Indian/Alaskan Native

1 Middle Eastern/North African Another

Fiscal Year	Program Budget	Unduplicated <u># to be Served</u>		
FY 2020-21	\$881,000	16,500		
FY 2021-22*	\$1,200,000	17,500		
FY 2022-23	\$214,333	8,300		
5-year, temporary budget augmentation concludes after FY				
2021-22. *Based on CPPP, propose adding additional funds to				

FY 21-22 budget with set aside for Veteran-focused event(s).

## SERVICES/EVENTS

Participants are invited to take part in activities designed to help them learn about and/or express their thoughts and feelings about mental health and stigma. Activities can include viewing or creating artwork, watching performances or presentations, creating videos, storytelling and other forms of self-expression and group-learning. While each event is different, they all provide messaging aimed at educating the public on mental health conditions, the stigma surrounding mental health conditions and the mental health resources available in their communities. The events also seek to educate the public about the abilities and experiences of those living with a behavioral health issue and to instill self-confidence and hope in people living with a mental health condition and their family members.

During FY 2019-20, community-based organizations hosted a series of events. Due to the Public Health emergency beginning March 2020, all in-person events and activities were put on hold and allowed providers an additional six months to adapt their services to public health guidelines. In addition, the HCA funded four social marketing campaigns focused on mental health awareness, suicide prevention and stigma reduction to address the anticipated increase in need for mental health services and support due to the pandemic.

## Latino Health Access

## LA VIDA A TODO COLOR DESCRIPTION:

Art workshop series that used artistic expression to educate participants on mental health topics, provide resources and encourage participants and family members to seek help. Eight of nine planned workshops were provided (8 in Santa Ana from Nov. 2019 through March 2020 in Santa Ana). The contract was terminated early by the provider due to needing to shift focus to responding to the pandemic.

## **CELEBRANDO NUESTRA CULTURA DESCRIPTION:**

Series of events that openly discussed mental health and stigma while celebrating emotional resilience and culture. Each event included a discussion of mental health topics and engaging activities. Three of five planned events had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. (Nov. 2019-Dec. 2020 in Santa Ana).

TARGET AUDIENCE: Latino families, family friendly, open to the public # REACHED: **733** 

## Casa de la Familia

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Series of plays that openly discussed mental health and stigma while celebrating emotional resilience and culture. Each play included a discussion of mental health topics and engaging activities. Three of five planned plays had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. (Nov. 2019-Dec. 2020 in Santa Ana). TARGET AUDIENCE: Latino families w/ limited English proficiencv

# REACHED: 176 in person 4,782 Facebook views 1,001 Facebook comments 652 surveys completed

## LGBTQ Center Orange County

## LGBTQ YOUTH CONVENING:

Presentations, spoken narratives and educational workshops to create safe and supportive schools and community spaces for LGBTQ youth

(Three separate virtual workshops May 2020 TARGET AUDIENCE: LGBTQ youth & young adults

**# REACHED:** 

- **395** registrants
- **332** workshop attendees

**300**+ YouTube views, comments

## Access California

## **PEACE OF MIND:**

Virtual conference & family wellness event over two days where mental health professionals and religious leaders who are trusted members of the community engaged residents in dialogue about mental health, provided resources and encouraged members to seek mental health services (Sep. 27, Oct. 4, 2020)

## STIGMA REDUCTION WORKSHOP:

Workshop for youth congregants at a local Mosque on "How to Cope with Ongoing Stress" offered by trusted religious leader who is also a licensed marriage & family therapist. Workshop raised awareness on mental health topics including toxic stress. Youth discussed stigma & barriers to seeking help. (Jan. 10, 2020).

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Middle Eastern, South Asian & Muslim American communities

# REACHED:

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Middle Eastern, South Asian & Muslim American communities

# REACHED:

## Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA)

## WRITING OUR STORY:

Series of community-based writing workshops for adults and youth focused on stigma reduction (38 in-person workshops at seven provider sites from Oct. 2019-March 2020 prior to the pandemic; 18 online workshops from Sep.-Dec. 2020). Each workshop focused on different writing media (poetry, short stories, memoirs, other literary concepts) and were led by award-winning writer/mental health advocate Kelechi Ubozoh, poet Marcus Omari, and writers Amanda Fletcher, Natashia Deon and Brandon Easton. During the workshops, participants were invited to share their stories and engage in a dialogue about their experiences with mental health. Click to learn more:

Stories: <u>www.ocmecca.org</u>

Videos: <u>"These Are Our Stories"</u>

Also hosted several webinars on mental health conditons, suicide and stigma featuring panelists on Facebook Live TARGET AUDIENCE:

## Community at large

# REACHED:

**346** workshop participants

970 online participants

2,988 email recipients

10,786 through social media

2,674 digital/printed chapbooks of participants' personal stories distributed

## Wellness Prevention Center

(WPC)

## Council on Aging Southern California (COASC)

## **BACK TOGETHER 4TEENS**

Activities such as panels on mental health and diverse communities, communicating with loved ones about mental health, focus groups on stigma campaigns, art, meditation and other wellness activities (Jan. 2020, Aliso Vieio, South OC)

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK EVENTS

- "Quaranteen" Kits w/ self-care items: 53 kits distributed
- Mental health-related Chalk Art Contest: 20 submissions
- Virtual Comedy Night: 109k promotion impressions, 71 participants
- Social media posts: 340 likes 1,612 IG story views

## YOUR TEEN TOOLBOX

Eight events on the health and well-being of teens and their families (4 in-person events in San Clemente, Aliso Viejo Nov. 2019-Feb. 2020; 4 online events April 2020-May 2020)

## 73 participants

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PUBLC SERVICE CAMPAIGN

- Print ads in local South County newspapers: 45,350 distributed
- Facebook (FB) impressions: 67.075
- FB reach: 38,384
- FB clicks: 1,014
- Landing page engagement: 201

98 in person 91

## virtually

TARGET AUDIENCE: Youth 12 +, parents, students, school staff, community ART THERAPY FOR SENIORS:

An 8-week virtual series of art workshops intended to reduce stigma and change ideas and feelings about mental health conditons and ultimately reduce self-stigma (Dec. 2020)

**3,957** art participants

## TRUE COLORS MEDIA CAMPAIGN:

Campaign focused on reducing public and institutional stigma through participant art on public transit & bus shelters to counter negative stereotypes and beliefs; 1st campaign: May- June 2020; 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign: Dec. 2020 7.7m bus shelter impressions

**10m** bus impressions

## MENTAL HEALTH AND AGING EDUCATIONAL FORUM:

Forum focused on reducing stigma and promoting mental health awareness through lectures, community mental health resources, and keynote 206 forum attendees

140 YouTube views

TARGET AUDIENCE: Older Adults, mental health & aging providers, participating artists from the community

## National Alliance on Mental Illness - OC (NAMI-OC)

LOUD AND PROUD MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL

A virtual Loud and Proud Music and Art series featured local LGBTQIA+ musicians and artists who performed and displayed art with the intention of opening up conversation about mental health for Pride celebrations during Pride month. (September 2020).

Social/Digital Media: Channel Q made a targeted post containing a fun 22 second video including music by Loud and Proud performer, Chioke Dmachi

2.5 K FUN RUN TO STOMPOUT STIGMA AND SELF CARE FAIR

A 2.5 K "Fun Run" and Resource Fair aimed towards grades 1-6 to promote a culture that prioritizes youth mental health TARGET AUDIENCE: LGBTQIA+ /Hearing Loss



**37** Instagram (IG) posts **12.3k** Reached on IG

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Youth & School-Aged Children/All ability levels

**# REACHED:** 

248

All providers were contracted to host the event(s) under a provider-specific Agreement titled "Mental Health Community Educational Event Services." In FY 2021-22 and 2022-23, the program intends to host events similar to what was offered in FY 2019-20.

## STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

The program encourages participants and their family members to attend and participate in stigma reduction activities in their community. Recovery is promoted by tapping into participants' creative energy, encouraging their self-expression to reduce feelings of self-stigma, shame and isolation, and building connections with the larger community through interactive events open to all.

## STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

The program hosts events that are open to all Orange County residents and are sensitive and responsive to participants' backgrounds. Care is taken to host events in communities of underserved populations where stigma is particularly prevalent. The projects attempt to educate the surrounding community and dispel misperceptions regarding mental health. This strategy is employed because art transcends socioeconomic status, ethnicity, culture, language, mental health condition and other factors that are sometimes a source of discrimination. When art is appreciated, it can open the door to acceptance. Creating and sharing artwork also builds self-esteem and encourages people living with a mental health condition to define themselves by their abilities rather than their disabilities.

## STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

The program is inclusive of those living with mental health conditions and their loved ones. Community partners who specialize in working with underserved cultural populations are involved to improve community members' access to the events. By having trusted cultural ambassadors host the activities, the program provides an opportunity for these partner agencies to interact with residents living with mental health conditions, thereby encouraging them to seek the agency's services in the future.

## OUTCOMES

HCA has been working on identifying tools and strategies for measuring stigma reduction, which can be challenging, particularly at large-scale events and performances. In FY 2019-20, due to the emphasis on virtual evens and digital campaigns, programs tracked number of participants and digital media impressions as outcomes (reported in tables above).

In FY 2018-19, one provider (MECCA) asked event participants to complete a survey on their beliefs and attitudes about mental health:

- Drawing Out Stigma Youth Participatory Video Workshops: % "agreed" or "completely agreed" with the following statements (n=12)
  - o 92% "learned something new about mental health"
  - o 92% stated that "viewing the event positively changed [their] perspective about individuals who have a mental illness"
  - o **100%** "learned ways to prevent discrimination against people with mental health conditions"
  - o 58% "learned where to find more services or programs on mental health"
  - o 75% "disagreed or completely disagreed that a "person with a mental health condition is dangerous"
- Drawing Out Stigma: Adult Participatory Video Workshops (n=111)
  - o 91% "learned something new about mental health"
  - o 83% stated that "viewing the event positively changed [their] perspective about individuals who have a mental illness"
  - o **91%** *"learned ways to prevent discrimination against people with mental health conditions"*
  - o 84% "learned where to find more services or programs on mental health"
  - o 71% disagreed or completely disagreed that a "person with a mental health condition is dangerous"
- <u>Community Educational Screenings</u> (n=517)
  - o 88% "learned something new about mental health"
  - o 80% stated that "viewing the event positively changed [their] perspective about individuals who have a mental illness"
  - 84% "learned ways to prevent discrimination against people with mental health conditions"
  - 81% "learned where to find more services or programs on mental health"
  - o 64% "disagreed or completely disagreed that a "person with a mental health condition is dangerous"
- <u>Multi-Ethnic Mental Health Arts and Festival (n=383)</u>
  - o 86% "learned something new about mental health"
  - o 83% stated that "viewing the event positively changed [their] perspective about individuals who have a mental illness"
  - 84% "learned ways to prevent discrimination against people with mental health conditions"
  - 83% "learned where to find more services or programs on mental health"
  - o **50%** disagreed or completely disagreed that a "person with a mental health condition is dangerous"

Taken together, the results suggest that these events were particularly effective in promoting positive messages about mental health and people living with mental health conditions among youth and adult participants. Given the nature of the events, it is not surprising that the educational screenings and art event/festival were more effective in informing participants about available services compared to the participatory videos.

Outcomes data are not available for FY 2018-19.

## CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

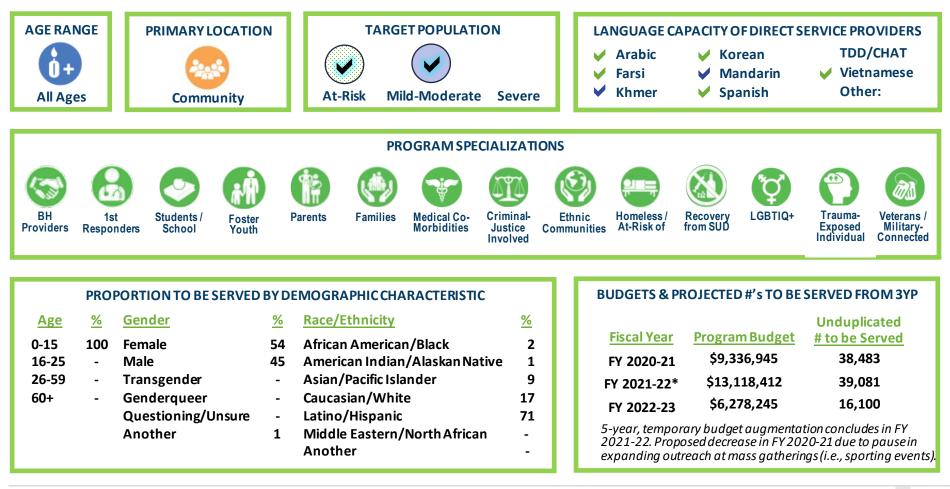
The challenges encountered by the program in FY 2019-20 were primarily related to planning and coordination around the public health emergency and all the restrictions imposed. Although the providers were able to pivot most of their programming in creative ways on the virtual digital platform, they found that participant attendance and collection of surveys was the biggest challenge. Large numbers of participants registered for the events but fewer actually attended and many were reluctant to complete the surveys.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The program has provided services to nearly 40,000 individuals since its inception in FY 2012-13. Feedback from participants indicates that the arts remain one of the greatest assets in empowering the community while raising awareness and understanding of mental health.

## Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness(PEI)

The **Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness** program is intended to reach "potential responders," i.e., community members who are working with or likely to encounter individuals who are experiencing, or at elevated risk of experiencing, a mental health challenge. At risk individuals can include, but are not limited to, PEI Priority Populations such as unserved and underserved racial/ethnic communities; immigrants and refugees; children and youth who are at risk of school failure and/or juvenile justice involvement; foster youth and non-minor dependents; individuals who have been exposed to trauma or are experiencing the onset of serious mental illness; the LGBTQ community; and those experiencing homelessness.



## SERVICES

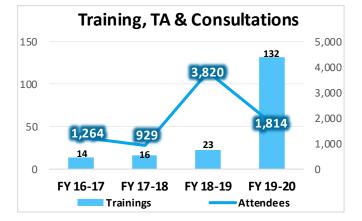
The program aims to better inform and/or prepare a wide range of potential responders on how to: identify behavioral health conditions in all age groups as early in their onset as practicable, assist individuals exposed to trauma and/or living with behavioral health conditions and their families, and increase knowledge on how to access behavioral health services. The program also conducts mental health awareness outreach to individuals of all ages who have had life experiences that place them at risk of developing behavioral health conditions but remain hard to reach in traditional ways because of cultural, linguistic or economic barriers. The program strategies used include 1) training, technical assistance and consultation, 2) educational/informational material development, 3) community events, networking and activation, 4) media campaigns and 5) door-to-door/street outreach. In addition, the content and/or format used within each strategy is tailored for two audience types:

- Tier 1 is for members of the general public seeking information about behavioral health, including individuals such as parents, youth, students, neighbors, etc.
- Tier 2 is for members of professional communities, other than behavioral health, who interact or work with individuals who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, a behavioral health issue, including staff from public or private schools, childcare sites, colleges/universities, veteran organizations, law enforcement, probation/parole, housing providers, shelters, religious leaders/faith-based centers, businesses, etc.

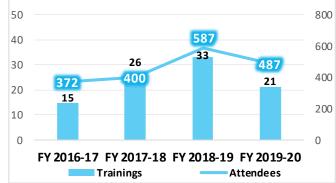
Trainings for behavioral health providers are described in the Workforce Education and Training (WET) section.

## Strategy 1: Training, Technical Assistance and Consultations

Trainings, technical assistance (TA) and consultations cover topics such as *Identifying and Responding to the Early Signs of Mental Illness, Trauma-Informed Care, Suicide Prevention, Resilience and Well-Being*, and other related subjects. In response to community feedback during the Summer of 2018, the Behavioral Health Training Collaborative was formed to provide behavioral health trainings on the signs and symptoms of behavioral health conditions and ways to help. The collaborative began serving the community in December 2019 and, as can be seen in the graph on the left, the number of trainings available for the community substantially increased. In addition, beginning FY 2020-21, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Law Enforcement was moved from WET to PEI.



## **CIT for Law Enforcement**



## **CIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

and train officers to de-escalate mental health crises to improve the safety of the officers and those individuals with mental health conditions. CIT is a 40hour curriculum covering topics such as curriculum was offered in modules to Beginning FY 2020-21, additional curriculum was developed to train all addresses the unique issues each first 2021-22, the law enforcement week over 40 hours at the request of

TIER 1: Trainings for Community Members*					
<ul> <li>EARLY SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS</li> <li>Multi-Cultural Mental Health Training</li> <li>What is Mental Health</li> </ul>	TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE <ul> <li>Adverse Childhood Experiences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SUICIDE PREVENTION</li> <li>Means Restrictions</li> <li>CalMHSA Know the Signs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RESILIENCE &amp; WELL-BEING</li> <li>Resilience</li> <li>40 Developmental Assets</li> <li>Healthy Coping Skills</li> <li>Virtual Engagement Best Practices</li> <li>NAMI Family-to-Family</li> <li>NAMI Peer-to-Peer</li> <li>Pathways to Permanence</li> </ul>		

\* Open to the general public, including parents, youth, students, neighbors, etc. and who are seeking information about behavioral health

TIER 2: Trainings for Non-Behavioral Health Professionals*							
<ul> <li>EARLY SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS</li> <li>CalMHSA Each Mind Matters and related areas (i.e., How to Have Conversations About Mental Health, Strategies to Collaborate with Native Communities, etc.)</li> <li>Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Law Enforcement</li> <li>Screening and assessing for challenging behaviors in young children</li> <li>Mental Health First Aid</li> <li>Paraprofessional Training Modules I and II</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE</li> <li>Critical Incident Stress Management training (see Crisis Services section for description)</li> <li>Disaster Preparedness for Disaster Service Workers</li> <li>Vicarious Trauma: Impact and Skills to Help You Cope</li> <li>Training Qualified Educators in Understanding ACEs</li> <li>Building Trauma-Informed School Communities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SUICIDE PREVENTION</li> <li>Means Restrictions</li> <li>CalMHSA Know the Signs</li> <li>Kognito online trainings</li> <li>Collaborative Safety Planning</li> <li>Suicide Prevention &amp; Assessment</li> <li>Responding to Crisis Calls and Messages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RESILIENCE &amp; WELL-BEING</li> <li>Positive Behavioral Interventions</li> <li>Unconditional Pride: Creating Affirming Spaces for Trans and Queer Youth</li> <li>Talking About Bullying</li> <li>Self-Care, Self-Control &amp; Preferred Self</li> <li>Mindfulness</li> <li>Virtual Engagement Best Practices</li> <li>Assessing Student's Wellbeing During Virtual Instruction</li> </ul>				
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\* Open to non-mental health professionals who interact with/provide services to Orange County residents who may be experiencing a mental health issue; this can include teachers, childcare providers, veteran organizations, law enforcement, housing providers. religious/faith leaders, busine<u>sses, etc.</u>

For a list of all trainings offered in FY 2019-20, go to: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/o/behavioral-health-training-collaborative-27819159453</u>

Online resources are available for select trainings so that students and families can access information after a training has been completed: <u>ocstudentmentalhealth.org</u>

## Strategy 2: Educational/Informational Materials

Culturally responsive educational and informational materials for potential responders and members of the PEI Priority Populations are available in print, podcast or online. Materials address one or more of the following topics and are tailored for both Tier 1 and Tier 2:

- Identifying and Responding to Early Signs of Mental Illness, Suicide Prevention, Outreach to Unserved and Underserved Cultural Communities
  - i.e., "OC Links Talking Cards: How to Initiate a Conversation About Mental Health," CalMHSA/Statewide Projects Toolkits and Tipsheets on Stigma Reduction, Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention, "Mental Health Support Guide" in English, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese, "Be True and Be You Mental Health Guide" for LGBTQ+ youth, "Aging and LGBT Mental Health Support Guide," Latinx LGBTQ+ Immigrant Youth Provider Fact Sheet, etc.

Each Mind Matters Ribbons & Wristbands						
	FY 19-20	N/A				
	FY 18-19	57,254				
	<b>FY 17-18</b> 77,490					
	FY 16-17	53,400				

- Trauma-Informed Care
- RESET Toolbox: A collection of trainings designed to increase developmental assets, protective factors and mental health resilience among children, developed by Western Youth Services in collaboration with CHOC Children's Hospital and Orange County Department of Education. The toolbox also equips parents, educators, school/district administrators and leaders of youth-serving collaborative agencies with multi-modal tools to mitigate the effects of toxic stress due to isolation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic

## Strategy 3: Community Events, Networking and Activation Efforts

Community events, networking and activation efforts for potential responders and members of a PEI Priority Population include one or more of the following methods, strategies and approaches:

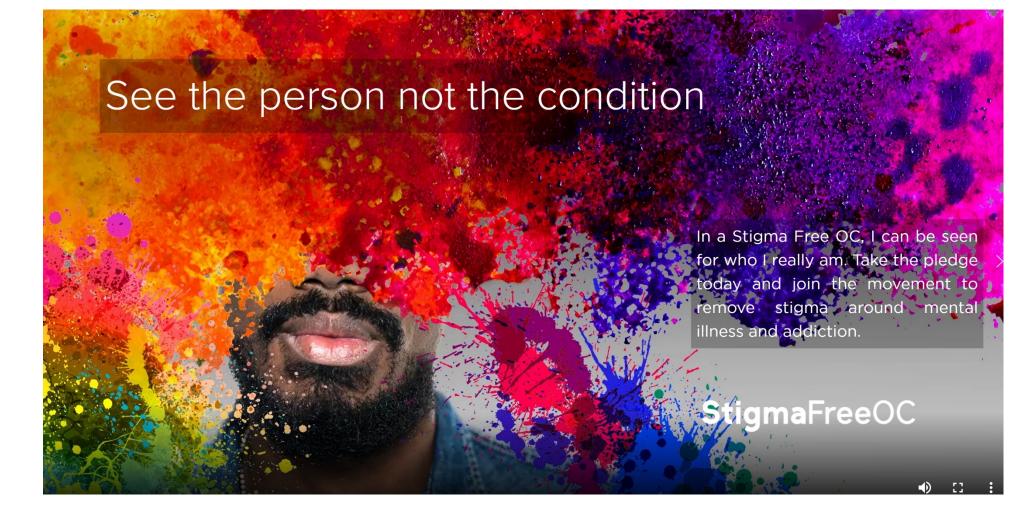
- Events: Tier 1
  - In-person and virtual Art Exhibits showcasing artwork created by program participants that promote mental health awareness, suicide prevention, stigma reduction, etc.; examples: *Send the Silence Packing* suicide prevention exhibit, local arts and photographic displays, etc.
- Performances: Tier 1
  - In-person and virtual professional theatre performances that highlight mental health topics and are followed by panel discussions facilitated by mental health professionals
- Conferences and Forums: *Tiers 1, 2* 
  - In-person and virtual events such as Book clubs, Salon, Story-Telling events, Pop-up talks, resource and/or wellness fairs, Teen Toolbox (events for teens and parents), Youth Convening to empower LGBTIQ youth, etc.
- Community Networking: *Tiers 1, 2* 
  - In-person and virtual Informational and networking forums for schools, school districts, colleges and universities, providers and other community organizations to learn from each other about evidence-based, practice-based and community-defined best practices, etc.
- Community Activation
  - *Tier 1:* Virtual and on-campus clubs and promotion of student-led activities on mental health, i.e., Active Minds, NAMI on Campus, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex Questioning (LGBTIQ) clubs, Friday Night Live, Peer Assistance Leadership groups, Associated Student Body, etc.
  - Tier 1, 2: Community collaborations, coalitions or partnerships aimed at expanding behavioral health knowledge and awareness, etc.
- Creative Self-Expression: *Tiers 1, 2* 
  - "Life Stories," a 10-12 week evidence-based program designed for self-expression through the creation of original dramatic works where participants use their own life experiences as inspiration for others; "Directing Change," a statewide video competition where students create public service announcements focused on educating the broader community on stigma and suicide prevention (see table below); etc.

FISCAL # SUBMISSIONS SUB		# SUBMISSIONS	DIRECTING CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS		
YEAR	Statewide	from OC	View winning films from Orange County: <a href="https://www.directingchangeca.org/films-by-county/#Orange">https://www.directingchangeca.org/films-by-county/#Orange</a>		
FY 19/20	1,080	<b>78</b> 237 OC youth	Regional Competition Winners:         • 3 Orange County films in the "Mental Health Matters" category         • 2 Orange County films in the "Suicide Prevention" category         • 1 Orange County film in the "Animated Shorts" category         • 1 Orange County film in the "Animated Shorts" category         • 1 Through the Lens of Culture" category         • 7 "Mental Health Matters" category         • 6 "Suicide Prevention" category         • 2 "Sana Mente" category         • 1 "Animated Shorts" category         • 2 "Walk in Our Shoes" category		
FY 18/19	1,063	<b>84</b> 210 OC youth	Regional Competition Winners:• 3 Orange County films in the "Mental Health Matters" category• 3 Orange County films in the "Suicide Prevention" categoryHonorable mentions:• 3 Orange County films in the "Through the Lens of Culture" category• 10 "Mental Health Matters" category• 9 "Suicide Prevention" category• 1 "Sana Mente" category• 2 "Animated Shorts" category		
FY 17/18	742	<b>134</b> 342 OC youth	<ul> <li><u>Regional Competition Winners</u>:</li> <li>3 Orange County films in the "<i>Mental Health Matters</i>" category</li> <li>3 Orange County films in the "<i>Suicide Prevention</i>" category</li> <li>1 Orange County film in the "<i>Through the Lens of Culture</i>" category</li> </ul>		
FY 16/17	456	46	Regional Competition Winners:• 3 Orange County films in the "Mental Health Matters" category• 2 Orange County films in the "Suicide Prevention" category		

## Strategy 4: Media Campaigns

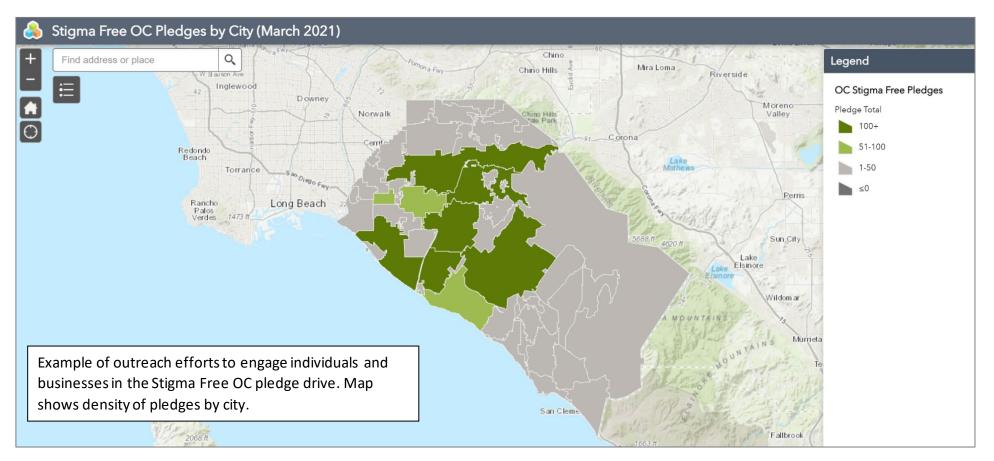
(i.e., culturally responsive/tailored print, radio, television, internet, social, etc.):

- Each Mind Matters public service announcements (PSAs)
- Sana Mente PSA "Cuidate" (i.e., "Take Care"), targeting the Spanish-speaking community between the ages 25-29
- Know the Signs suicide prevention
- Stigma Free OC launched October 2019 and the website was revamped and a new promotional campaign, "See the Person, not the Condition," was relaunched in November 2020



## Strategy 5: Door-to-Door/Street/Event-Based Outreach (Tiers 1, 2)

- Door-to-door, street, virtual and telephone outreach conducted by provider staff, who are often trusted members of the community. Staff canvas neighborhoods and make phone calls to raise awareness, educate the community about mental health topics and provide them information about available services and resources. This is achieved by building rapport and trust with the community, especially with those who may be unaware of available resources and how to access them.
- Other outreach strategies include making in-person and online presentations and providing information via resource tabling at small- or large-scale community events such as health fairs, conferences, church events, 5k races, etc.



Location of Outreach Trainings, Activities and Events (see table below for more details): These outreach strategies and methods are provided at locations convenient for the different potential responders and can include early childcare facilities (licensed and licensed exempt, family and faith-based childcare programs, non-state/non-federally funded programs); K-12, college and university campuses and District Offices; faith institutions; Juvenile Hall, Orange County Courts, law enforcement/police departments, hospitals, first responder stations/locations; community-based organizations; Social Services Agency; shelters, Family Resource Centers, parks, older adult community centers, wellness centers, residential treatment facilities and recovery homes; Mexican Consulate Office; the HCA Behavioral Health training facility; and other community locations convenient for target population to be trained.

Location of Outreach Trainings and Events									
SETTINGS	POTENTIAL RESPONDERS								
Where Potential Responders			Tier	2				Tier 1	
Were Engaged	Teachers, School Staff, Administrators	Staff Working w/ At-Risk, Unserved	Law Enforce. (i.e., police, probation, etc.)	First Responders (i.e., paramedics, fire, etc.)	Hospital, Medical, Nursing Staff	Religious Leaders	Youth / Students	Family Members	Other Community Members
<b>Childcare Facilities</b>	х	Х						х	
School and College Campuses, District Offices	х	х					х	х	
Faith Institutions		Х				х	х	х	х
<b>Criminal Justice Settings</b> (i.e., Juvenile Hall, Courts, Sheriff/Probation/Police, etc.)		х							
First Responder Locations (i.e., Fire Departments, etc.)		Х		x					
Hospitals/Medical Offices		Х			x				
Residential Treatment Facilities, Recovery Homes		х							
Community-Based Organizations	Х	Х	х	Х	х	х	Х	x	x
Social Services Agency Sites		Х							
Shelters		Х						x	х
Family Resource Centers		Х					х	х	х
Older Adult Community Centers		х						х	
Wellness Centers		Х						х	х
Mexican Consulate		Х							
Parks, Fairgrounds, Public Events		х	x		Х	х	х	х	х
HCA Behavioral Health Training Facility	x	х	x	x	х	x	х	x	x
Other Locations							х	x	x

When working to provide outreach directly to unserved and underserved target populations, program staff work with partner agencies such as LGBTIQ alliances, social services agencies and cultural ambassadors from trusted community-based organizations.

In addition, informational resources, educational materials, and promotional and behavioral health-related advertising campaigns can also be provided at community events (e.g., NAMI walk, events at County parks, health fairs, community festivals, sporting events, etc.) and/or in public locations (e.g., sporting venues, bus stops, billboards, etc.) where potential responders and members of PEI priority populations may frequent, as well as through door-to-door outreach and a variety of online forums and presented as described throughout the document.

## STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

The program uses different strategies to promote recovery and resilience. For providers, the program offers trainings in critical incident stress management. For parents and family members, the program offers peer support and skill-building. For consumers, resilience is fostered by building on protective factors, addressing risk factors and providing peer support.

## STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

When appropriate, staff provides referrals to treatment and/or support services for individuals of any age who need additional services and/or supports. Referrals are determined based on the individual's needs, with greater levels of support provided to those who face greater challenges and barriers to accessing care. In addition, the program leverages opportunities through CaIMHSA Statewide Projects, such as competitive minigrants awarded to local agencies, so that they may create tailored outreach materials and social marketing campaigns designed to improve timely access of their services.

## STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

Reducing stigma and discrimination related to mental health conditions is central to the outreach materials, events and training. Providers employ bilingual staff to meet the program's multicultural and language needs and materials are designed to be culturally and linguistically responsive and tailored to reach Orange County residents of all ages from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Providers also adopt a collaborative approach across agencies and systems of care and utilize evidence-based best practices that are culturally and linguistically responsive.

## CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

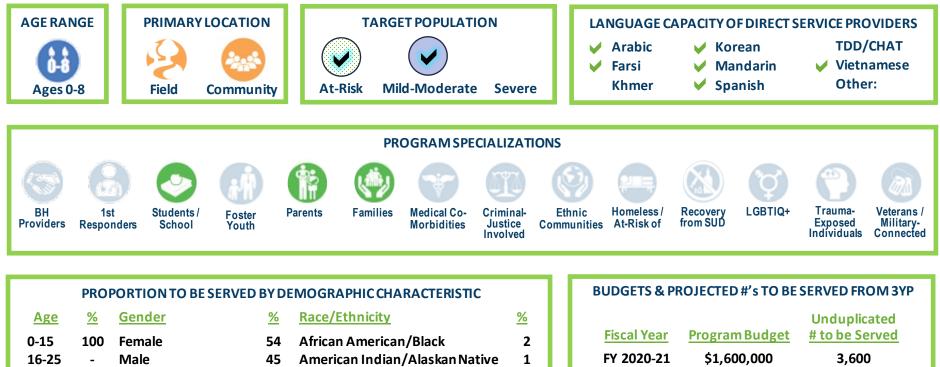
To mitigate the impact of limited resources and reach a larger geographic area, the program successfully collaborated with community partners to build a network that expanded the program's reach in Orange County. In addition, the stand-alone, PEI-funded School-Based Stress Management Services (SMS) program was discontinued beginning FY 2020-21 following the retirement of the contracted subject matter expert who oversaw this program. School-based/student-focused mindfulness trainings will continue to be offered through this Outreach program.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The consolidated program continues its mission of increasing awareness of mental health, early signs of mental health challenges, and available resources; providing support in times of crisis; and creating educational opportunities for students, staff, parents and other Orange County residents. Through a network of providers, the program is able to provide effective outreach and training to diverse communities throughout the county. In addition, several new activities (i.e., resource fairs, networking events, etc.) have been added to or expanded in the Three-Year Plan in response to community requests.

## **School Readiness** (PEI)

School Readiness serves families with children from birth to age 8 who are exhibiting behavioral problems and emotional distress which places them at increased risk of developing a mental health condition and failing in school. These families often face issues related to crowded living conditions, neighborhoods affected by gangs and drugs, a history of violence in the family, and history of separation from loved ones. Many of the families served are also monolingual (i.e., Spanish, Vietnamese).



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- - Asian/Pacific Islander
- Caucasian/White -
- Latino/Hispanic -

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Middle Eastern/North African 1 Another

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<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	Unduplicated <u># to be Served</u>		
FY 2020-21	\$1,600,000	3,600		
FY 2021-22*	\$1,000,000	1705		
FY 2022-23	\$1,000,000	TBD		
5-year, temporary budget augmentation concludes in FY 2022-23 *Proposed decrease in FY 2021-22 due to not renewing one provider contract.				

## SERVICES

Services for children and their families include developmental screening, child and family needs assessments, parent education/training and coaching using Triple P Positive Parenting Program techniques, case management, and referral and linkage to community resources. The program also goes out into the community to train parents/caregivers, family members, day care staff, early education staff and other professionals working with the target population on how to recognize the early signs of emotional disturbance and behavioral conditions and to be aware of available resources.

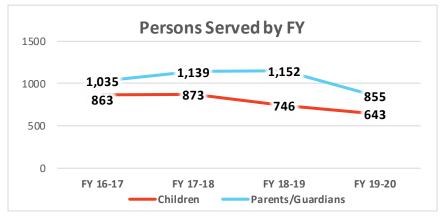
#### **OUTCOMES**

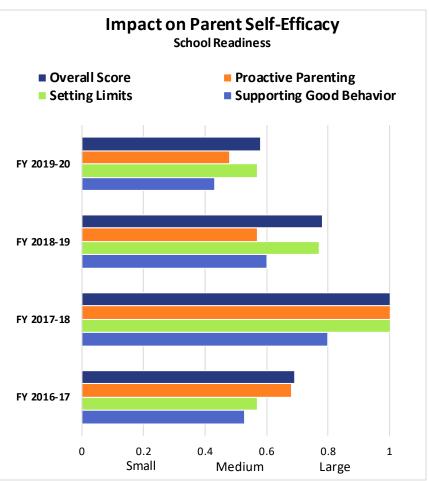
To measure the extent to which the program promotes the protective factor of parenting self-efficacy, parents completed the Parenting Children and Adolescents Scale-Self-Efficacy (PARCA-SE) at baseline and follow-up to assess for changes in overall parenting self-efficacy, support of good behavior, limit setting, and proactive parenting. The PARCA-SE is culturally sensitive, as it has been validated for use among diverse racial and ethnic groups (i.e., White, Hispanic, Black, Native American, Asian, Native Hawaiian, Biracial or Other), and is available in multiple threshold languages.

Across all four fiscal years, parents reported medium to large improvements in overall self-efficacy, support of good behavior, limit setting and proactive parenting, with positive impact tending to be somewhat stronger in FY 2017-18 compared to the other fiscal years.

### **CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS**

The challenges encountered by the program in FY 2019-20 were primarily related to planning and coordination around the public health emergency and all the restrictions imposed. Although the School Readiness providers were able to pivot their programming on the virtual digital platform, they found conducting screening and assessments and collecting the survey data were a challenge. On the other hand, attendance at trainings was steady; parents and caregivers found it easier to attend the virtual training. Going into FY 2021-22, only one of two provider contracts are being renewed with an increase in the contracted maximum obligation and resulting in a net decrease in the overall program budget and number of participants to be served. The remaining unencumbered program funds (i.e., \$600,000) were redistributed to other programs/providers also serving families with young children ages 0-8 (i.e., Parent Education Services; the early childhood provider in the Outreach to Increase recognition of the Early Signs of Mental Illness program).





#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### Supporting Good Behavior

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=6.0, SD=0.86; Follow-up M=6.4, SD=0.77; t (227)=-6.53, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.43 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.8, SD=0.95; Follow-up M=6.3, SD=0.71; t(288)=-9.93, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.60 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=6.0, SD=0.95; Follow-up M=6.6, SD=0.53; t(298)=12.65, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.80 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=6.3, SD=0.68; Follow-up M=6.5, SD=0.56; t(118)=5.66, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.53 Setting Limits

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.08; Follow-up M=6.0, SD=1.01; t(227)=-8.66, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.57 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.10; Follow-up M=6.1, SD=0.80; t(288)=-12.71, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.77 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.30; Follow-up M=6.4, SD=0.74; t(298)=17.57, p<.001; Cohen's d=1.11 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.5, SD=1.13; Follow-up M=6.1, SD=0.86; t(118)=6.12, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.57 Proactive Parenting

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.6, SD=1.10; Follow-up M=6.2, SD=0.89; t(227)=-7.10, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.48 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.5, SD=1.21; Follow-up M=6.1, SD=1.04; t(288)=-9.62, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.57 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.30; Follow-up M=6.5, SD=0.71; t(298)=17.65, p<.001; Cohen's d=1.13 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.6, SD=1.15; Follow-up M=6.3, SD=0.88; t(118)=17.65, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.68 Overall Score

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.7, SD=0.89; Follow-up M=6.2, SD=0.81; t(227)=-8.66, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.58 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.6, SD=0.94; Follow-up M=6.2, SD=0.76; t(288)=-13.06, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.78 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.5, SD=1.07; Follow-up M=6.5, SD=0.61; t(298)=18.49, p<.001; Cohen's d=1.18 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.8, SD=0.89; Follow-up M=6.3, SD=0.71; t(118)=7.34, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.69

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The program has provided services to thousands of participants since its inception in April 2013. Staff regularly work with school and Head Start personnel, physicians and nurses to connect families to services. By helping prepare children to participate in a classroom setting, the program works to decrease the potential for school failure, which can be a risk factor for the development of a mental health condition.

## Parent Education Services (PEI)

**Parent Education Services** (PES) serves at-risk children birth -18 years of age and family members, including parents, partners, grandparents, single parents, teenaged parents, guardians and other caregivers in need. Participating families may experience behavioral health or mental health issues, substance use or co-occurring disorders, or child welfare or juvenile justice system involvement. They may also be homeless, single-parent households, exposed to domestic violence or other trauma, recent immigrants or refugees, or have a child with disabilities (cognitive, emotional, and/or physical). Parents or caregivers are referred to PES from community agencies, schools or other PEI programs that have assessed participants and identified the need for parent education.



	PROPORTION TO BE SERVED BY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTIC				
Age	<u>%</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>%</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<u>%</u>
0-15	90	Female	72	African American/Black	1
16-25	10	Male	20	American Indian/Alaskan Native	1
26-59	-	Transgender	1	Asian/Pacific Islander	18
60+	-	Genderqueer	-	Caucasian/White	14
		Questioning/Unsure	-	Latino/Hispanic	63
		Another	7	Middle Eastern/North African	1
				Another	2

BUDGETS & PROJECTED #'s TO BE SERVED FROM 3YP				
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	Unduplicated <u># to be Served</u>		
FY 2020-21	\$1,064,770	1,600		
FY 2021-22*	\$1,450,000	2,000		
FY 2022-23	\$1,064,770	2,000		
*Proposed increases for FY 2021-22 using savings from School Readiness program.				

Error in FY 2020-21 # Served corrected.

## SERVICES

The program's purpose is to prevent the occurrence of, or reduce prolonged suffering due to, negative mental health outcomes in children by promoting protective factors in parents and caregivers. It accomplishes this by providing parenting education classes and individual interventions or additional support when parents need clarification about individual issues or help in understanding the parenting curriculum.

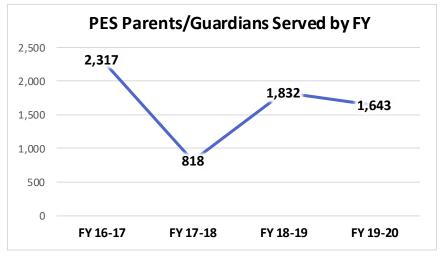
The program guides its services through Active Parenting, an evidence-based parent training designed to reduce risk factors and increase family protective factors through practical, easy-to-use skills such as assisting parents in strengthening relationships with their children, reducing problem behaviors exhibited by children and increasing success of children in schools, by increasing cooperation and developing problem-solving skills. To ensure fidelity, all parent trainers are required to attend a comprehensive training prior to conducting classes. Parent trainers are also evaluated in the classroom a minimum of one time per month. In addition, PES provides case management activities, which include engagement, assessment and service coordination and delivery (e.g., navigating and linking to systems, monitoring, advocating for needs).

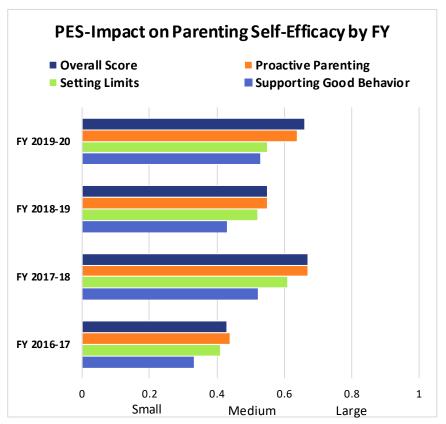
#### **OUTCOMES**

Program effectiveness for PES was evaluated through an assessment of the protective factor, parenting self-efficacy. Results generally demonstrated that parents not only maintained high levels of parenting efficacy while receiving services, but also made additional small to medium gains, with gains tending to be somewhat larger over the past three years compared to FY 2016-17.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

The program continues to expand its reach in the community to address the needs of the diverse population of the County. Attendance from the LGBTIQ community and the deaf and hard of hearing community continues to grow. In addition, more classes for survivors of domestic violence are being offered and attended throughout the county, and these classes are formatted as closed sessions, not open to the general public, to protect the identity of the women. Prior to the pandemic, the program was successful in getting access to the Orange County jails to provide classes to incarcerated women and men. Due to the public health emergency, access to the jails was restricted. The program will add more parenting classes specifically for parents with children birth - 8 years of age. Parenting classes for all age groups are provided in multiple languages including Vietnamese, Korean, Farsi, Arabic, in addition to English and Spanish. In response to the pandemic, the program successfully recreated and provided the Active Parenting training remotely to allow access to training during the pandemic shut-down.





#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### Supporting Good Behavior:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.12; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=0.88; t(1386)=19.17, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.53 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.22; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.02; t(1091)=14.04, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.43 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.1; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=0.9; t(631)=-12.92, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.52 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.9, SD=1.1; Follow-up M=6.2, SD=0.9; t(780)=-9.21, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.33 Setting Limits:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.1, SD=1.26; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=0.97; t(155)=20.10, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.55 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.0, SD=1.22; Follow-up M=5.6, SD=1.02; t(1091)=16.93, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.52 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.1, SD=1.2; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.0; t(629)=-15.07, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.61 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.3; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=1.1; t(780)=-11.25, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.41 **Proactive Parenting:** 

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.1, SD=1.23; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.00; t(1381)=23.41, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.64 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.1, SD=1.32; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=1.06; t(1097)=17.88, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.55 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.1, SD=1.3; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=1.0; t(629)=-16.32, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.67 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.3; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=1.1; t(780)=-12.09, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.44 **Overall Score:** 

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.2. SD=1.10: Follow-up M=5.8. SD=0.88: t(1386)=24.10. p<.001: Cohen's d=0.66 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.1, SD=1.18; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=0.97; t(1019)=18.06, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.55 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.1; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=0.9; t(632)=-16.66, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.67 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.5, SD=1.1; Follow-up M=6.0, SD=1.0; t(780)=-12.04, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.43

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Parent Education Services has provided services to 13,067 at-risk children and families since its inception in October 2012. Program staff has worked collaboratively with area school districts, child welfare, juvenile justice, and children's mental health systems throughout Orange County to support at-risk families.

## Children's Support & Parenting Program(PEI)

**Children's Support and Parenting Program** (CSPP) serves a wide range of families from different backgrounds whose stressors make children more vulnerable to developing behavioral health problems. These stressors can include parental history of serious substance use disorder and/or mental health condition; a family member's actual or potential involvement in the juvenile justice system; family members who have developmental or physical illnesses/disabilities; families impacted by divorce, domestic violence, trauma, unemployment and/or homelessness; and families with active duty military/returning veterans. Families are referred to the program through Family Resource Centers, schools, behavioral health programs and other community providers.



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\*Proposed decrease for FY 2021-22 budget due to

FY 2022-23

### SERVICES

The program provides parent training and family-strengthening programs designed to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for children and youth. Services include family assessment; group interventions for children, teens and parents; brief individual interventions to address specific family issues; referral and linkage to community resources; and workshops.

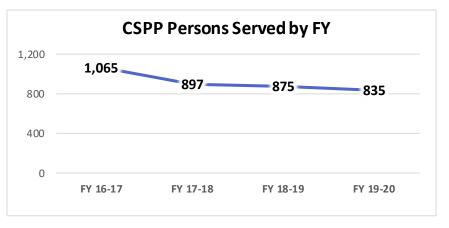
CSPP provides these services utilizing evidence-based curricula depending on participant need: Strengthening Families or The Parent Project<sup>®</sup>. The curricula are delivered in a classroom-type setting in many different types of organizations such as schools, Family Resource Centers (FRC), treatment facilities, juvenile probation offices and the CSPP offices. All staff utilizing an Evidence Based Practices are certified to deliver the curriculum and adhere to it when presenting the material to participants.

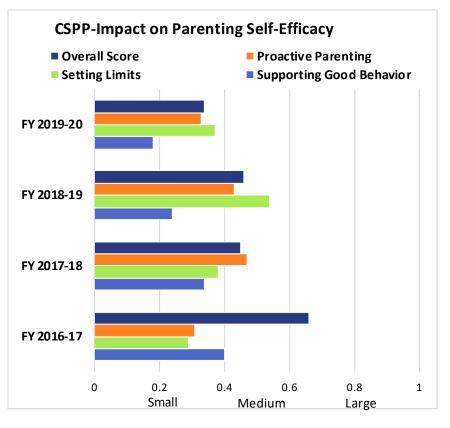
#### **OUTCOMES**

CSPP strives to prevent the development or worsening of mental health conditions by maintaining and/or strengthening the protective factor of effective parenting skills. CSPP measured parenting development using the PARCA-SE, which assesses different domains of parenting self-efficacy. Administered at intake, every three months of program participation and at discharge, the PARCA-SE was analyzed for change in scores between intake and the most recent follow-up and reported according to effect size. Results from FY 2016-17 through FY 2019-20 show that parents not only reported maintaining healthy levels of parenting efficacy but also made small additional gains while receiving services.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Maintenance of program staffing has been challenging in this program as many of the positions are "entry level" in nature and staff quickly promote to other positions. The classification specifications for these programs are being examined to make appropriate changes. In addition, due to the nature of services provided on school campuses or community sites, with the COVID-19 Pandemic, CSPP services were abruptly halted which impacted total number served. Through CARES Act funding, licenses for the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) online were purchased for caregivers to have remote access to parent education and supports. CSPP staff were made available as parent liaisons for those desiring additional assistance with the curriculum.





#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### Supporting Good Behavior:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.7, SD=1.04; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=0.91; t(215)=2.67, p=.008; Cohen's d=0.18 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.7, SD=1.05; Follow-up M=6.0, SD=0.92; t(340)=4.43, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.24 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.8, SD=1.19; Follow-up M=6.1, SD=0.92; t(141)=3.96, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.34 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.25; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.04; t(310)=6.95, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.40 Setting Limits:

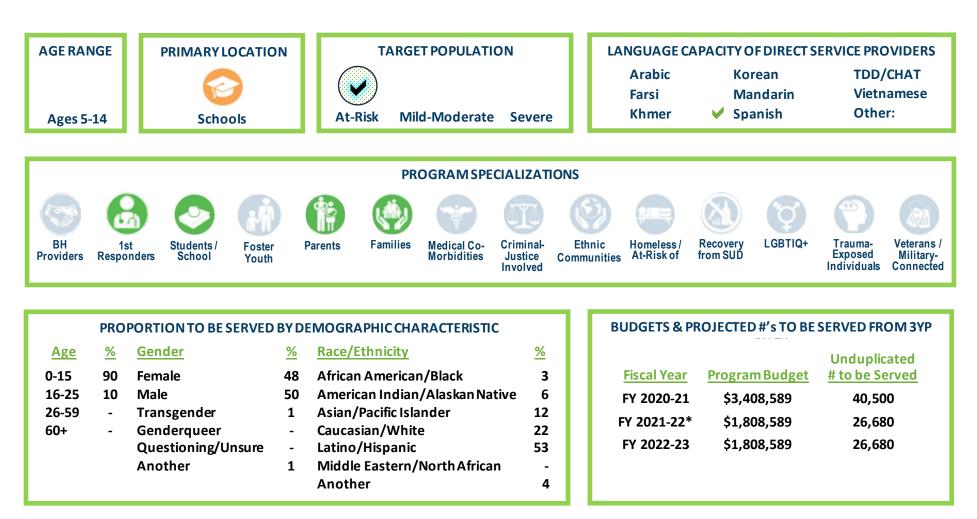
FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.21; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.00; t(215)=5.40, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.37 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.29; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.00; t(338)=9.68, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.54 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.28; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.09; t(141)=3.96, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.38 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.31; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=1.09; t(310)=5.03, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.29 Proactive Parenting:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.27; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=1.00; t(215)=4.70, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.33 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.31; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=1.02; t(338)=7.76, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.43 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.39; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.04; t(141)=5.47, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.47 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.13; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=1.00; t(310)=5.48, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.31 Overall Score:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.5, SD=1.87; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=0.88; t(215)=4.96, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.34 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.10; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=0.90; t(340)=8.39, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.46 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.19; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=0.94; t(141)=5.27, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.45 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=24.9, SD=3.39; Follow-up M=27.4, SD=3.57; t(13)=-2.48, p<.05; Cohen's d=0.66

## School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention & Support (PEI)

The **School-Based Behavioral Health Interventions and Support** (SBBHIS) program provides a combination of prevention and early intervention services designed to empower families, reduce risk factors, build resilience and strengthen culturally appropriate coping skills in at risk students and families. Services are provided in elementary, middle and high school classrooms and/or group settings in school districts identified as having the highest rates of behavioral issues based on the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), Academic Performance Index (API) scores and/or suspension and expulsion data as reported by school districts.



**SERVICES** 

SBBHIS provides a three-tiered approach to program services aimed at preventing and/or intervening early among at risk students and their families:

**Tier 1:** Classroom prevention is a classroom-based approach that utilizes an evidencebased curriculum, Positive Action, with learning modules focused on key learning objectives such as self-concept, life-skills, positive decision-making, respect and bullying prevention. Tier 1 students also have access to an application (app), *You and*, for ondemand digital support for their social and emotional well-being.

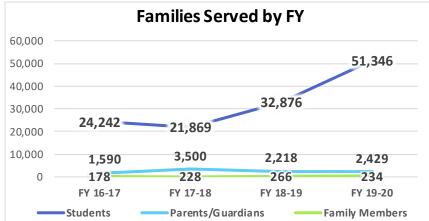
<u>Tier 2:</u> Students exhibiting higher-level problem behaviors are provided student-based interventions, which utilize smaller student groups focused on specific areas of concern such as bullying, anger management, conflict resolution, drug prevention and/or self-esteem. Tier 2 students also have access to the *You and* app.

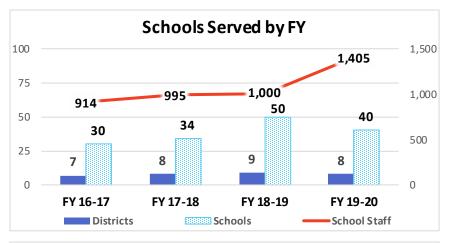
**Tier 3:** Students who display symptoms indicative of higher-level needs and require more intensive services than provided in Tiers 1 or 2 receive Tier 3, Family Intervention. This tier provides early intervention family services focused on building skills to improve family communication, relationships, bonding and connectedness.

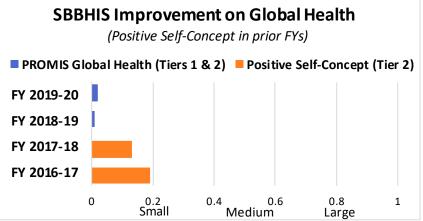
#### **OUTCOMES**

Different measures were used in each tier due to differences in services and level of student need. At each tier, the respective measure was assessed at baseline and program exit, and the change in scores was analyzed and reported according to effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change is meaningful for the students. It should be noted that, due to the large volume of students completing the measures at the start and end of Tier 1 and 2 activities, combined with errors in filling in their identifying information, many surveys were unable to be matched.

**Tiers 1 and 2**: To measure the extent to which the program increased the protective factor of well-being among Tier 1 and Tier 2 participants, the program began administering the PROMIS Pediatric Global Health-7 (PGH-7) in FY 2018-19. Because one of the providers was unable to separate the outcome data by tiers, analyses combined Tier 1 and Tier 2 PGH-7 data. Self-reported student ratings since FY 2018-19 showed that students maintained adequate levels of positive health while participating in Tier 1/Tier 2 (i.e., average score falling around the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, negligible effect size). In earlier fiscal years, program performance was measured with a modified Self-Concept Scale. Self-reported student ratings similarly showed that students maintained positive self-concept during the weeks they participated in Tier 2 programming.







**<u>Tier 3</u>**: To assess the effectiveness in reducing prolonged suffering among Tier 3 participants, different types of disruptive behaviors were rated by the students' parents on the Child and Adolescent Disruptive Behavior Inventory (CADBI) at baseline and program exit. Change in scores over time is reported according to effect size.

Since 2016-17, parents generally reported that their children showed moderate decreases in disruptive behavior toward both adults and peers, as well as small to moderate decreases in impulsive and hyperactive behaviors.

## CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

In response to the pandemic and school closures, the program was successful in continuing to serve students by recreating their program curriculum and providing it on a virtual platform. In addition, a provider created the "Safer from Home" series for middle school students in response to the pandemic and received outstanding reviews form participants and their teachers. Finally, with the use of CARES Act funding, this same provider developed a computer and mobile interactive app, called "You And," for school age youth designed to maintain social and emotional well-being of students, their mental health, improve resiliency, develop positive coping skills, and stay connected to their peers. The content is tailored to engage four educational groupings: K-2, 3-5, Middle School and High School. Based on requests from individual schools, the provider will integrate the 6-week curriculum within the Tier 1 and Tier 2 services.

## **REFERENCE NOTES**

### Tier 1/Tier 2: PROMIS Global Health

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=24.5, SD=4.35; Follow-up M=24.6, SD=4.35; t(9853)=2.36, p=.018; Cohen's d=.02 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=24.3, SD=4.52; Follow-up M=24.2, SD=4.48; t(8084)=1.12, p=.263; Cohen's d=-.01

### <u>Tier 2: Student Positive Self-Concept (retired measure from previous FYs)</u>

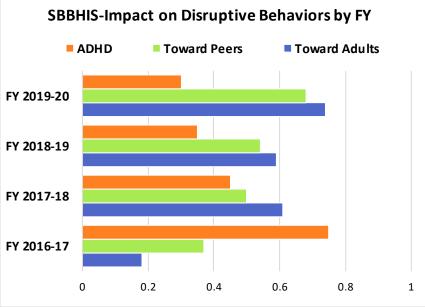
FY 2017-18: Baseline M=64.1, SD=9.1; Follow-up M=65.0, SD=8.9, t(506)=2.91, p<.01; Cohen's d=0.13 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=62.6, SD=9.7; Follow-up M=64.2, SD=10.2; t(543)=-4.44, p<.001; Cohen's d=-0.19

### Tier 3: Disruptive Behavior Toward Adults

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=19.2, SD=8.85; Follow-up M=15.0, SD=5.79; t(39)=4.19, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.74 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=20.7, SD=9.38; Follow-up M=16.2, SD=7.77; t(38)=4.35, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.59 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=20.7, SD=13.6; Follow-up M=16.3, SD=19.9; t(66)=4.46, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.61 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=13.9, SD=6.0; Follow-up M=13.2, SD=4.3; t(28)=0.90, p=<.382; Cohen's d=0.18

## Tier 3: Disruptive Behavior Toward Peers

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=20.9, SD=12.47; Follow-up M=15.0, SD=7.58; t(37)=3.69, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.68 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=20.8, SD=11.09; Follow-up M=16.4, SD=8.67; t(48)=3.65, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.54 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=21.8, SD=14.8; Follow-up M=17.4, SD=12.3; t(66)=3.96, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.50 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=15.2, SD=9.3; Follow-up M=12.6, SD=6.3; t(32)=1.90, p=.06; Cohen's d=0.37



## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

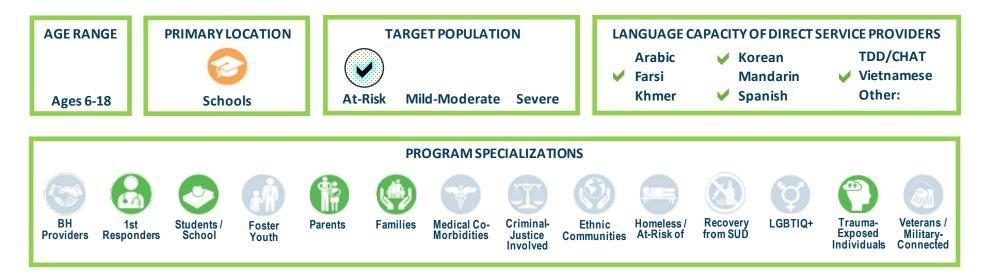
The program continues to build capacity in the community through collaboration with community partners and school districts. Since program inception, more than 160,000 students, 10,500 parents/ caregivers and 6,000 school staff have participated.

### Tier 3: ADHD/Hyperactive/Impulsive

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=25.0, SD=14.19; Follow-up M=21.2, SD=13.5; t(36)=1.80, p<.081; Cohen's d=0.30 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=23.1, SD=13.47; Follow-up M=19.0, SD=11.91; t(46)=2.39, p<.021; Cohen's d=0.35 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=24.7, SD=15.0; Follow-up M=20.6, SD=12.7; t(65)=3.53, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.45 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=24.2, SD=16.5; Follow-up M=15.1, SD=10.6; t(22)=3.30, p<.01; Cohen's d=0.75

### Violence Prevention Education (PEI)

The **Violence Prevention Education** (VPE) program aims to reduce violence and/or its impact in schools, local neighborhoods and/or families. The target audience for the program includes students, parents and school staff at participating elementary, middle and high schools throughout Orange County, as well as other community sites such as domestic violence shelters.



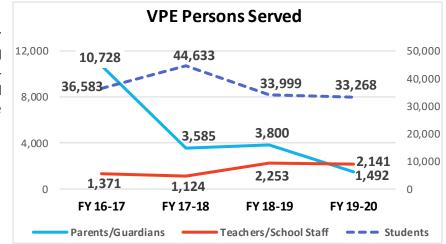
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BUDGETS & PROJECTED #'s TO BE SERVED FROM 3YP						
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	Unduplicated <u># to be Served</u>				
FY 2020-21	\$1,352,651	29,879				
FY 2021-22*	\$1,352,651	29,879				
FY 2022-23	\$1,352,651	29,879				
*5-year, temporary budget augmentation concludes after FY 2022-23. No proposed changes to FY 2021-22.						

### SERVICES/IMPACT

The program has five different tracks designed to promote violence prevention. In FY 2017-18 VPE underwent significant change by adding new components (i.e., Boys and Girls Restorative Practices, Threat Assessment Simulation), and tailoring the Anti-Bullying assembly content to different grade levels. Each track uses an evidence-based or practice-based evidence standard geared toward its specific focus, and fidelity to the Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) model is maintained by providing staff with periodic refresher trainings to ensure appropriate implementation.

• Bullying/Cyber-Bullying: Educates students, staff, administrators and parents on bullying and cyber-bullying prevention through: (1) presentations conducted at school assemblies in an effort to impact the overall school climate by reducing and/or preventing bullying; and (2) a classroom-based curriculum focused on combating cyber-bullying. From FY 2016-17 through FY 2019-20, the majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they knew or learned about bullying (61-87%) and felt empowered to stand up to bullying behavior (73-83%) after attending a student assembly. In FYs 2018-19 and 2019-20, when the post-training measure was implemented, the majority of students who took part in the cyber-bullying curriculum (72%-96%) stated that they had learned a digital literacy skill.



In FY 2016-17 there were an unusually high number of crisis events in the community that increased the demand for Crisis Response Network services provided to parents/guardians

- Restorative Practices: Offers a trauma-informed, research-based training for teachers to promote resilience in youth, particularly those who have been exposed to violence and varying degrees of trauma. Teachers utilize "circle practices" in the classroom to promote healthy relationships and help create calmer, more focused classrooms. The "circle practice" encourages students to strengthen relationships with their peers and teachers, thus, creating a safe and supportive environment for effective communication, expression of emotion, and exploration and acceptance of differences. Teachers who use these methods often find that the overall portion of time dedicated to managing behavior is reduced, thus freeing up more time for instruction. In FY 2019-20, the majority of students agreed or strongly agreed that they had engaged in healthy habits or accepted others, although fewer girls endorsed having a positive body image or engaging in a meaningful activity.
- Safe From The Start: Educates parents on research demonstrating how exposure to violence, whether through direct physical contact or as a witness, can impact children's neurological development which may, in turn, compromise their cognitive, social and emotional development. Presentations are provided to parents at campus during and after school hours, as well as at shelters. Across the last four fiscal years (FY 2016-17 through FY 2019-20), the majority of respondents reported feeling confident in their ability to better manage emotions and use positive parenting strategies following the training (65-99%).
- Threat Assessment: Provides training to school administrators, teachers, mental health counselors, school resource officers and other school staff to assess threats and respond appropriately, and survey results indicate that those who received the simulation drills (see below) felt more confident in their ability to assess and respond to potential threats. The program consists of three components:
  - Proactive Threat Assessment Training, a full-day training covering the definition of threat, threat types and levels, how to screen and assess threats, behavioral indicators to look for, a response protocol, addressing stigma and mental health resources;
  - Threat Assessment Simulation Drills, covering situational awareness to increase confidence and a sense of empowerment during an emergency, which includes classroom and front office lockdown steps and procedures, and a post-drill debrief to reflect on shared experience, distress reactions, and the importance of self-care;

 Community Forums, facilitates discussion around the importance of violence prevention and early intervention, shares best practices for school safety, and supports families and community members in identifying ways they can participate in violence prevention efforts, as well as how to support children in times of crisis, and access mental health services and resources.

In FYs 2018-19 and 2019-20, when the training was implemented, the majority of school staff who took part in the training (86%-99%) stated that they had learned information on how to identify and/or respond to a potential threat.

Crisis Response Network: A network of crisis responders trained in Crisis Incident Stress Management who
mobilize and assist a school or community in times of emergency, need or threat. Pre-incident and crisis
management trainings are also provided to the schools and the community. Across the last four fiscal years
(FY 2016-17 through FY 2019-20), the majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they learned
how to recognize risk factors and practice healthy coping or support behaviors (85-100%).

### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

In an effort to meet the changing scheduling needs of participating schools and districts, the program had adjusted service delivery or curricula so that trainings and presentations can be held in a single, large-format assembly rather than multiple, smaller classroom sessions. The program faced challenges in providing most of their services due to the public health emergency since March 2019, when schools were on lockdown.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The program has provided services to more than 220.000 students. 32,600 parents and 11,550 school staff since its inception in August 2013. The program has had a strong impact in local communities by increasing awareness about the risks posed by violence and bullying, providing support in times of crisis, and creating educational opportunities for students, staff, parents and Orange County residents.

### Gang Prevention Services (PEI)

**Gang Prevention Services** (GPS) is a school-based collaboration with the Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) operated by the Orange County District Attorney's (OCDA) Office in conjunction with the Probation Department, local police departments and school staff. It provides case management to 4th through 8th grade youth who display signs of being at risk for gang activity which, in turn, places them at an increased risk of violence and of developing mental health conditions, particularly those that are trauma-related. The OCDA Office and the Orange County Probation Department select schools to participate in the program based on high rates of truancy, discipline issues and gang proximity. The program focuses on being inclusive of all high-risk youth in the identified schools, regardless of their familial affiliations to gang activity or behavior.



PROPORTION TO BE SERVED BY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTIC							
<u>Age</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>%</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<u>%</u>		
0-15	100	Female	59	African American/Black	2		
16-25	-	Male	41	American Indian/Alaskan Native	-		
26-59	-	Transgender	-	Asian/Pacific Islander	2		
60+	-	Genderqueer	-	Caucasian/White	3		
		Questioning/Unsure	-	Latino/Hispanic	93		
		Another	-	Middle Eastern/North African	-		
				Another	-		

BUDGETS & PROJECTED #'s TO BE SERVED FROM 3YP							
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	Unduplicated <u># to be Served</u>					
FY 2020-21	\$403,100	600					
FY 2021-22	\$403,100	600					
FY 2022-23	\$253,100	440					
*5-year, temporary budget augmentation concludes							

\*5-year, temporary budget augmentation concludes after FY 2022-23. No proposed changes in FY 21-22.

### SERVICES

At each participating school, staff provides education to students, parents and teachers on gang prevention and offers workshops, structured group interventions, and weekly case management. Staff also works with students and their families to create an individualized action plan that addresses attendance, academic behavior, disciplinary improvement, parenting contracts and an anti-gang dress code plan. The program accompanies law enforcement to provide curfew and truancy sweeps designed to get youth off the streets and back into the classroom.

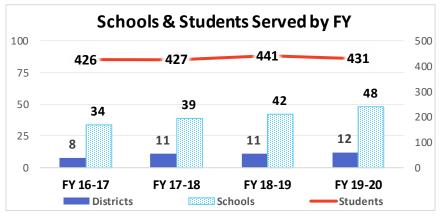
Students and parents who successfully complete their behavior contracts are provided incentives such as attending a baseball game or other enrichment activities. Many events include law enforcement, which encourages families to see them in a more positive light and as part of a supportive community.

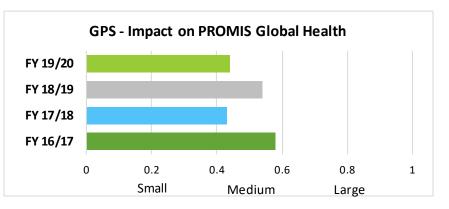
### OUTCOMES

To measure the extent to which GPS increased the protective factor of health and wellbeing, students completed the PROMIS® Pediatric Global Health at baseline, every three months and at discharge. The change in scores between baseline and the most recent follow-up was analyzed and reported according to effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change is meaningful for the students served. In all four years, youth not only maintained their global health but also made small additional gains while receiving services. Thus, the program was associated with maintaining and somewhat improving this protective factor. In addition, in FY 2019-20, 64% students increased attendance; 95% decreased truancy and 100% decreased curfew violations.

### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

In GPS, case managers are constantly encouraging parents to engage with their child by facilitating the establishment of positive social support networks. This is accomplished by creating an open environment with other parents, the school and local law enforcement. The program assists with this coordination by offering parents opportunities to be involved as greeters at their child's school and by encouraging an environment of rapport building with law enforcement. This is an innovative strategy as many communities are often intimidated by law enforcement officials. Youth and their families also meet regularly with case managers to resolve and overcome challenges related to truancy or other school-related behavioral issues to deter future gang involvement. Due to the pandemic and school closures, the program was not able to add new students to the case management services during the latter part of the fiscal year. However, there was an overall need for more case management services for students and families already receiving services.





#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### **PROMIS Global Health**

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=23.6, SD=3.60; Follow-up M=25.5, SD=3.87; t(414)=9.02, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.44 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=22.4, SD=3.02; Follow-up M=25.0, SD=3.92; t(338)=9.85, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.54 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=24.8, SD=4.27; Follow-up M=27.0, SD=4.52; t(400)=8.68, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.43 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=24.5, SD=3.92; Follow-up M=27.2, SD=4.03; t(354)=10.92, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.58

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

GPS has provided services to more than 4,700 students and parents since its inception in August 2013. Through its case management program services, the has encouraged youth to avoid high-risk behavior and engage in more positive decision-making. The program has also strengthened relationships with the community by partnering with organizations and businesses such as the Los Angeles Angels. Through these collaborations, agencies are able to educate and motivate students and to serve as mentors for future career possibilities. The GPS program continues to receive awards for working with Orange County schools on gang suppression, interventions for at risk students, gang information forums and parent/ faculty education.

### Family Support Services (PEI)

**Family Support Services** (FSS) serves families in which children, youth or adults are experiencing behavioral health conditions or other stressful circumstances that may place the family at-risk. FSS collaborates with community and mental health service providers, especially those that serve ethnically diverse and monolingual communities, to help assess the needs of its community members. By working closely with individuals who know the community, the program is better able to identify those who could benefit from this prevention program.



	PRO	PORTION TO BE SERVED	<b>BY DI</b>	EMOGRAPHICCHARACTERISTIC		<b>BUDGETS &amp; PR</b>	OJECTED #'s TO BE	SERVED FROM 3YP
<u>Age</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>%</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<u>%</u>			Unduplicated
0-15 16-25 26-59 60+	2 21 53 24	Female Male Transgender Genderqueer Questioning/Unsure Another	33 23 - - - 44	African American/Black American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian/White Latino/Hispanic Middle Eastern/North African	4 3 10 60 23	Fiscal Year FY 2020-21 FY 2021-22* FY 2022-23	Program Budget \$282,000 \$282,000 \$282,000	<u># to be Served</u> 1,800 1,800 1,800
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### SERVICES

Services are designed to sustain and/or improve families' overall behavioral health by increasing protective factors through education and social support. The program provides ongoing family education on behavioral health issues to prevent the development of behavioral health problems in other members of the family. FSS includes family-to-family support, behavioral health education and support groups, and delivers a broad range of personalized and peer-to-peer social development services that emphasize behavioral health education, wellness topics and the development of healthy coping tools to support the family. Motivational Interviewing and the Familyto-Family curriculum are two evidence-based practices used by the program to reduce negative outcomes. Family-to-Family serves as the foundation for understanding mental health issues from the perspective of holistic and trauma-informed care, stages of recovery, biopsychosocial elements of mental health conditions, medication, confidentiality and effective communication with individuals living with a mental health condition. Services are delivered through group support, weekly individual peer mentor support, educational workshops, a volunteer family mentor network and family engagement. The program also includes a component on practicing self-care when caring for a loved one with a behavioral health condition within the educational workshops.

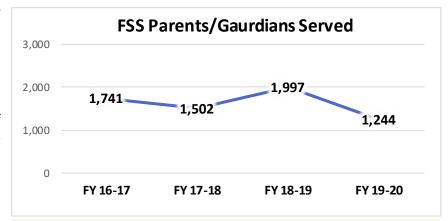
### OUTCOMES

FSS aims to prevent the development or worsening of mental health conditions by maintaining and/or strengthening the protective factor of Global Health as measured by the PROMIS. The PROMIS was administered at intake (baseline) and program exit (follow-up), and the difference in scores was analyzed and reported according to calculated effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change in functioning over time is clinically meaningful for the individuals served. In FY 2017-18, FSS services split off from PES. During this transition year, there was a drop in completed outcome measures.

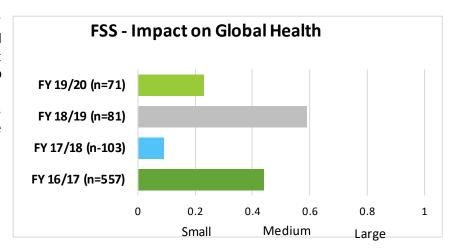
Across 3 of 4 fiscal years, parents consistently reported high levels of global health as they entered the program and made additional, small-to-moderate gains, with the exception of FY 2017-18 when FSS became a standalone program. Thus, FSS appeared to be effective in maintaining and/or enhancing the protective factor of global health among the participants it serves.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

The program faces challenges recruiting participants in the summertime when schools are typically out of session and families may be on vacation or busy with summer activities. To mitigate this challenge, the program partners with local community organizations, including Family Resource Centers, which may have direct contact with potential participants during the summer.



The program was not fully operational in FY 2017-18 and only served participants between October and June. Services were not offered in the first quarter (July-October) due to the closure of one provider site, a month prior to the start of the fiscal year.



Another significant challenge the program experiences is attendance at the Basics class, a six-week course designed to educate parents of children living with a mental health condition about mental health conditions, parenting skills, caring for siblings, self-care and collaborating with providers and educators. The low attendance is due to difficulties the families have finding appropriate childcare. In response, the provider offers several classes at a time allowing so participants have multiple opportunities to attend, classes are offered throughout Orange County so participants can choose the most convenient location, and childcare is provided on site.

In response to the pandemic, the program added support groups for first responders through CARES Act funding. Since CARES Act funding expired and these services were identified as a valuable support, they will continue to be provided through MHSA funding.

### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### **PROMIS Global Health:**

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=31.9, SD=6.78; Follow-up M=33.4, SD=4.92; t(70)=1.90, p<.061; Cohen's d=0.23 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=31.8, SD=7.74; Follow-up M=35.4, SD=6.39; t(80)=5.18, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.59 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=34.5, SD=6.2; Follow-up M=35.1, SD=7.1; t(106)=-0.93, p=.35; Cohen's d=0.09 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=33.9, SD=6.7; Follow-up M=36.4, SD=5.6; t(556)=10.31, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.44

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The program has served 13,692 total families/caregivers since program inception October 2012. FSS collaborates with agencies and community groups to ensure that services are provided throughout Orange County. Services are often held at community locations such as libraries and schools.

### **Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by Prevention Programs**

### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

By identifying risk factors and intervening early, these prevention programs promote resilience through resources and supports that are best matched to the level of support provided. For example, Violence and Prevention Education, and Tier 1 of SBBHIS adopt a public mental health approach by educating teachers from across the county and/or their students on how to foster a positive, supportive school climate. Depending on the specific program, this is achieved by educating teachers, school staff, students and/or parents on stress management, healthy self-concept, positive decision-making skills, life skills, or awareness on violence, bullying and/or digital literacy.

For at-risk children and families with higher level of needs, these prevention programs provide more targeted support which include strategies to promote appropriate family bonding and roles, positive peer/family relationships, adaptive communication and conflict resolution strategies, and community/civic engagement. Because School Readiness provides assessments and parenting training curriculum directly in the families' services, staff tailor approaches and strategies to the young child's unique environment, thus increasing the chances of parents being able to successfully implement and sustain the techniques learned. Similarly, the school-based programs include strategies to help encourage the application of skills learned in the classroom to the home or other environments.

### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

A number of strategies are used across these programs to reduce stigma and discrimination. For example, curricula provided in the schools employ various methodologies to maximize the program's impact across different populations and be inclusive of students from diverse backgrounds. Programs that provide services directly to children and families also employ bilingual/bicultural staff to meet their multicultural and language needs in a responsive manner.

These programs leverage the positive influence of trained professionals, school staff and/or student peers when providing education on behavioral health issues and resources. The violence and bullying prevention programs also enlist the help of law enforcement and local celebrities to encourage participation in their program activities.

### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

To increase awareness of their services and facilitate appropriate referrals to their programs, staff conduct outreach to various organizations (i.e., County outpatient clinics for all programs; organizations serving at-risk families, churches, community centers, child- and family-serving centers, schools with low achievement rates, early child care centers including Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and mental health agencies for the parent/family support programs). CSPP and PES also host information tables at health fairs and community and cultural events. Programs engage in these outreach methods.

Underserved children, youth and families living in high-risk/need regions of the county often face challenges in accessing care due to transportation, childcare, scheduling or availability of appointments, and stigma. These programs strive to counter these challenges and increase timely access to services by providing their services throughout the county at locations that are accessible to participants, such as the person's home, school sites, family resource centers, community centers, churches, county libraries, hospitals, shelters and county jails. They also schedule services at various times (morning, afternoons and evenings), offer childcare, and frequently provide meals as a way to encourage participation. Finally, programs provide services and materials in multiple languages.

As children and families are identified as needing a higher level or longer duration of support, program staff make the appropriate referrals to outpatient treatment and other supportive services. Staff often facilitates connections by working with the family to identify the appropriate and desired services and by assisting the parent with calling the new agency.

Prevention Programs		Linkage Metrics					
Frevention Frograms		# Referrals	# Linkages	Types of Linkages			
	FY 2016-17	273	88	Special needs/disability services; behavioral health prevention, early intervention			
School Readiness	FY 2017-18	670	229	programs; information and referral resources; family support; recreation activities;			
School Readiness	FY 2018-19	744	176	basic needs			
	FY 2019-20	930	197	basic needs			
	FY 2016-17	224	67				
CSPP	FY 2017-18	114	105	Access & Linkage; BHS Outpatient Early Intervention: Family Services;			
CSFF	FY 2018-19	253	168	Access & Linkage, BHS Outpatient Early Intervention. Family Services,			
	FY 2019-20	32	18				
	FY 2016-17	866	634				
CDS	FY 2017-18	1360	1050	Counseling services, adult literacy programs, housing and food assistance, medical			
GPS	FY 2018-19	554	496	care, school supplies, enrichment activities			
	FY 2019-20	694	667				

<u>Note</u>: The Family Services component of SBBHIS is working to implement tracking of referrals and linkages as outlined in the MHSOAC PEI Regulations. The Parent Education Services, School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention and Support, Violence Prevention Education and Family Support Services programs are not structured to provide and track referrals/linkages for individual students since the curricula are presented in large assembly and classroom formats. If students do approach the presenter with concerns following a training, per the MOU with the school, they direct students to school staff (i.e., their teacher, counselor, nurse, etc.)

# ACCESS & LINKAGE to TREATMENT/ SERVICES

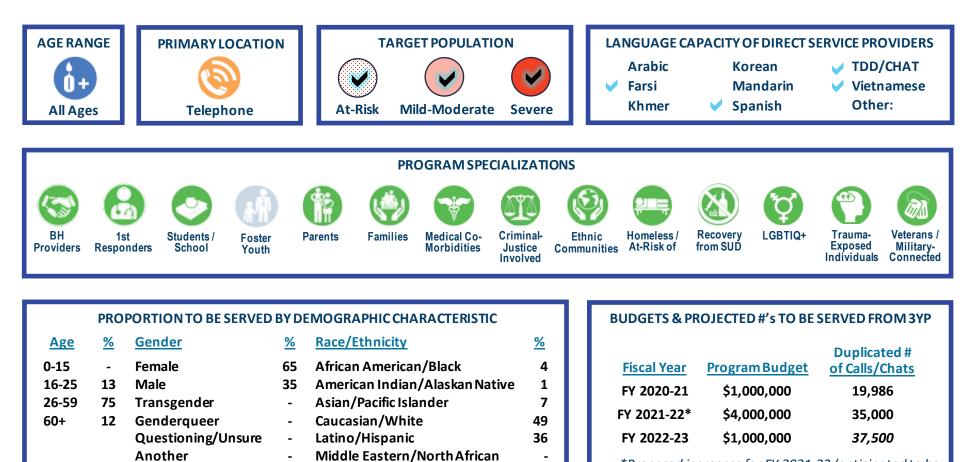
Programs that fall within the Access and Linkage to Services/Treatment function are designed to link individuals of all ages who are living with a mental health condition to an appropriate level of care and needed supportive services. Orange County offers several programs in this category, although only BHS Outreach and Engagement is subject to PEI regulations.<sup>1</sup> The remaining programs are funded by CSS and tailored to meet the needs of specific unserved populations living with SMI or SPMI (i.e. individuals who are homeless, discharging from jail or a hospital, etc.).

- OC Links
- BHS Outreach & Engagement
- Multi-Service Center for Homeless Adults CHS
- Jail to Community Re-Entry
- Recovery Open Access



### OC Links (PEI)

**OCLinks** is the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) line that provides information and linkage to any of the OC Health Care Agency's (HCA) Behavioral Health Services, including crisis services, via telephone and online chat. Because the navigators who staff the line are clinicians, they can work with callers and chatters experiencing any level of behavioral health issue, ranging from prevention through crisis identification and response. Beginning February 2021, OC Links began operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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\*Proposed increases for FY 2021-22 (anticipated to be on-going)

### SERVICES/OUTCOMES

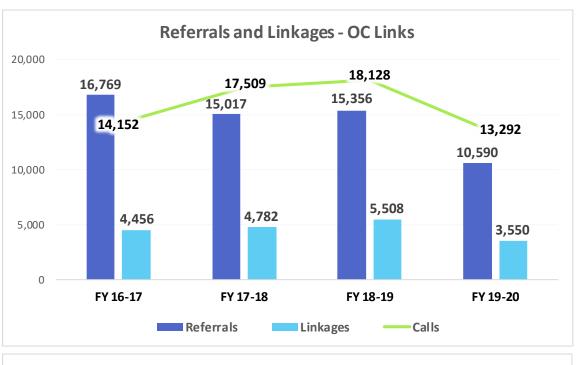
Serving as the single access point for the HCA BHS System of Care, OC Links provides telephone and internet, chat-based support for any Orange County resident seeking HCA Behavioral Health services. OC Links now operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round. Callers may access navigation services through a toll-free phone number (855-OC-Links or 855-625-4657) or a live chat option available on the OC Links webpage (www.ochealthinfo.com/oclinks). Individuals may also access information about BHS resources on the website at any time (http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/).

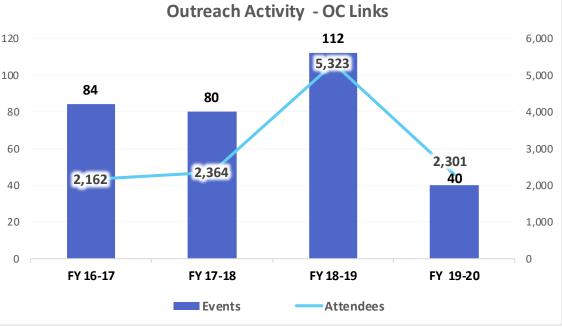
During a call or live chat, trained navigators provide screening, information, and referral and linkage directly to BHS programs that best meet the needs of callers. Navigators make every attempt to connect callers directly to services while they are still on the line. Once the caller is scheduled for their first appointment, the navigator offers a follow-up call within the next 1-2 days to ensure a linkage has occurred (see Referral and Linkages graph).

In addition, staff attends numerous community events each year where they provide outreach and education on mental health awareness and the availability of OC Links. The number of referrals, linkages and outreach activity was somewhat lower in FY 2019-20 compared to recent years, likely due to the impact of COVID-19 (see Outreach Activity graph).

### Most Common Linkages Made

OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMS; PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES





### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Increasing community awareness about OC Links and the services available through the County of Orange is a constant challenge that must continually be addressed. To better educate the public about OC Links on an ongoing basis, the team participates in community events and offers presentations to service providers and community groups. The program also provides OC Links informational cards to locations throughout the community in the threshold languages to promote services. As utilization has increased, the program has noted an increasing need for bilingual speakers. Thus, OC Links continues its recruitment efforts to hire bilingual clinicians who are knowledgeable about the County BHS. Challenges that arose due to COVID-19 impacted the daily work shifts and the type of outreach OC Links was able to perform. In response to the pandemic, hours of operation were expanded to cover from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and then in February 2021 the program permanently shifted to operate 24/7. Community outreach in the form of tabling events were also suspended. There was a small impact felt by callers who identified specifics issues relating to COVID-19 and these issues were addressed by shifting work schedules to cover the additional hours. Local organizations that requested presentations were able to be accommodated by using meeting software platforms.

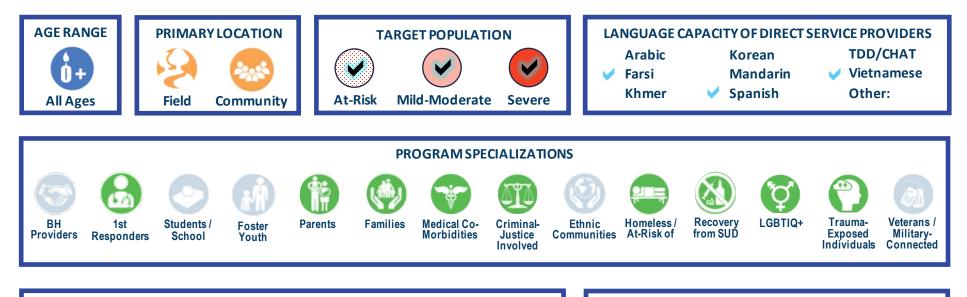
### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The program has responded to more than 90,000 participants since opening in the Fall of 2013. OC Links serves Orange County residents by helping callers navigate a large and complex system of care and linking them to the County and/or Countycontracted services best suited to meet their behavioral health needs.

## Links<sup>24/7</sup> 855-0C LINKS (855-625-4657) Behavioral Health Services Line

### **BHS Outreach and Engagement** (PEI)

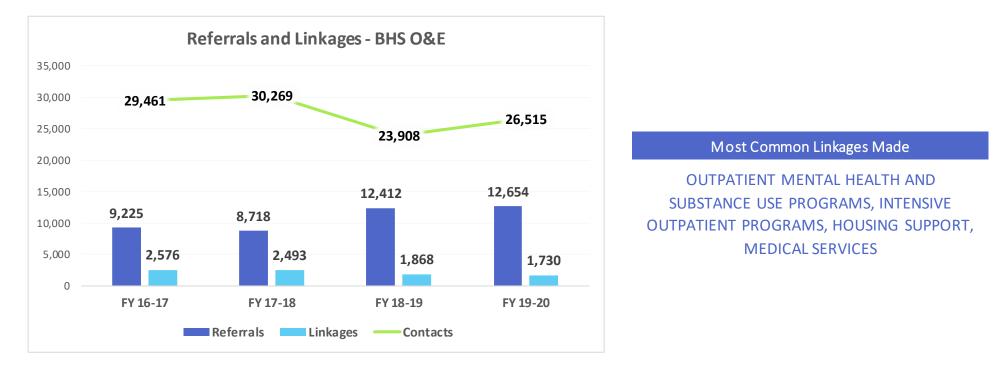
**BHS Outreach and Engagement (O&E)** provides field-based access and linkage to treatment and/or support services for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who have had difficulty engaging in mental health services on their own. O&E staff identifies participants through street outreach and referrals from community members and/or providers.



	PRO	PORTION TO BE SERVED	BYD	EMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTIC			BUDGETS & PR	ROJECTED #'s TO BE	SERVED FROM 3YP
<u>Age</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>%</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<u>%</u>				Duplicated
0-15	1	Female	37	African American/Black	10		<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	# of Contacts
16-25 26-59	5 76	Male Transgender	63 -	American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander	2 10		FY 2020-21	\$2,232,523	26,358
60+	18	Genderqueer	-	Caucasian/White	45		FY 2021-22*	\$3,129,668	27,676
		Questioning/Unsure Another	-	Latino/Hispanic Middle Eastern/North African	32 -		FY 2022-23	\$2,232,523	29,030
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### SERVICES/OUTCOMES

To promote awareness of, and increase referrals to its services, BHS O&E performs outreach at community events and locations likely to be frequented by individuals the program intends to serve and/or the providers that work with them in non-mental health capacities (i.e., street outreach, homeless service provider locations, etc.). When a person is referred to the program, staff screens them in the community or over the phone to determine the individual's needs. Once their needs are identified, staff employ various strategies to link individuals, such as personalized action plans aimed to decrease barriers to accessing services and evidence-based psychoeducational groups for those who have experienced trauma and/or substance use. Staff utilizes motivational interviewing, harm reduction, and strength-based techniques when working with participants and assists them in developing and practicing coping skills. All outreach services are focused on making referrals and ensuring linkages to ongoing behavioral health and support services by assisting with scheduling appointments, providing transportation to services, addressing barriers, and offering ongoing follow-up (see Referrals and Linkages graph).



### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Lack of affordable housing continues to be a barrier, especially for individuals who are homeless, and the program continues to collaborate with agencies to improve access to affordable housing opportunities. To address some participants' reluctance to provide personal information or enroll in engagement services,

the programs have reached out to work with trusted community agencies/organizations. Through these partnerships, O&E staff have demonstrated the ability to follow through on commitments to address participants' needs and assisted individuals with accessing referrals, thereby building trust and rapport with participants. Once rapport and some success in linking to resources have been established, participants have been more receptive to engaging in ongoing services. BHS O&E has been called upon to engage individuals at homeless encampments across the county in partnership with cities and local law enforcement agencies many times over the past few years. After the large-scale riverbed engagement three years ago, the community saw the impact of the Outreach Team engaging and linking homeless individuals to treatment, shelter and services. Due to their cultural competence working with this population, many cities and police/sheriff departments have requested BHS O&E support for one-time and ongoing engagement projects in communities across the county. This has necessitated increases in staffing and working hours/days resulting in the program now being active six days per week including Saturdays.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the elderly homeless population and those with high risk conditions. BHS O&E was tasked with helping to identify those at high risk for serious COVID-19 infection and referring them to Project Room Key (PRK) for further assistance and care. More specifically, PRK was a program that placed high-risk homeless individuals into motel settings. BHS O&E staff took referrals, conducted outreach and offered services to those with the highest of needs.

Another challenge the BHS O&E encountered was the lack of available shelter beds due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, shelters were required to have social distancing protocols in place resulting in fewer available beds. O&E team members researched and advocated for their participants to find shelter options.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

O&E is firmly rooted in Orange County with strong collaborations with various community-based organizations, school districts, law enforcement, faith-based, physician groups, parent groups, housing providers, outreach teams, older adult programs, other behavioral health programs and other providers of basic needs. The program has reached homeless individuals of all ages from multiple cultures throughout Orange County and has helped them access needed behavioral health and supportive services, including housing. The homeless and provider community widely accepts O&E as a supportive program to help individuals, families and agencies seeking linkage to mental health and substance use programs. This impact has resulted in significant increases in daily calls to the Outreach (800) phone line, requests for community response and partnerships for city-based homeless encampment engagements and street outreach. Outreach has added six additional staff positions to manage these requests.

### Multi-Service Center for Homeless Adults (CSS)

The Multi-Service Center for Homeless Mentally III Adults (MSC) program, formerly call Courtyard Outreach, serves residents ages 18 years or older who are experiencing homelessness and living with a serious mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorder. The outreach team links individuals receiving supportive services at the Multi-Service Center to mental health and/or substance use services.



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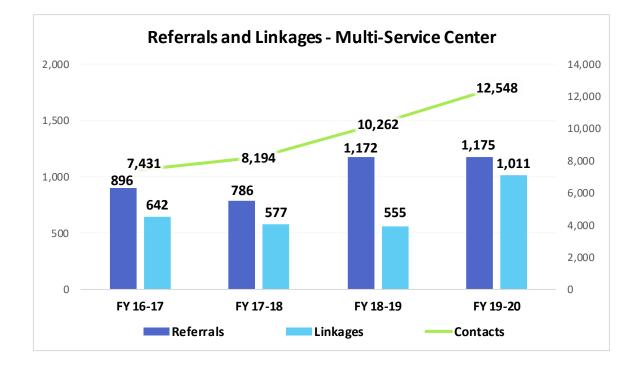
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\$900,000

### SERVICES/OUTCOMES

The MSC outreach workers assess residents' strengths and resources to determine their level of psychosocial impairment, substance use, physical health problems, support network, adequacy of living arrangements, financial status, employment status and basic needs. They facilitate linking participants to the most appropriate services for each individual (i.e., case management, outpatient mental health, medical appointments, housing, employment, SSI/SSDI and additional services such as obtaining identification or other personal documents, etc.). The team can transport, or facilitate the transportation of, residents to those services as needed. As can be seen in the graph below, the number of contacts has increased by approximately 41% and the number of referrals has increased by approximately 31% from FY 2016-17 to FY 2019-20. This upward trend is most likely a result of stable staffing. In addition, program staff rebounded with an improved linkage rate in FY 2019-20 compared to FY 2018-19, when it had dropped compared to the prior two fiscal years.



### Most Common Linkages Made BASIC NEEDS; EDUCATION; MHA MULTI-SERVICE CENTER; INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SOURCES; EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

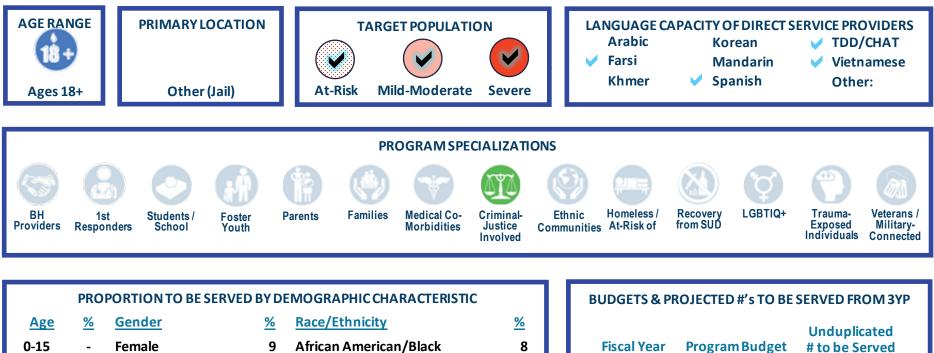
The Courtyard shelter in Santa Ana, the original location of Courtyard Outreach services, moved locations in February 2021, and the new shelter is offering these same services under a different (non-MHSA) funding stream. To avoid duplication of effort, and to enable the provider at the new shelter to fulfill its contractual obligations, the MSC program team will continue to serve the same population at a different location in Santa Ana where there is a need for these services. The program strives to build stronger partnerships with the collaborative agencies and community groups focused on integrating the program participants into permanent housing. Communication among community partners is not only necessary but ideal to meet the immediate needs of the residents. The MSC program team acts as the liaison with these other agencies and attends meetings with the collaborative ensuring that outcomes data are collected properly and presented in a timely manner.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The MSC team collaborates with a variety of human services and nonprofit providers to help its participants meet basic needs and obtain access to behavioral health services, housing, employment, public benefits and personal identification documents. By partnering with the collaborative agencies and program participants, the MSC team shares in the goal of helping break the cycle of homelessness among those living with serious mental illness.

### **CHS Jail to Community Re-Entry (CSS)**

The Correctional Health Services (CHS) Jail to Community Re-Entry Program (JCRP) is a collaboration between BHS and CHS that serves adults ages 18 and older who are living with mental illness and detained in an Orange County Jail. This CSS-funded program was developed in response to the high rates of recidivism observed among inmates living with mental illness and aims to decrease rates of people returning to jail by providing access and linkage to needed behavioral health and supportive services.



<u>Gender</u>	<u>%</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<u>%</u>			Unduplicated
Female	9	African American/Black	8	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	# to be Served
Male	90	American Indian/Alaskan Native	-	FY 2020-21	\$2,200,000	3,500*
Transgender	1	Asian/Pacific Islander	4	FY 2021-22	\$2,700,000	7,000*
Genderqueer	-	Caucasian/White	28	FT 2021-22	<i>\$2,700,000</i>	7,000
Questioning/Unsure	-	Latino/Hispanic	58	FY 2022-23	\$2,800,000	8,750*
Another	-	Middle Eastern/North African Another	- 2			nding on status of the o FY 2021-22 budget.

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### SERVICES/OUTCOMES

The JCRP uses a comprehensive approach to discharge planning and re-entry linkage services for inmates with mental illness at all County jail facilities. Discharge planning services are conducted while individuals are still in custody and include thorough risk assessments, comprehensive individualized case management and evidence-based re-entry groups including Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) aimed at identifying possible barriers to successful re-entry and developing tailored discharge plans.

Services also include facilitation of linkage to a range of services upon release, such as counseling, medication support, housing, Medi-Cal enrollment and essential needs such as clothing and transportation. Connections with family and support systems such as peer support mentors is also facilitated. JCRP staff work in collaboration with other stakeholders, including the Orange County Probation Department, Orange County Public Defender, Social Services Agency, Regional Center of Orange County, Orange County Housing Authority and other ancillary agencies to identify gaps in service delivery and solidify linkage with external stakeholders for a smooth transition from jail to the community. JCRP has established a 7-day release process which provides face-to-face contact and re-entry resources for all inmates leaving the Central Jail Complex and the Theo Lacy Facility. Additionally, the JCRP is now able to make direct referrals to the HCA Residential Treatment programs and assist with facilitating transitions for clients requiring residential in-treatment services.

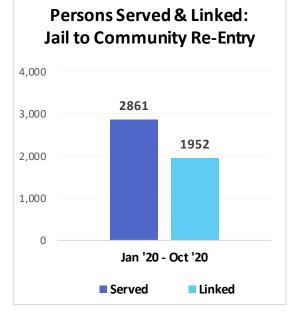
Beginning January 2020, JCRP established a process of measuring referral and linkage outcomes. Due to the challenges brought about by the pandemic, the program had to readjust services depending on the available services and programs in the community.

From January 2020 to October 2020, 2,861 inmates who received mental health services while incarcerated were released from Orange County jails. Of these inmates served, 1,952 were referred to external programs by the JCRP team. The individuals who were not referred either had directly declined or had a previous established transition arrangement.

Linkage outcome data is limited to the programs that confirm that our clients have linked to their programs once they have been released. The programs include Opportunity Knocks, North/South HCA Open Access clinics, Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program and a community based mental health service provider, APAIT.

### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted in-reach in the jail facilities and supportive programs available for patients transitioning from incarceration. Although the JCRP operation tempo increased due to a higher than normal number of inmates released during the beginning of the pandemic (i.e. January, February and March) community provider service availability decreased and linkage outcomes were impacted. The quick decision to control the spread of COVID-19 by decreasing the jail population similarly impacted the ability of the JCRP staff to link and refer clients. The JCRP program has been faced with various challenges. Some challenges have involved the pandemic and others are associated with changing the traditional approach for assisting individuals who have been incarcerated and released. Challenges have included finding appropriate placement and transporting clients during this challenging time. Although some of these services have resumed, JCRP continues to work with programs to reintegrate the linkage process.



The JCRP is also tasked with linking clients who have been released after serving only a short period of time in jail (0-7 days). This group involves 40% of inmates released from custody. Discharge planning can be a complex process depending on the client's needs. Time becomes extremely valuable when it's limited and JCRP staff must remain flexible and ready to coordinate transitions.

JCRP has been working with Open Access North/South and Opportunity Knocks to close the gap in service accessibility. As relationships between programs are increased, coordination improves and outcomes are expected to increase. JCRP has been working with community programs to increase in-reach services and improve the warm hand-off process during the pandemic. Data suggests that programs which provide transportation and warm hand-offs from jail and conduct in-reach services, have a significantly higher likelihood of inmates linking once they are released.

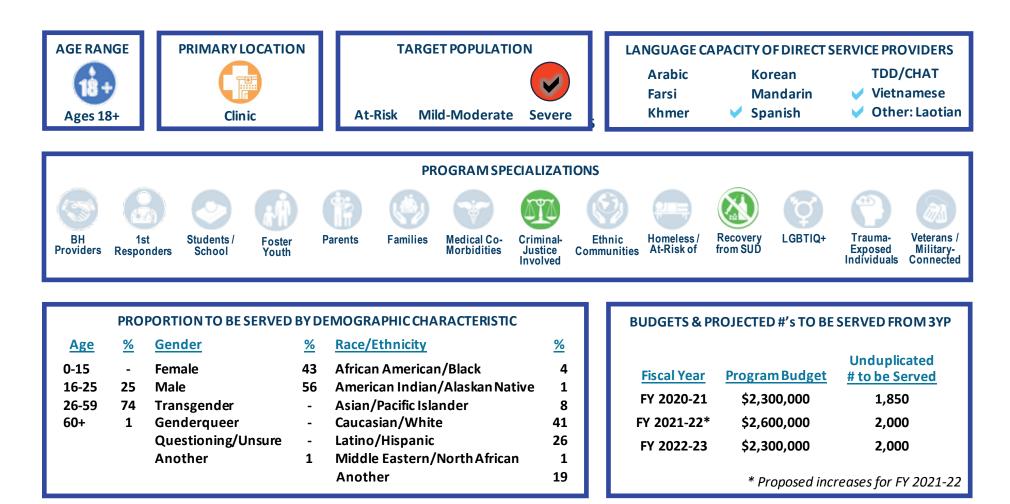
On April 26, 2019 CHS hired its first Behavioral Health Clinician for JCRP and on October 18, 2019 a dedicated supervisor (Service Chief) was assigned to the program. Since then the team has grown to 10 Behavioral Health Clinicians, three Mental Health Specialists, one Office Technician and two Service Chiefs. The program continues to focus on outcomes and is driven by the success of its client population.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

On July 1, 2020 JCRP expanded services to the Theo Lacy Facility. The Release Team replicates the services provided at the Intake and Release Center. This includes a Release Clinician who reviews all documents for patients scheduled for release and confirms discharge plans have been established. Currently the team is pending the addition of a dedicated nurse and, while awaiting this addition, coordination is made with the nursing team when patients require medical attention and education regarding their discharge plans.

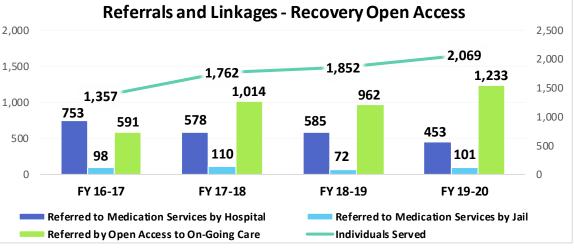
### Recovery Open Access (CSS)

**Recovery Open Access** serves individuals ages 18 and older living with serious and persistent mental illness and a possible co-occurring disorder who are in need of accessing urgent outpatient behavioral health services. The target population includes adults who are being discharged from psychiatric hospitals, released from jail or are currently enrolled in outpatient BHS services and have an urgent medication need that cannot wait until their next scheduled appointment. These individuals are at risk of further hospitalization or incarceration if not linked to behavioral health services quickly.



### SERVICES

Recovery Open Access serves two key functions: (1) linking adults with serious and persistent mental illness to ongoing, appropriate behavioral health services and (2) providing access to short-term integrated behavioral health services (i.e., brief assessments, case management, crisis counseling and interventions, SUD services, temporary medication support) while an individual is waiting to be linked to their (first) appointment. In order to decrease the risk of re-hospitalization or recidivism, staff try to see participants within 24 hours of the time of discharge from the hospital or jail and to keep them engaged in services until they link to ongoing care.

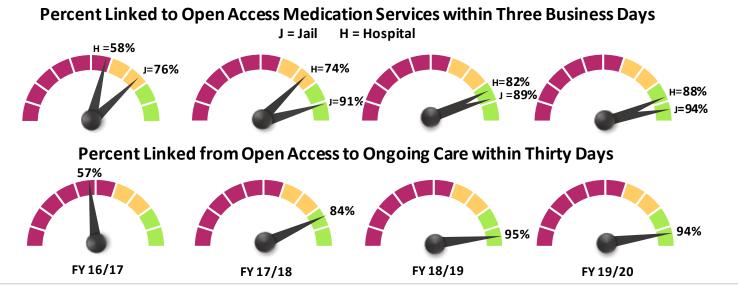


### OUTCOMES

Performance of the program was measured by whether the program met or exceeded the following targets:

- 80% of adults discharged from a hospital and referred for medication are linked to Open Access medication services within 3 business days
- 80% of adults discharged from a jail and referred for medication are linked to Open Access medication services within 3 business days
- 80% of adults referred by Open Access to ongoing care are linked within 30 days

The program continued to meet its targets in FY 2019-20 after clarifying service benchmarks with program staff at the end of FY 2016-17. Additional staff has resulted in smaller caseloads, and this has allowed staff to monitor linkages more closely and follow up on missed appointments. These improvements, in addition to the implementation of a Performance Improvement Project (PIP) in October 2018 that focused on linking hospitalized clients to Open Access and outpatient services, may have contributed in the upward trend in linkages since 2016-17.



### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Since relocating the Open Access South site from Mission Viejo to Costa Mesa, the workload across the north and south locations has become more balanced. In addition, a peer is now employed at Open Access south to assist participants with linking to their appointments at the outpatient clinics and aligning the south site with the peer support already provided at the north site. As part of a PIP for the Mental Health Plan, Open Access will have an intake counselor provide onsite intake assessments at local hospitals for those participants who have been previously hospitalized multiple times but did not attend their intake appointments at Open Access following discharge from the hospital.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Recovery Open Access has provided services to more than 6,400 individuals since its inception through the end of FY 2018-19. The program collaborates with a variety of community partners, including hospitals, jails, homeless shelters, substance use programs, community health clinics, mental health clinics, OC Probation and Social Services Agency to help individuals receive needed behavioral health care.

### **Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by Access and Linkage to Treatment Programs**

### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

Access and Linkage to Treatment (ALT) programs work with some of the most marginalized and unserved populations in the county, including those who are homeless and/or involved in the criminal justice system. These individuals may have previously experienced trauma or, particularly among the homeless population, are currently experiencing daily trauma and are struggling to meet their basic needs, leaving them feeling disenfranchised or stigmatized. In order to engage individuals successfully, staff integrates a consumer-centered, strength-based approach that works with individuals in their current stage of recovery and acknowledges and builds upon their existing coping skills. They also use harm reduction techniques, provide unconditional positive regard, help to reduce barriers and offer supportive services while working to link individuals to treatment. Staff use recovery principles and techniques such as motivational interviewing to help engage individuals in their recovery journey.

### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

ALT programs engage in a number of strategies to reduce stigma and discrimination. All clinicians and peer workers are trained yearly in cultural competency, which reviews the concepts of culture, race, ethnicity, diversity, stigma and self-stigma. The training also demonstrates the influence of unconscious thought on a person's judgment as it relates to stereotyping and racism. Through this training and their ongoing supervision, staff is provided strategies to recognize diversity, embrace the uniqueness of cultures beyond mainstream American culture and incorporate a culturally responsive approach in their service planning, service delivery and interactions with program participants.

In addition, outreach workers who work with homeless individuals often have lived experience and are knowledgeable about the field of chronic homelessness, mental health and substance use. They recognize that each person's diverse experiences, values and beliefs impact how they will access services. Using the principles of recovery, they are trained to identify the underlying conditions associated with homelessness and to address them in a judgment-free manner. The staff also upholds cultural values that protect against discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical disability, medical condition, marital status or any other characteristic that may result in exclusion.

ALT program staff, particularly OC Links and BHS O&E, also provides hundreds of outreach trainings throughout the county at community events, resource fairs, law enforcement departments, etc. With this increased presence in the community, programs hope to reduce the stigma and discrimination attached to those attempting to reach out for behavioral health services.

### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

The Navigation program, OC Links, encourages timely access by promoting its services among unserved and underserved populations in Orange County. For example, the program displays its information and phone number on rotation every day at the Civic Center Plaza message board; has advertised on Public Access Cable Television Community Resource displays; and has posted advertisements on Facebook and Twitter that direct people to the OC Links website where they can obtain information and connect to Live Chat with the navigators. Information cards in all threshold languages are also handed out at many locations throughout the county, including schools, colleges, community organizations, businesses, court houses, libraries and resource fairs. Once an individual connects with OC Links, they can work with a navigator who speaks English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Arabic or Farsi. The program also has access to a language line translation service to meet the language needs of any caller and offers a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) number (714-834-2332) for deaf and hard of hearing callers.

In addition, the ALT programs provide face-to-face services to increase unserved individuals' willingness to enroll in needed services and facilitate linkage to appointments in as timely a manner as possible. Staff stay up-to-date on available resources, network and collaborate with other providers, assist with decreasing barriers to accessing services as they are identified, and provide transportation and warm handoffs to ensure linkage to ongoing care. Staff are bilingual/bicultural and a language translation service is available when needed. In addition, BHS O&E is staffed with peers who share their own lived experience as a way to build the rapport and trust necessary to engage homeless individuals. Open Access improves access to care by expediting urgent care needs and by facilitating quicker and smoother linkages to behavioral health treatment for those discharging from inpatient and jail settings.

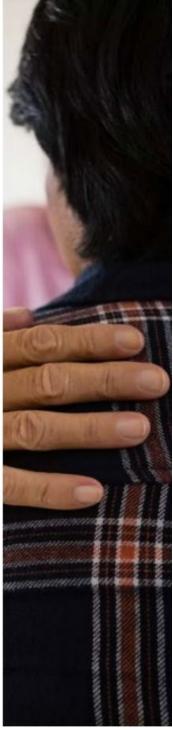
In addition, all ALT programs have developed collaborative relationships with outside agencies that come into frequent contact with the programs' respective target populations and, in turn, these agencies provide referrals to ALT services. The types of agencies with which the programs have established strong working relationships include community-based organizations, homeless service providers, housing programs and shelters, schools, places of worship, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, social service agencies, juvenile justice, the OC Probation Department, the Orange County Fire Authority, veterans services, community centers, motels, shelter staff, apartment complexes, and other behavioral health service agencies.

# CRISIS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT

Orange County has a comprehensive array of crisis services that operate 24/7, every day of the year, and are designed to support individuals of all ages who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, a behavioral health emergency. These programs range from telephone-based prevention programs through intensive crisis support services provided either in the home, residential setting, crisis stabilization unit or anywhere in the community. The goal is to 1) provide peer and clinical support – either directly or through linkages to other services – so that the person may continue living safely in the community, when appropriate, or 2) facilitate admission to a psychiatric hospital or crisis stabilization unit when a higher level of care is needed to ensure the health and safety of an individual.

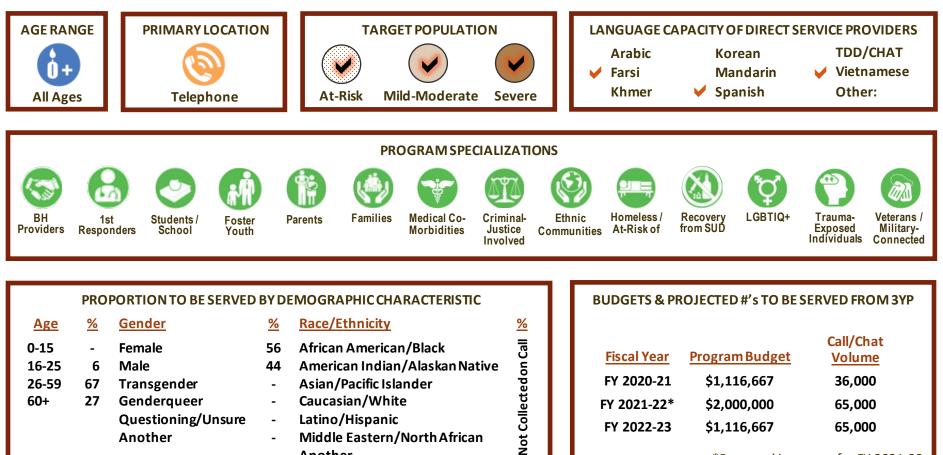
- WarmLine
- Suicide Prevention Services
- Mobile Crisis Assessment
- Crisis Stabilization Units
- In-Home Crisis Stabilization
- Crisis Residential Services
- BHS Disaster Response





### WarmLine (PEI)

The WarmLine provides peer support to unserved and underserved Orange County residents who are experiencing mild to moderate symptoms of a mental health disorder or who are at risk of developing a mental health disorder, challenges at school and/or trauma exposure. The program also serves family members. Beginning July 2020, the WarmLine began providing services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.



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- Latino/Hispanic -

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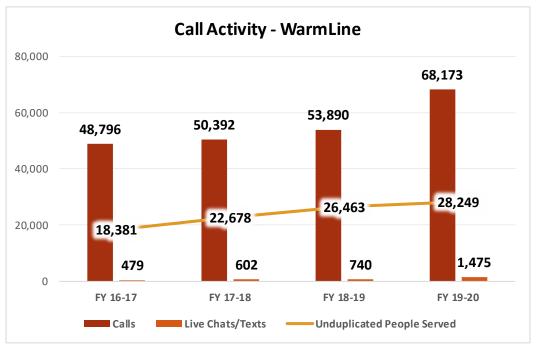
Middle Eastern/North African Another

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#### SERVICES

The WarmLine plays an important role in Orange County's Crisis and Suicide Prevention continuum by providing non-crisis or crisis prevention support over the phone or through live chat, for anyone struggling with mental health and substance use issues. Upon connecting with the WarmLine, individuals are screened for eligibility and assessed for needed mental health information, support and resources. Staff draw upon their lived experience to connect with callers and provide them with emotional support and referrals to ongoing services as needed. Callers who are experiencing a behavioral crisis are immediately referred to the Crisis Prevention Hotline.

Active listening, a person-centered motivational interviewing skill, is effective in establishing rapport and demonstrating empathy, and can be especially useful with callers in the pre-contemplative or contemplative stages of change. The WarmLine also uses Positive Psychology, a resilience-based model that focuses on positive emotions, traits and institutions. This model trains mentors to focus on the positive influences in callers' lives such as character, optimism, emotions, relationships and resources in order to reduce risk factors and enhance protective ones.

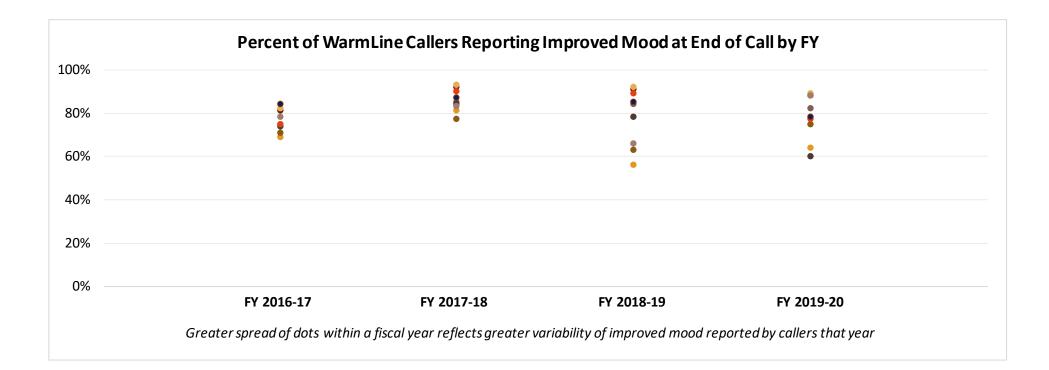


### **OUTCOMES**

The WarmLine continues to demonstrate an increasing number of callers and amount of activity. The majority of calls were from individuals who had used the WarmLine before and calls typically lasted 20 minutes or less.

The WarmLine aims to reduce prolonged suffering from behavioral health problems, which was measured through changes in ratings on the Profile of Mood States (POMS). Callers were asked at the beginning of the call whether they felt different emotions (i.e., worried, uncertain, etc.) and then asked at the end of the call whether they felt better, the same or worse. The evaluation reflects cultural competence in that it assessed for the presence of, and changes in, a range of negative mood states to ensure that different cultural expressions of distress were reflected.

While the extent of improvement varied across specific mood states, overall results across fiscal years show that the majority of callers reported feeling better at the end of the call, with the highest rates of improvement observed for callers feeling anxious, overwhelmed or helpless, and the lowest rate for those feeling agitated. Thus, the program appears to be successful in reducing emotional distress through the support and services provided during the telephone contact.



### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

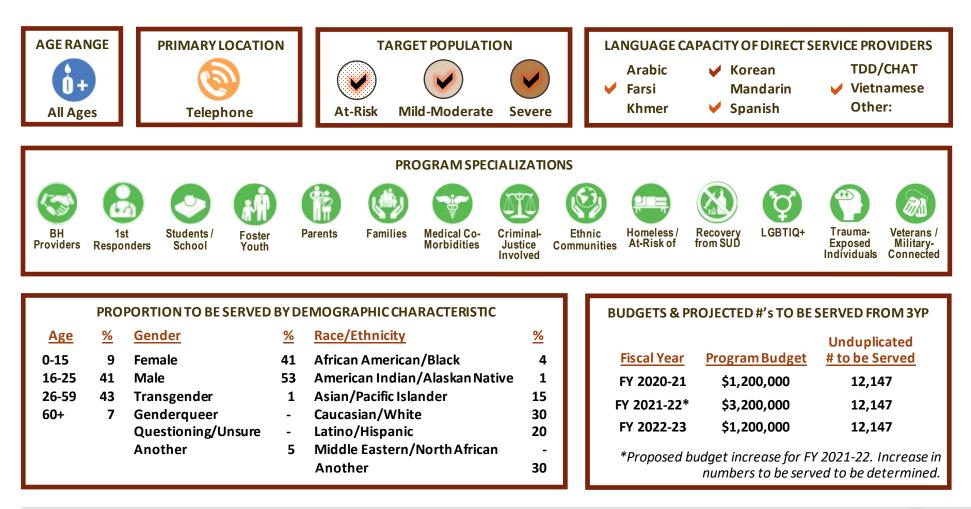
An ongoing challenge for the program has been the continuing increase in calls year after year. This increase has created longer wait times as staff are not always available to answer incoming calls immediately. The program has adjusted staff shifts to accommodate when call volume is highest and is always identifying and recruiting new volunteers to try and accommodate the increasing demand for services. The program also received increased funding for FY 2018-19 and, through the community planning process, was identified as a program that can receive additional carryover funds over the course of this Three-Year Plan if demand for services exceeds its recently augmented budget. The provider is also exploring other strategies to adapt to the increased volume, including methods to enhance their technology. In addition, as a result of the recent hiring of bilingual staff, the program's voicemail system was expanded from English and Spanish to include Farsi and Vietnamese language voicemail options. Callers who speak these languages can now leave a voicemail requesting support from a staff who speaks their preferred language as soon as they become available rather than having to make repeated calls to the line in hopes of connecting with a bilingual staff by chance.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The WarmLine has provided services to more than 122,000 individuals since its inception in August 2010. The provider also actively collaborates within the community as a whole to break down stigma, raise awareness and educate the community about available services.

### Suicide Prevention Services (PEI)

The **Suicide Prevention Services** program services are available to individuals of all ages who 1) are experiencing a behavioral health crisis and/or suicidal thoughts, 2) have attempted suicide and may be living with depression, 3) are concerned about a loved one possibly attempting suicide, and/or 4) are coping with the loss of a loved one who died by suicide. The program serves a broad range of people of all ages, and individuals can be self-referred or referred by family members, providers or other partner agencies. The toll-free, accredited hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This program will now also be supported by a new Office of Suicide Prevention, which was established in the HCA's Behavioral Health Services area upon the direction of the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2021.



### **SERVICES**

The program currently offers a range of services that use Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), which provides practical suicide intervention training for clinicians, first responders, medical providers and caregivers seeking to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. During the COVID-19 pandemic, ASIST trainings were temporarily paused since they are required to be done in person; the provider offered other virtual trainings in its place.

### Telephone Hotline Support:

 Trained counselors provide immediate, confidential, over-the-phone/text/chat assistance and initiate active rescues when necessary. For callers who give their consent, counselors conduct follow-up calls to ensure continued safety and reduce the likelihood of attempts and emergency room visits. Callers who are not experiencing a crisis are triaged and offered access to the WarmLine or other appropriate resources. The toll-free suicide prevention service is available to anyone in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts or to someone who is concerned about a loved one attempting suicide.

### Face-to-Face Services:

- Individual Counseling for Survivors after Suicide: Children, adolescents, adults and older adults who are coping with the loss of someone to suicide can receive time-limited individual counseling. Short-term bereavement counseling is also available to families who want to improve their functioning and communication after the loss of a family member.
- Survivors after Suicide Bereavement Groups: Two different bereavement groups are offered for anyone who is coping with the loss of someone to suicide. The first is an eight-week, closed format group, co-facilitated by a therapist and a survivor. The goal is to establish a safe place without stigma for survivors to share experiences, ask questions, and express painful feelings so they can move forward with their lives. The second group is a drop-in bereavement group designed to help individuals receiving individual counseling (described above), and program alumni so that they continue the healing process in the months and years following their losses.
- Survivors of Suicide Attempts (SOSA) Support Group: The program offers closed groups that provide a safe, non-judgmental place for people who have survived a suicide attempt to talk about the feelings that led them to attempt suicide. The goal of this group is to support their recovery and provide them with skills for coping with deep hurt. The program also provides individuals with culturally appropriate follow-up care and education.

### Community Training/Outreach:

• Consistent with PEI regulations, the program trains potential first responders in ASIST and SafeTalk so that they are 1) better able to recognize signs of depression, suicidal ideation and other mental health conditions, and 2) informed about myths associated with talking about suicide, strategies on how to listen to and aid someone in distress, and awareness of the Suicide and Crisis Prevention Services program. Audiences include nurses, physicians, teachers and school personnel, law enforcement and other Orange County community members. Program staff also provides informational/program promotional material through information tables at events and speaking engagements throughout the county.

Т	TELEPHONE HOTLINE CALL VOLUME									
	FY	FY	FY	FY						
	_ 16/17 _	_ 17/18 _	18/19	19/20						
Callers	6,807	9,200	10,137	9,886						
Calls	8,475	11,607	13,536	13,613						

INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN FACE-TO-FACE SERVICES								
FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20					
132	148	140	156					

TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS								
FY 16/17 FY 17/18 FY 18/19 FY 19/								
511	559	678	745					

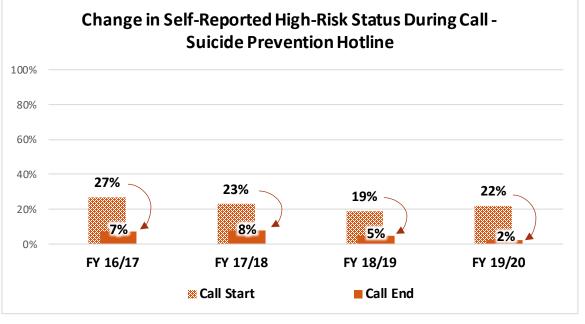
TOTAL NUMBER OF SAS & SOSA GROUPS								
FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20					
59	64	91	104					

#### OUTCOMES

Corresponding to increased outreach efforts, the hotline has seen a steady increase in the number of individuals served. Outcomes for the different types of services are summarized below.

#### Telephone Hotline Support

To assess the hotline's effectiveness in reducing prolonged suffering, callers were asked to complete a Self-Rated Intent (SRI) on a 5-point scale at the beginning and end of the call. Risk of suicidal behavior was rated low if a caller reported their suicidal intent as a score of 1 or 2, medium if they reported a score of 3, and high if they reported a 4 or 5. A score that moved to a lower risk category by the end of the call or remained in the low risk category for the duration of the call suggests that services effectively stabilized or decreased suicidal intent. The proportion of high-risk callers has consistently dropped by the end of the call. Thus, Crisis Prevention Hotline counselors helped reduce suicidal intent and prevented the worsening of crisis symptoms.

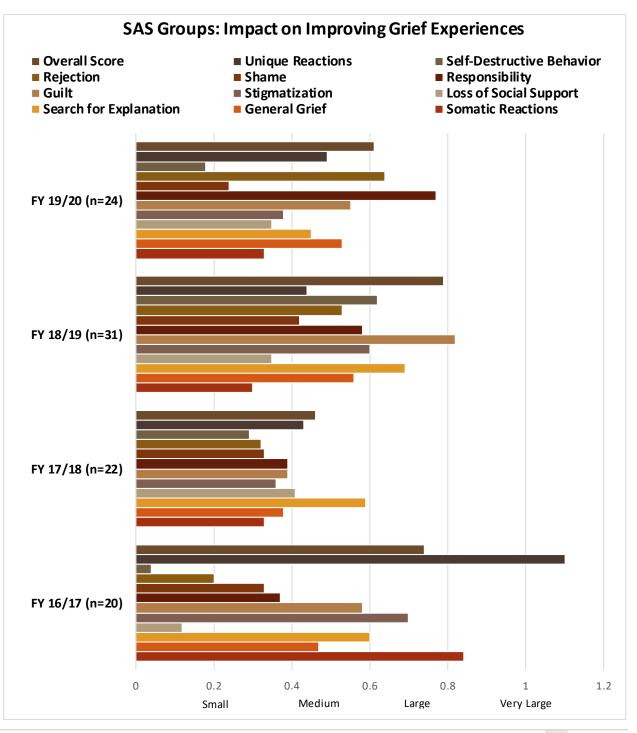


#### Face-to-Face Services

The program also provides in-person services, which have remained relatively consistent in the numbers of people served over the past few years, and a trend towards more individual counseling sessions and fewer support groups.

To measure the reduction in prolonged suffering in a culturally competent manner, individuals participating in individual or group counseling were asked to complete measures specific to their experience. Measures were administered at intake and program exit, and the difference between scores was used to analyze whether there was a significant reduction of prolonged suffering after receiving program services. Results are reported according to the calculated effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change in scores over time is clinically meaningful for the individuals served in the program.

Survivors of Suicide Attempts (SOSA): SOSA participants (FY 2019-20 n=2; FY 2018-19 n=10; FY 2017-18 n=14; FY 2016-17: n=13) completed the Beck Hopelessness Scale, Beck Scale for Suicidal Ideation and Interpersonal Needs Questionnaire to assess for pessimism and negativity they felt about their future; their thoughts, plans and intent to commit suicide; and their perceived burdensomeness and thwarted belongingness, respectively. Due to the small sample size of participants who completed both a baseline and follow-up of these measures, data were not statistically analyzed. However, clinicians monitored scores over the course of treatment to track participants' progress and adjust care plans as needed. The HCA is currently identifying ways to improve collection and/or measurement of performance outcome for this group. Survivors after Suicide (SAS): Based on individuals' responses on the Grief Experiences Questionnaire (GEQ), services were generally associated with a meaningful lessening of grief following the loss of a loved one to suicide, Although degree of improvement varied across subscales and fiscal years, given the small sample sizes, it cannot yet be determined whether these differences reflect a change in the impact of services, the nature of the individuals served or other factors. The HCA will continue to monitor these outcomes to see if a trend can be identified.



#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Similar to the WarmLine, the crisis hotline has seen a steady increase in calls over the past several years which exceeded its staffing capacity. In response, the program received increased funding beginning FY 2018-19. Through the recent community planning process, the integrated Suicide and Crisis Prevention Services program was also identified as a program that can receive additional carryover funds over the course of this Three-Year Plan if demand for services exceeds its recently augmented budget. The program recently relocated to a new building with more space to accommodate additional staff and volunteers, and the facility is equipped with updated, state-of-the-art technology.

Stigma regarding suicide continues to be a barrier to seeking services, which the program is addressing by conducting more community outreach and presentations, especially in different ethnic communities, and the program has hired bilingual staff who speak Korean and Spanish. In addition, the program has incorporated a workshop model to conduct outreach. This strategy has been especially successful in the Spanish-speaking community, as noted by an increase in Spanish-speaking participants.

In addition, the program conducts outreach in Arabic, Farsi, Urdu and Hindi languages through its partnership with a community agency serving the Middle Eastern and North African communities. The increased outreach efforts have been successful, and the program is seeing an increase in demand for individual sessions, especially from Survivors of Suicide Attempts (SOSA) and Survivors after Suicide (SAS) participants. However, stigma continues to be a barrier for participating in group sessions, especially for SOSA groups. Recognizing that a survivor of a suicide attempt may need additional time to engage in groups, the program periodically reaches out to the individual to assess their readiness for services. The program is working to collaborate with hospitals, such as Hoag and Mission Hospital, in hopes of increasing referrals for SOSA groups.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The integrated program has answered more than 88,000 calls and provided face-to-face services to more than 1,000 since services launched in August 2010. One of the key components of the program's success is its collaboration with community partners and agencies that serve ethnic communities. This partnership promotes awareness, breaks down stigma related to mental health. and educates available communities about resources.

### **OFFICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION**

#### On October 6, 2020, the Board directed the County Executive Officer and HCA Director to create an Office of Suicide Prevention to:

- 1. Reach out to high risk populations to find and engage those in need
- 2. Maintain contact with those in need and support continuity of care
- 3. Improve the lives of those in need through comprehensive services and supports, and
- 4. Build community awareness, reduce stigma and promote help-seeking

The newly formed Office will be responsible for identifying and implementing promising pilot programs utilizing the above-referenced systemsapproach for each of the initial populations of focus: youth and young adults, men in their middle years and older adults. The Office will also be responsible for integrating new and existing services and supports across the suicide prevention continuum and throughout the entire County to ensure all suicide prevention activities are linked to other behavioral health activities/services and directly targeted populations in need. The Office will create a systems approach to suicide prevention that leverages existing community and agency resources to build hope, purpose and connection for individuals in need.

#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### Somatic Reactions:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=13.3, SD=3.67; Follow-up M=12.4, SD=3.80; t(23)=1.60, p<.124; Cohen's d=0.33 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=13.3, SD=3.21; Follow-up M=12.2, SD=3.83; t(30)=1.64, p<.012; Cohen's d=0.30 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=13.4, SD=5.0; Follow-up M=12.1, SD=3.6; t(21)=1.47, p=.16; Cohen's d=0.33 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=11.5, SD=4.2; Follow-up M=9.5, SD=2.7; t(19)=3.23, p<.01; Cohen's d=0.84

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#### Search for Explanation:

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### Loss of Social Support:

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#### Stigmatization:

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#### <u>Guilt</u>:

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#### **Responsibility:**

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#### Shame:

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### Rejection:

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#### Self-Destructive Behavior:

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#### Unique Reactions:

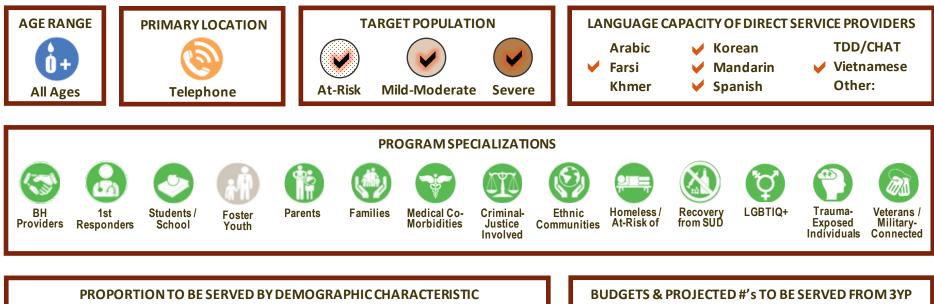
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#### **Overall Score**:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=168.9, SD=34.98; Follow-up M=150.2, SD=35.36; t(23)=2.96, p<.006; Cohen's d=0.61 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=158.4, SD=33.09; Follow-up M=138.4, SD=38.56; t(30)=4.33, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.79 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=154.8, SD=38.4; Follow-up M=136.3, SD=33.6; t(21)=2.16, p<.05; Cohen's d=0.46 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=132.6, SD=32.6; Follow-up M=116.7, SD=30.7; t(19)=3.28, p<.01; Cohen's d=0.74

# Mobile Crisis Assessment (CSS)

The mobile **Crisis Assessment Team** (CAT) program serves individuals of all ages who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Clinicians respond to calls from anyone in the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week year-round and dispatch to locations throughout Orange County other than inpatient psychiatric or skilled nursing facilities which are staffed to conduct such evaluations. The CAT also includes the Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams (PERTs), which consist of CAT clinicians who are stationed or ride along with assigned law enforcement officers to address behavioral health-related calls in their assigned city. PERT provides all the same services as CAT and also initiates involuntary hospitalizations as necessary.

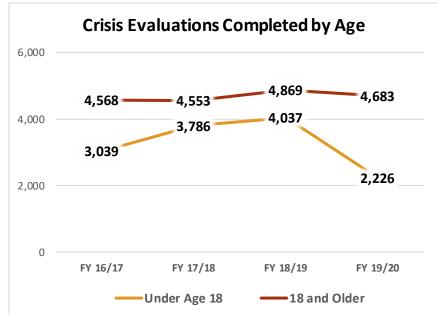


Age	<u>%</u>	Gender	<u>%</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<u>%</u>
0-15	29	Female	51	African American/Black	5
16-25	28	Male	48	American Indian/Alaskan Native	-
26-59	35	Transgender	1	Asian/Pacific Islander	10
60+	8	Genderqueer	-	Caucasian/White	41
		Questioning/Unsure	-	Latino/Hispanic	31
		Another	-	Middle Eastern/North African	1
				Another	12

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	Total <u>Evaluations</u>								
FY 2020-21	\$9,135,858	7,689								
FY 2021-22*	\$9,135,858	8,837								
FY 2022-23	\$9,135,858	10,241								
*No proposed now reflect ev	*No proposed budget change for FY 2021-22. #s serve now reflect evaluations conducted rather than person serve									

This multi-disciplinary program provides prompt response in the county when an individual is experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Clinicians receive specialized training and are designated to conduct evaluations and risk assessments that are geared to the individual's age and developmental level. The evaluations include interviews with the individual, as well as parents, guardians, family members, law enforcement, emergency department staff and/or school personnel, if available. Clinicians link individuals to an appropriate level of care to ensure their safety, which may involve initiating a hospitalization. CAT clinicians also follow-up with individuals and/or their parents/guardians to provide information, referrals and linkage to on-going behavioral health services that may help reduce the need for future crisis interventions.

The Children's team provides ongoing trainings and education to schools, school districts, hospitals, police departments and other community stakeholders upon request to increase collaboration and support for children and youth experiencing a behavioral health crisis event. PERT clinicians similarly educate police on behavioral health issues and provide officers with tools that allow them to assist individuals living with behavioral health issues more effectively.



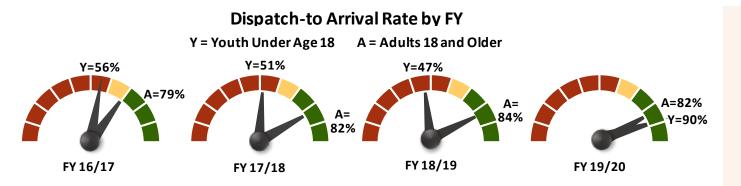
There are currently 27 clinicians on the children's crisis assessment team (CAT) serving youth under age 18, and 41 clinicians on the TAY/Adult/Older Adult team serving individuals ages 18 and older. The teams are also staffed with Service Chiefs who are responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the program. The HCA currently has 17 PERT collaborations across Orange County, including the Orange County Sheriff's Department and police departments in the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Orange, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Tustin, University of California at Irvine, and Westminster.

The Children's team experienced a decrease in total calls received in FY 2019-20. A contributing factor to the decrease in calls was the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The program demonstrated a drop in totals call starting in March through the end of the fiscal year. Schools are one of the main referral sources for the Children's team and the program saw a decrease in calls that correlates with the closing of in-person school services for children and youth.

#### **OUTCOMES**

The program is evaluated by the timeliness with which the teams are able to respond to calls, with the goal of a dispatch-to-arrival time that is 30 minutes or less at least 70% of the time. The Children's and TAY/Adult/Older Adult team meet this goal for FY 2019-20. While the TAY/Adult/Older Adult team has continued to meet this goal, this was the first time in the last four fiscal years that the Children's team reached this goal. The re-location of the children's team to a new facility, combined with reduced traffic during the COVID-19 Public Health emergency, contributed to the Children's program reaching the goal for FY 2019-20.

In addition to dispatch-to-arrival times, the teams examine the rate at which individuals are psychiatrically hospitalized as a way of monitoring the severity of the presenting problems experienced by the individuals served and the availability of safe alternatives to inpatient services. Consistent with prior years, individuals continued to be hospitalized less than half the time (44%, 40% and 42% in FYs 2016-17 through 2018-19 for children; 48%, 45% and 46% in FYs 2016-17 through 2018-19 for TAY, adults and older adults).



#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

As an essential service, both Adult and Children's CAT continued to respond to calls throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and were required to implement new processes to keep our clients and clinicians safe. All clinicians started responding to calls with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including but not limited to masks, gloves, and face shields. Both teams started the process of having clinicians dispatching from home to reduce the number of clinicians in the office. While maintaining social distancing guidelines, evaluating clients in the field/home added a layer of complexity. Targeted training was provided for CAT to ensure PPE was being put on, worn and taken off in the appropriate manner.

While the increasing calls from law enforcement, schools and the community are ultimately a reflection of the program's positive impact in Orange County, this growing demand nevertheless poses challenges. As PERT continues to expand, the TAY/Adult/Older Adult team experiences decreased staffing due to the transition of CAT staff to the new PERTs. To accommodate increasing call volume, the TAY/Adult/Older Adult teams have increased the number of positions, however hiring remains difficult due to the inherent challenges in staffing a 24/7 program. Hiring bilingual staff is also difficult as clinicians who speak languages other than English frequently receive competing job offers for positions that offer a more traditional schedule. The HCA is working to overcome these challenges by offering pay differential for bilingual staff and for those who work the night shift. To address increasing volume during daytime hours, CAT has also been supported by Lanterman-Petris - Short (LPS)-designated clinicians from County-operated outpatient clinics and, for the Adult team, clinicians from the Program for Assertive Community Treatment.

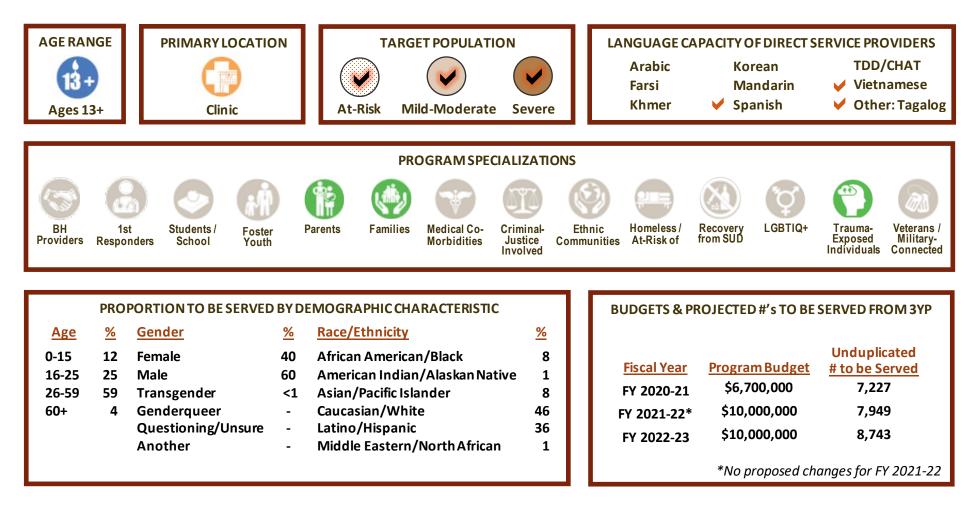
While the Children's team has continued to evaluate the impact of call location on response time, current COVID-19 impact has led to a decrease in calls for evaluation, freeing up staff to respond more quickly and improve response time. The HCA will continue to monitor call volume and the impact on response time.

# **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Since their inception in January 2003 through June 2019, the mobile crisis teams have responded to calls for more than 30.000 children under age 18 and 52,000 adults ages 18 and older. The teams have been successful in safely linking individuals who are experiencing health crises behavioral to appropriate levels of care that are less restrictive or costly and more recovery-oriented than inpatient psychiatric hospitalization, hospital emergency department visits and incarceration. Feedback from law enforcement about having clinicians out in the field with officers has also been overwhelmingly positive, helping to incorporate a more compassionate response when law enforcement interacts with individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

# Crisis Stabilization Units (CSS)

**Crisis Stabilization Units** (CSUs) provide the community with 24-hour, 7-day a week, year-round service for individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis requiring emergent stabilization that cannot wait until a regularly scheduled appointment. One of the units serves Orange County residents ages 13 and older, the majority of whom may be on a 72-hour civil detention for psychiatric evaluation due to danger to self, others or grave disability resulting from a behavioral health disorder (i.e., Welfare and Institutions Code 5150/5585). The CSUs can be accessed directly by individuals experiencing a crisis, as well as by family members, law enforcement and others in the community who believe an individual has an emergent behavioral health need.



Services, which are not to exceed 23 hours and 59 minutes, will include psychiatric evaluation, basic medical services, individual and group therapy as appropriate, nursing assessment, collateral services with significant others, individual and family education, medication services, crisis intervention, peer mentor services, referral, linkage and follow up services and transfer to inpatient level of care as appropriate. Services will also include substance use disorder treatment for individuals who have co-occurring substance use disorders. As an essential service, the CSUs continued to remain fully operational throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and were required to implement new processes to keep our clients and clinicians safe, such as a decreased census in order to uphold physical distancing standards, the use of PPE and COVID-19 testing.

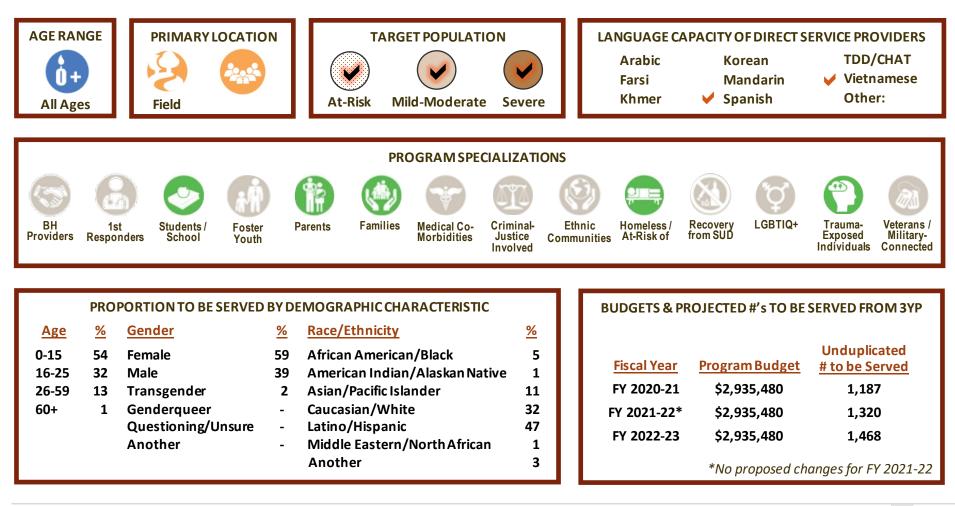
The MHSA-funded CSUs were not operational in FY 2019-20, the year for which outcomes are being reported in this Plan Update. Outcomes will be reported in future Plans.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

College Hospital CSU in Costa Mesa opened its doors for services at the end of February 2020 for individuals 18 and older, and the Exodus CSU in Orange launched on February 1st, 2021 for voluntary clients and was able to begin accepting involuntary clients as of March 17, 2021 following its designation by the County of Orange. The CSU in Orange serves individuals ages 13 and older.

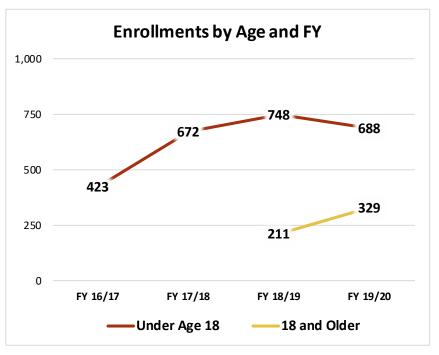
# In-Home Crisis Stabilization(CSS)

The In-Home Crisis Stabilization (IHCS) program operates a 24-hour, 7-day a week, year-round service which consists of family stabilization teams that provide short-term, intensive in-home services to individuals who have been assessed to be at imminent risk of psychiatric hospitalization or out-of-home placement but are capable of remaining safely in the community and out of the hospital with appropriate support. The teams include clinicians and peers with lived experience, with one set of teams serving youth under age 18 and another serving TAY, adults and older adults ages 18 and older. Individuals are referred by County behavioral health clinicians, County and County contracted CSUs, our CAT teams and emergency department personnel.



Individuals and their families or identified support networks (i.e., "family") are typically referred to IHCS after a clinician has evaluated an individual for possible hospitalization and determined that, while they may not meet criteria for hospitalization, they and their family would safely benefit from supportive services. The evaluator calls the crisis stabilization team to the site of the evaluation and the team is required to respond in person within two hours, immediately working with the individual and their family or identified support network to develop a stabilization plan. After triggers have been identified and a safety plan is in place, additional in-home appointments are made for the next day.

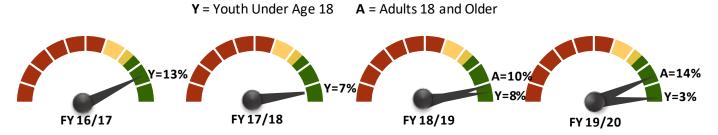
The IHCS teams utilize strategies such as crisis intervention, assessment, short-term individual therapy, peer support services, collateral services and case management to help the individual and their family establish a treatment plan, develop coping strategies and ultimately transition to ongoing support. Length of stay in the program is usually three weeks but can be extended based on clinical need and the amount of time it takes before an individual is linked to long-term services. All IHCS services are mobile and, whenever possible, provided in the home, at the identified residence of individuals who are experiencing homelessness, and/or in any community setting that the individual or family feels comfortable. As an essential service, the IHCS Teams continued to remain fully operational throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and were required to implement new processes to keep both clients and clinicians safe, such as the use of telehealth and PPE.



#### **OUTCOMES**

The goal of IHCS is to help individuals manage their behavioral health crisis and make positive gains in recovery, which is quantified as achieving a psychiatric hospitalization rate of 25% or less from the time the individual is enrolled in the program through 60 days postdischarge. Both teams continue to be successful in meeting this goal.

### Hospitalization Rate Up to 60 Days Following Discharge by Age and FY



\* In prior years, hospitalization rates were tracked by a different target (i.e., less than 5% within 48 hours of discharge) and was shifted to be consistent with the target used by the Children's team in this Three-Year Plan. This previous target was also reached across the three FYs reported above (i.e., 0-1%).

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

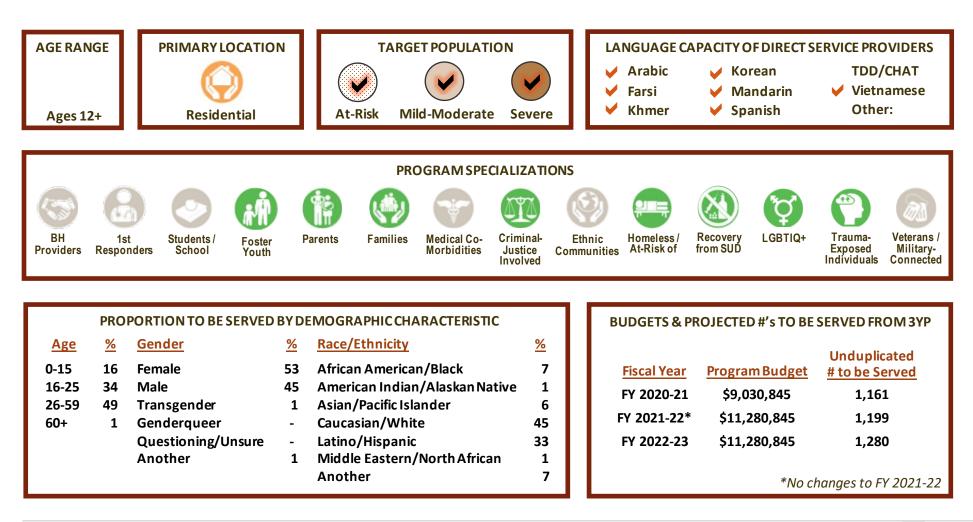
The Children's team strives to stay within the three-week timeframe to address crisis events for children and youth. The program has made progress in maintaining the three-week structure of the program. The program is continuing to focus on the discharge process and working to link children and their families as early as possible during the treatment period. Linking children with private insurance has continued to be a challenge for the Children's team. The program continues to address this by increasing outreach to private insurance providers to educate about its program services and increase collaboration for linkages to covered outpatient or other appropriate services.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

More than 4,300 children have received in-home support since services began in 2006 and more than 500 adults have received support since services began in 2018. The program collaborates with referring agencies, behavioral health programs, schools, emergency departments, crisis stabilization units and the mobile crisis assessment teams with a focus on assisting the County's most vulnerable clients and ensuring their linkage to ongoing services. In addition, the adult IHCS team has begun to partner with the Crisis Residential Services program to serve as a step down for Older Adult clients in order to solidify their gains during their Crisis Residential Services stay. Overall, the IHCS program strives to reduce admissions to local emergency departments and provide a in-home strengths-based, alternative psychiatric to individuals hospitalization for experiencing a behavioral health crisis and their families.

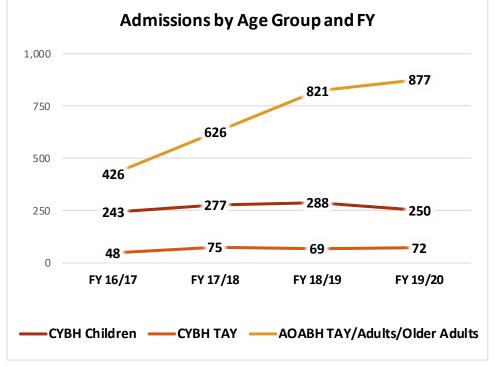
# Crisis Residential Services (CSS)

The **Crisis Residential Services** (CRS) program provides highly structured, voluntary services in a residential setting for individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis and meet eligibility requirements. Individuals ages 12 and older can be referred if they have been evaluated for psychiatric hospitalization, can be safely referred to a less restrictive, lower level of care and they and/or their family are experiencing considerable distress. Individuals must be referred by hospitals (for the Children's and TAY sites), County CAT/PERTs or County or County-contracted Specialty Mental Health Plan programs (i.e., the program does not accept walk-ins, self-referrals). The Adult CRS program currently has 42 beds available at 4 sites located throughout Orange County.



CRS has several sites across the county tailored to meet the needs of different age groups:

- Children ages of 12 to 17 receive services at three sites operated by Children Youth and Behavioral Health (CYBH; i.e., Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach, Tustin) with a total of 16 beds. Services generally last for three weeks, although children can remain in treatment for up to six weeks, if needed. Additional sites are being added to address the needs of dependents as part of Continuum of Care (COC) Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP) services and/or DHCS' Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF).
- **TAY** between the ages of 18-25 receive services at a site operated by CYBH with six beds. Services generally last for three weeks, although youth can remain in treatment for up to six weeks if needed. TAY may also receive services at the TAY/Adults sites operated by Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health (AOABH).
- **TAY/Adults** ages 18 and older receive services at three sites operated by AOABH (2 sites in Orange, 1 in Mission Viejo) with a total of 36 beds, four of which are ADA-compliant. Stays last an average of 7 to 14 days.
- Older Adults ages 50 and older receive services at a newly renovated Older Adult CRS operated by AOABH in Anaheim (6 beds, 2 of which are ADA-compliant). Stays last an average of 7 to 14 days.



The residences emulate home-like environments in which intensive and structured psychosocial, trauma-informed, recovery services are offered. Depending on the individual's age and their or their family's/significant other's needs, services can include crisis intervention; individual, group and family counseling/therapy; group education and rehabilitation; assistance with self-administration of medications; training in skills of daily living; case management; development of a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP); prevention education; recreational activities; activities to build social skills; parent education and skill-building; mindfulness training; narrative therapy, reminiscence groups, educational and didactic groups specific to older adults, issues associated with aging, stigma associated with aging, safety issues, adaptive equipment, fragility issues and "silver" fitness groups, outings and activities. and nursing assessments. The evidence-based and best practices most commonly used include cognitive behavior therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) and trauma-informed care. Programs also provide substance use disorder education and treatment services for people who have co-occurring disorders.

To integrate the individual back into the community effectively, discharge planning starts upon admission. A key aspect of discharge planning involves linkage to community resources and services that build resilience and promote recovery (i.e., FSPs and other on-going behavioral health services; victim's assistance; local art, music, cooking, self-protection classes; animal therapy; activity groups designed to support the individual; etc.). Children also have the option to participate in a weekly graduate drop-in group. As an essential service the CRPs remained fully operational throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and implemented new practices to keep clients and staff safe, including the use of PPE, COVID-19 testing and reducing the census as necessary to allow for isolation and quarantine.

#### OUTCOMES

The goal of the program is to help the person manage their behavioral health crisis and make positive gains in recovery, which is quantified as achieving a psychiatric hospitalization rate of 25% or less from the time the individual is enrolled in the program through 60 days post-discharge. The program met this goal with hospitalization rates ranging from 14%-22% across all fiscal years and age groups.

Hospitalization Rate Up to 60 Days Following Discharge by Age and FY

CT = Children/TAY Under 18 (CYBH) T = TAY 18-25 (CYBH) A = TAY/Adults/Older Adults 18 (AOABH)



\* In prior years, hospitalization rates were tracked by a different target (i.e., less than 5% within 48 hours of discharge) and was shifted to be consistent with the target used by the Children's team in this Three-Year Plan. This previous target was also reached across the three FYs reported above (i.e., 0-1%).

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

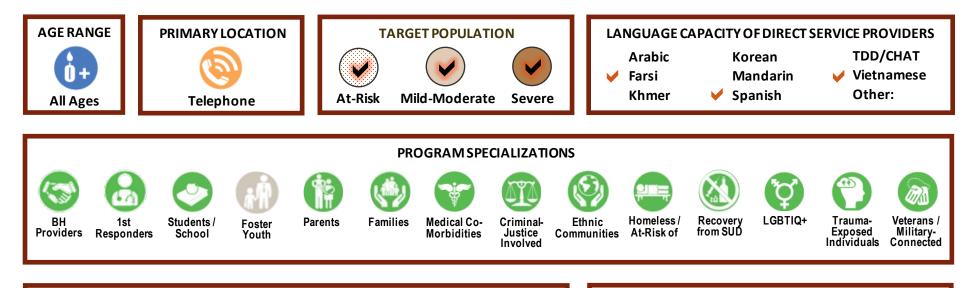
An ongoing, primary challenge has been the increased demand for Crisis Residential Services, with the community identifying a particular need for a facility specifically geared towards older adults. The HCA is actively working on addressing this service gap and opened the Silver Treehouse on September 1, 2021, that exclusively addresses the needs of older adults in behavioral health crisis. TAY continue to face challenges with the lack of stable housing available when youth are ready for a lower level of care, and children periodically showed an increased demand for services throughout the past two calendar years and, at times, either had to be placed on a waitlist or diverted to other crisis services such as in-home crisis. The HCA is examining these trends to determine projected need for Children's Crisis Residential Services over the course of the next three-year period. As part of this, the HCA is considering how the new State requirement for a CCRP level of care and facility type will affect the children's crisis residential needs moving forward to ensure a sufficient number of beds are available for youth determined to need this level of care.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Since inception, the program has assisted more than 1,900 children, 1,600 TAY, and 4,800 adults/older adults with intensive services provided in a therapeutic, home-like environment. The program reduces admissions to local emergency departments and provides a strengths-based, recovery-oriented alternative to psychiatric hospitals for those experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

# **BHS Disaster Response** (PEI)

The **Behavioral Health Services Disaster Response** (BHSDR) program is a mobile team of BHS clinicians who receive specialized training in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). The team is on-call to provide support to residents with the goal of minimizing lasting, negative impacts from critical, traumatic and/or disruptive events. The team responds anywhere in Orange County or surrounding areas. It is part of the PEI-funded program, Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness and is described here due to its specific focus on crisis response.



	PRO	PORTION TO BE SERVED	BYD	EMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTIC		BUDGETS & PROJECTED #'s TO BE SERVED FROM 3YP				
<u>Age</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>%</u>	Race/Ethnicity	<u>%</u>	Funding is contained within the Outreach for Increasing				
0-15 16-25 26-59 60+	- 67 27	Female Male Transgender Genderqueer Questioning/Unsure Another	56 44 - - -	African American/Black American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian/White Latino/Hispanic Middle Eastern/North African	Not Collected	Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness program. The number of requests for services and/or individuals supported varies based on the number and/or magnitude of critical incidents that may occur in any given year.				
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BHSDR provides Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) group debriefings, CISM one-on-one debriefings, CISM briefings and education on grief, stress reactions and self-care. In addition, the team provides Psychological First Aid training to community members. The number of requests for services and/or individuals supported varies based on the number and/or magnitude of critical incidents that may occur in any given year.

Notably, during FY 2019-20 several scheduled meetings, exercises, activities and trainings were canceled during the last quarter due to the COVID-19 crisis. BHSDR shifted its focus to assist with many activities to support the County's response to the pandemic.

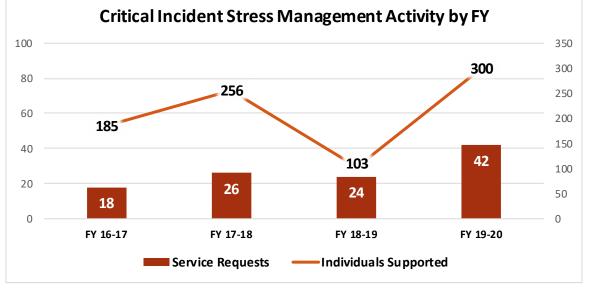
More specifically, the team helped with:

- Coordination of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distribution
- Redeployment of team members to homeless shelters (i.e., Salvation Army in Santa Ana for three weeks in April 2020; Joplin Youth Center in May 2020), where they provided outreach and engagement, case management, crisis intervention and referral and linkage to supportive services
- Coordination and oversight of supportive services provided to the vulnerable homeless population residing in motels during the COVID-19 crisis
- Development of a debriefing process for hotline workers at the Loma Ridge Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Facilitation of 12 trainings to 346 individuals throughout FY 2019 2020, including Psychological First Aid (PFA); Disaster Preparedness for Disaster Service Workers (DSW); Vicarious Trauma: Impact and Skills to Help You Cope; and a new training focused on Grief and Loss that reached approximately 272 community partners from Waymakers, Social Service Agency, HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response, HCA Public Health Nursing and several Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

In addition, 27 BHSDR Team members received training in Grief Following Trauma through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF).

# **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

BHSDR staff served a critical role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting both essential workers and vulnerable individuals. The team continues to work tirelessly to support County clients and staff during this unprecedented time, and recently received recognition from the HCA BHS Director's office for their efforts.



# **Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by Suicide and Crisis Prevention Programs**

#### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

Programs in the HCA's Crisis Prevention continuum promote recovery and resilience in several ways. Services are tailored to the unique strengths of the individual. They focus on empowering people to manage their recovery by working with them to identify previously successful coping strategies, develop independent living skills, and, in residential settings, make choices in their daily activities. In addition, the WarmLine, CSUs, CRPs and In-Home Crisis Stabilization programs employ peer specialists, and the Suicide Prevention Services program has a survivor co-facilitate the bereavement support group. These staff support individuals in their recovery by promoting self-sufficiency, encouraging engagement in meaningful life activities and by sharing their stories of recovery to inspire a sense of hope and inspiration in participants and their families.

#### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

Programs engage in a number of strategies to reduce stigma and discrimination related to mental health in an effort to limit the impact of this potential barrier to seeking support. First, staff across all programs provides numerous community presentations to correct misperceptions and misinformation about mental health that may contribute to stigma. Programs also adjust their terminology and messaging to be responsive to diverse cultures. For example, when the Suicide Prevention Services program learned "support group" was a stigmatizing term within the Latino/Hispanic community, staff began to refer to their services as "workshops." This approach was so successful in increasing access to its services, that community partners have also adopted this approach.

Additional strategies include the ability to engage in Crisis Prevention Hotline and WarmLine services anonymously. WarmLine calls are also monitored to ensure the use of non-stigmatizing, and non-discriminatory practices and representatives from Orange County's diverse communities are invited to attend WarmLine staff meetings to increase understanding of its services and improve outreach in these communities. Crisis Residential Services strives to provide physically and emotionally safe environments that are free of judgment to all residents so they can focus on their recovery. This includes providing transgender TAY, adults and older adults with their choice of room assignment based on what they most identify with or prefer (i.e., male, female, private).

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

People who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis face barriers to receiving services such as lack of transportation or other resources, homelessness, stigma, fear of the "system" or unknown, cultural factors or linguistic issues. In an effort to encourage utilization by underserved populations, program clinicians and staff conduct culturally appropriate trainings and outreach throughout the county to increase recognition of the signs of behavioral health crisis across diverse communities and to raise awareness of program services. All programs (including crisis residential) either provide transportation assistance or field-based services. Moreover, crisis residential sites are located throughout Orange County to improve the opportunity for family members to participate in services.

These programs all place a priority on hiring bilingual/bicultural staff who speak multiple languages and may access the language line for interpretation services when bilingual staff is not available. Staff participates in cultural competency trainings to communicate and interact with individuals in ways that respect and value their and their family's backgrounds and world views. They also offer culturally responsive service referrals and provide literature in multiple languages, including California Mental Health Services Authority's (CalMHSA) culturally appropriate materials that target underserved monolingual communities. In addition, PERT's partnership with law enforcement has resulted in a more compassionate response during crisis calls involving law enforcement in the community.

Because people who have survived the loss of someone to suicide become ready to engage in services at different stages after their loss, staff remains steadfast, patient and ready to provide treatment at any time the survivor is ready to engage since their readiness does not always coincide with when they are referred to the program. If a survivor does not begin services directly after the referral, staff continues to reach out and periodically re-assess readiness for service.

Finally, central to each participant's treatment plan is connection to on-going services and stable supports once they discharge from one of the programs in the Crisis Prevention Services continuum. Staff provides case management and close coordination with partner programs such as County and County-contracted outpatient clinics, Full Service Partnerships, Programs of Assertive Community Treatment, Older Adult Services, Recovery Services/Centers and others to ensure participants are linked to appropriate, available resources.

Crisis Prevention and Support S	ervices		Linkage Metrics				
Programs		# Referrals	# Linkages	Types of Linkages			
	FY 2016-17	4,663	See note*				
WarmLine	FY 2017-18	2,139		OC Links, mental health services, Family Support Service, Patients' Rights			
warmLine	FY 2018-19	2,189		Advocacy, suicide prevention programs			
	FY 2019-20	2,629					
	FY 2016-17	471	226				
Suicide Prevention Services	FY 2017-18	692	220	Early Intervention, Private/Community Outpatient, Outpatient Clinic-Based,			
(Survivor Support Services only)	FY 2018-19	983	119	Outpatient Crisis Services, Supportive Services			
	FY 2019-20	526	32				
	FY 2016-17	-	See note**				
In Home Crisis Stabilization	FY 2017-18	-	See note	Lower level of outpatient behavioral bealth care convices			
(Adult team)	FY 2018-19	206	141	Lower level of outpatient behavioral health care services			
	FY 2019-20	434	208				

\* At the present time, the WarmLine is not currently equipped to track linkages.

\*\* At the present time, the Children's team is not currently able to report on referrals and linkages. The Adult team launched in August 2018, therefore, data are available beginning 2018-19.

# OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

The largest service function of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)-funded programs, both in breadth and depth, is Outpatient Services. These programs provide clinical interventions and other services in a non-hospital/non-residential setting for individuals of all ages who are experiencing mental health symptoms that can range in severity from mild, to serious and persistent. To further promote recovery and resilience, many of the programs also provide services and support for family members. Orange County devotes a considerable proportion of its MHSA allocation to fund a wide array of outpatient programs.



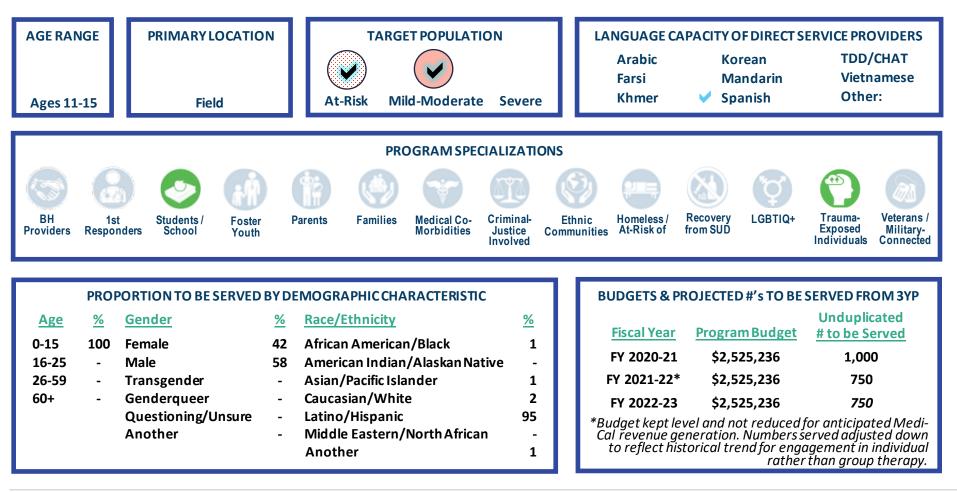


- Early Intervention Outpatient Treatment Programs
- Clinic Expansion Programs
- Full Service Partnership Programs and Program for Assertive Community Treatment

**EARLY INTERVENTION** is the first subcategory of outpatient treatment. Consistent with a key MHSA aim of preventing symptoms of a mental health condition from becoming severe and disabling, Early Intervention Outpatient Services are designed to create a help-first, community-based system that encourages access to care as early as possible, following the onset of symptoms. These programs are funded by PEI and organized below according to the target populations they are designed to serve: 1) Child, Youth and Family Focused and 2) Specialized Services

# School-Based Mental Health Services (PEI)

The **School-Based Mental Health Services** (SBMHS) program provides school-based, early intervention services for individual students in grades 6 through 8 who are experiencing mild to moderate depression, anxiety and/or substance use problems. Students are referred by school staff and screened by program clinicians to determine early onset of a mental health condition and program eligibility.



SBMHS provides a range of services to develop protective factors and create resilience in youth to better meet new academic and social challenges. This includes educating parents about these challenges and how they can assist their transitioning youth. Services include assessment, individual counseling, group interventions, case management, and referral and linkage to community resources. It uses evidenced-based curricula such as Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (C-BITS), Coping Cat and Seeking Safety, as well as Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR).

#### **OUTCOMES**

Beginning in FY 2017-18, SBMHS assessed reductions in, or prevention of, prolonged suffering via the YOQ<sup>®</sup> 30.2, which was administered at intake, every three months and at discharge. Results indicate that program services are associated with preventing symptoms of a mental health condition from becoming severe and disabling for the majority of students served across the past three years.

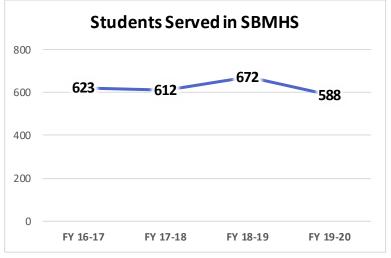


### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The SBMHS program has provided services to more than 15,338 students since its inception in August 2011. In FY 2020-21, the program will collaborate with the Orange County Department of Education's (OCDE) Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Regional Mental Health Coordinators to meet the need for mental health services in schools throughout Orange County.

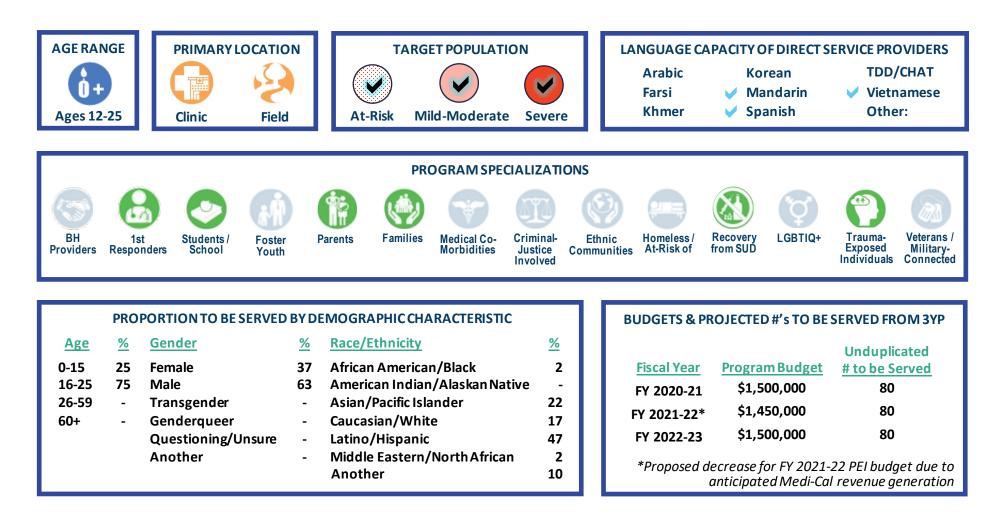
#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS

In FY 2019-20, the program expanded services to new districts (n=6 schools) and was on track to meet their target enrollment goal. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Orange County schools began distance learning in March of 2020 and SBMHS clinicians had to creatively engage students via phone or telehealth since they could not go on campus. Many participants declined telehealth services because they did not want to be seen from home, or they didn't have access to technology and/or privacy. As a result, the program was unable to continue group interventions. During this period the program also experienced a significant drop in referrals as school partners shared their own difficulties in engaging students to attend regular classes. Additional program challenges included staff vacancies and limited access to students during instruction time since clinicians could no longer pull students out of class for counseling sessions as they had done prior to the pandemic. To increase access to students and address barriers to telehealth, the program has extended their business hours and offers to engage students outside of the school setting. SBMHS became Medi-Cal certified to further expand staffing and increase capacity to serve additional students.



# First Onset of Psychiatric Illness(OC CREW)(PEI)

The **First Onset of Psychiatric Illness** program, also known as Orange County Center for Resiliency, Education and Wellness (OC CREW), serves youth ages 12 through 25 who are experiencing a first episode of psychotic illness with symptom onset within the past 24 months. The program also serves the families of eligible youth. To be eligible for services, the youths' symptoms cannot be caused by the effects of substance use, a known medical condition, depression, bipolar disorder or trauma. The program receives self-referrals and referrals from County-operated and County-contracted specialty mental health clinics and community providers.



OC CREW uses Early Detection and Intervention for the Prevention of Psychosis (EDIPP) and a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) to guide service planning and delivery. The services offered include individual therapy, case management, psychiatric care, psychoeducation, vocational and educational support, social wellness activities, substance use services, and referral and linkage to community resources. In addition to collateral services and evidence-based practices, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis, Assertive Community Treatment, medication services and Multi-Family Groups (MFG), the program offers community and professional training on the First Onset of Psychosis.

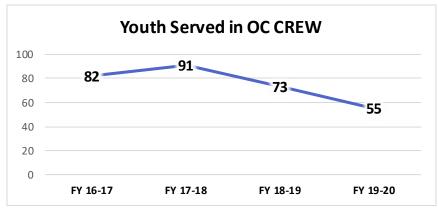
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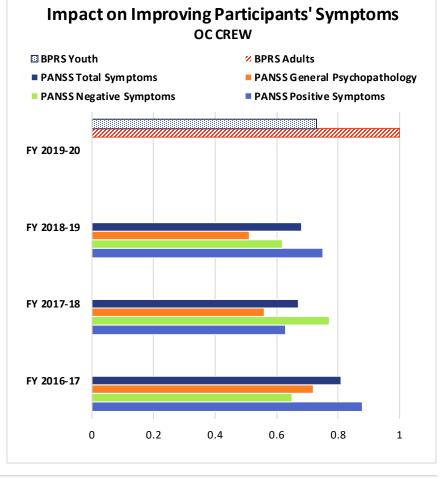
The goal of OC CREW is to reduce prolonged suffering from an untreated mental health condition. From FYs 2016-17 to 2018-19, this was measured using psychiatrists' ratings on the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS). In FY 2019-20, OC CREW began using the Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS). Both are widely used measures that assess the frequency and/or severity of psychiatric symptoms, particularly schizophrenia. The 24-item BPRS was used for adults and the 21-item was used for youth ages 12-17 with each item rated on a 7-point scale ranging from 'not present' to 'extremely severe.'

Clinicians provided PANSS and BPRS ratings at intake, every six months and at program exit, and the difference between intake (baseline) and the most recent follow-up was used to determine whether there was a reduction of prolonged suffering. Results are reported according to the calculated effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change in scores over time is clinically meaningful for the youth served in the program. Effect sizes are standardized and are interpreted the same way across different measures. Medium to large reductions in symptoms were consistently observed across all years, suggesting that OC CREW reduces prolonged suffering from an untreated mental health condition and is effective in helping to prevent first episode psychosis from becoming severe, persistent and disabling.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

In March 2020, the program filled several vacant positions: Service Chief, Mental Health Specialist, and two Behavioral Health Clinicians, with the psychiatrist position still vacant. Filling the positions was anticipated to increase the number of youth enrolled in the program, however that same month coincided with the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, OC CREW revamped its internal enrollment process and the way it provided its services. The program temporarily transitioned from clinic- and field-





based services to a largely telephone- and telehealth-based platform, with in-person appointments still available as clinically indicated. With the new team members and treatment platform, efforts were focused on training staff to increase engagement of telehealth services and to provide quality care to the community. Public health restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic led to a reduction in group services, community outreach to increase awareness of psychosis and the numbers of First Break of Psychosis presentations. As COVID-19-related restrictions are lifted over the course of the next fiscal year, the goal is to increase the coordinated specialty care services provided to better serve the community.

In addition, the program continues to participate in the Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network (EPLHCN) Statewide Collaboration. The Medi-Cal certification process is complete and the program is now billing Medi-Cal. As a Medi-Cal Certified program, OC CREW can look to expand staffing and increase their capacity to serve additional participants as the need arises.

#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS):

#### Children:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=57.0, SD=18.02; Follow-up M=48.9, SD=21.17; t(8)=-2.11, p>.05; Cohen's d=0.73 Adult:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=54.3, SD=18.17; Follow-up M=42.3, SD=12.57; t(17)=-3.90, p<.01; Cohen's d=1.00 **PANSS:** 

#### Positive Symptoms:

FY 2018-19: Baseline M=16.7, SD=6.68; Follow-up M=11.7, SD=5.94; t(54)=5.53, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.75 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=16.1, SD=7.0; Follow-up M=10.8, SD=7.9; t(50)=4.47, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.63 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=15.9, SD=7.0; Follow-up M=9.0, SD=7.7; t(50)=6.33, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.88

#### **Negative Symptoms:**

FY 2018-19: Baseline M=19.0, SD=7.66; Follow-up M=14.0, SD=7.2; t(54)=4.62, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.62 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=17.9, SD=7.1; Follow-up M=12.0, SD=7.4; t(48)=5.42, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.77 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=17.2, SD=8.3; Follow-up M=11.5, SD=8.3; t(50)=4.63, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.65

#### General Psychopathology:

FY 2018-19: Baseline M=34.9, SD=11.40; Follow-up M=27.8, SD=10.65; t(54)=3.75, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.51 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=33.5, SD=11.6; Follow-up M=24.7, SD=14.2; t(50)=3.95, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.56 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=32.2, SD=11.9; Follow-up M=22.2, SD=13.1; t(50)=5.14, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.72

#### Total Symptoms:

FY 2018-19: Baseline M=70.6, SD=23.29; Follow-up M=53.0, SD=21.15; t(54)=5.06, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.68 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=68.2, SD=24.0; Follow-up M=48.6, SD=29.6; t(50)=4.72, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.67 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=65.3, SD=25.0; Follow-up M=42.7, SD=27.4; t(50)=5.74, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.81

# **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

OC CREW has provided services to more than 635 participants since its inception in the Spring of 2011. By providing field based services the program is able to reach, serve and impact individuals who are reluctant to seek behavioral health treatment for fear of being stigmatized, have limited resources to access clinical based care or experience functional limitation due to their mental health symptoms.

# **Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network** (INN)

The **Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network** (LHCN) is a multi-county Innovation (INN) project led by University of California, Davis. The project aims to evaluate early psychosis (EP) programs across the state with the primary purpose of increasing the quality of mental health services, including measurable outcomes, and the goal of introducing a mental health practice or approach that is new to the overall mental health system, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention. The aim of the EP LHCN is to standardize the evaluation of EP programs across participating counties; establish shared learning; and provide an opportunity to improve OC CREW outcomes, program impact and cost-effectiveness. This INN project does not provide direct services and will not require that OC CREW change the clinical services that it provides.

BUDGETS & PROJECTED #'s TO BE SERVED FROM 3YP								
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Unduplicated <u># to be Served</u>							
FY 2020-21	\$500,000	-						
FY 2021-22	\$510,584	-						
FY 2022-23	\$561,234	-						

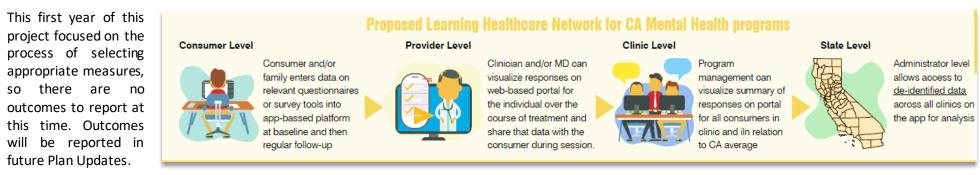
Orange County's participation was approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) in 2018 and local project start up began in January 2020. At present, a total of 5 counties are participating, including Orange County with its First Onset of Psychiatric Illness program (i.e., OC CREW). OC CREW participants and their families will have the option of participating in the INN project while they are enrolled in OC CREW and/or for the length of this INN project, whichever is shorter.

#### SERVICES

During the initial year of implementation, OC CREW program staff, participants and family members participated in voluntary focus groups to provide feedback on the selection of EP outcome measures. Focus group results from all participating counties, as well as a detailed description of project activities within the first year of implementation are available in the <u>MHSAINN Annual Project Report</u>.

As selected outcome measures are administered, ongoing focus groups with OC CREW staff, participants and their families will be facilitated to gather feedback on the use of measures. Outcome measures and focus group data will be analyzed to assess the impact of the LHCN on consumer- and program-level metrics, as well as utilization and cost rates of EP programs (see diagram of the implementation and evaluation process below). This will provide counties the opportunity to adjust program operations and/or services, if appropriate, based on lessons learned through multiple research approaches.

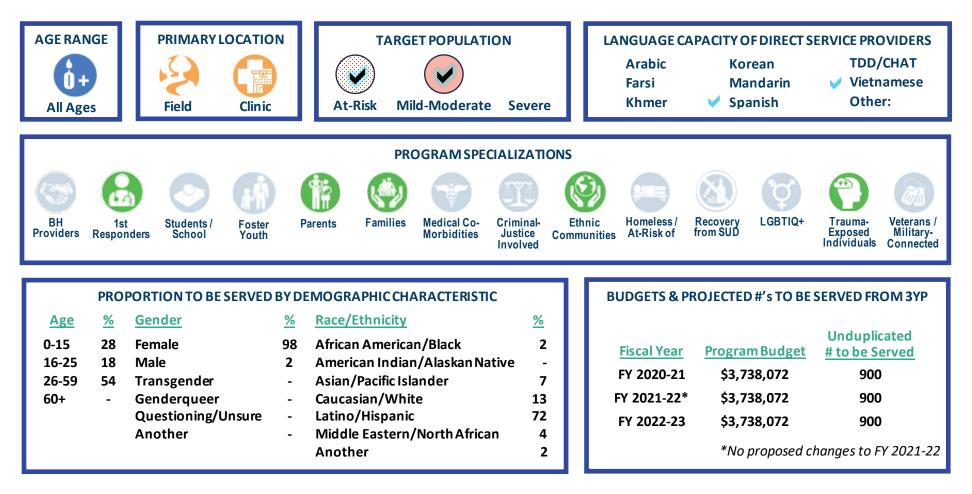
#### **OUTCOMES**



# **OC Parent Wellness Program**(PEI)

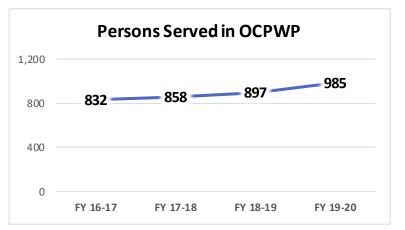
The **Orange County Parent Wellness Program** (OCPWP) has been expanded to include the former Stress Free Families and Connect the Tots programs and provide services to at-risk and stressed families with children under age 18, including pregnant females and partners affected by the pregnancy or birth of a child within the past 12 months, families that have been reported to Child Protective Services (CPS) for allegations of child abuse or neglect, or families with a young child between the ages of 0 and 8 years who are exhibiting mild to moderate behavioral health symptoms that may negatively impact their readiness for school.

Referrals come from a variety of sources including self-referrals, hospitals, schools, behavioral health outpatient facilities, and the Social Services Agency (SSA). Eligibility criteria for families referred by SSA is that the most recent child abuse and/or neglect allegation(s) was found to be inconclusive, unfounded or unsubstantiated.



The expanded OC Parent Wellness Program provides early intervention outpatient treatment that includes screening and needs assessment, clinical case management, individual counseling, parent education, psychoeducational support groups, wellness activities, referral and linkage to community resources, and community outreach and education.

The counseling approaches used by clinicians include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) when clinically indicated. The program also utilizes the evidenced-based curriculum, Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and Mothers and Babies (MB), with staff having been recently trained more intensively to ensure they follow the fidelity of these models and remain current on best practices when working with trauma-exposed individuals.

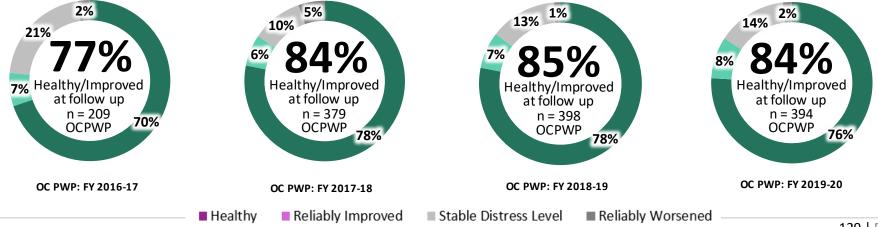


#### **OUTCOMES**

The program measures reductions in or prevention of prolonged suffering through an age-appropriate form of the OQ<sup>®</sup> and PARCA-SE. Participants completed the identified measure at intake, every three months and at program exit. OQ<sup>®</sup> scores were compared to the measure's clinical benchmarks and change in PARCA-SE scores were analyzed and reported by effect size, to determine program effectiveness.

Across the four fiscal years, anywhere from 78% to 90% of enrolled parents reported healthy or reliably improved levels of distress, as measured by the OQ<sup>®</sup>, since starting services. Thus, services were associated with preventing symptoms of a mental health condition from becoming severe and disabling for the overwhelming majority of parents served. For the parents who report a significant worsening in their distress, program staff have been streamlining procedures to quickly identify these individuals earlier in the course of treatment, modify the treatment plan to include increased face-to-face time, or, when appropriate, refer them to a higher level of care with warm handoffs to behavioral health clinics, contract providers, or psychiatrists.

For parent participants with young children, the program also aims to prevent the development or worsening of mental health conditions by maintaining and/or strengthening the protective factor of effective parenting skills, which was assessed using the PARCA-SE. Across the four years, parents consistently reported increased levels of confidence in their parenting skills between intake and follow up. Thus, services appeared to be effective in maintaining and/or enhancing the protective factor related to parental self-efficacy among those parents in the at-risk families served in the program.

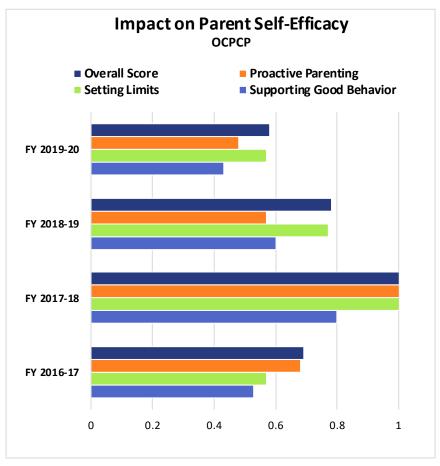


#### **CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS**

In FY 2019-20, OCPWP received an increase in referrals following implementation of the state law requiring practitioners who see women before and after pregnancy to screen for maternal mental health conditions. This necessitated the restructuring of the intake process. The program implemented 25 intake slots on a weekly basis which led to individuals being enrolled for program services more quickly thus decreasing the duration of untreated mental health conditions. Additionally, staff received formal training and post training consultation groups on the Mothers and Babies Course, an evidence-based curriculum focused on both the prevention and treatment of major depression during the prenatal and postpartum periods. This intervention is offered in both group and individual settings to enrolled participants. Furthermore, the program continues to make strides toward becoming more father-inclusive by employing a male provider to outreach and engage expectant and new fathers.

OCPWP continues to maintain its strong collaborative relationships with community partners and with the increase in referrals, the program required two mental health specialists to shift from their role as case carrying providers to Intake Coordinators (IC). As the IC's, they conduct screenings to determine if program referrals meet the basic criteria for suitability and, when appropriate, to immediately schedule an initial Intake session with a therapist to ensure timely access to care. This IC system improves overall efficiency as staff are simultaneously screening for all three specialty areas thus reducing the wait time and increasing linkage to the appropriate level of care.

Lastly, the COVID-19 pandemic transformed the program service provision from inperson care to virtual visits that include telehealth and telephonic services. Despite this, staff provided 4,498 face-to-face contacts and 3,456 telephonic correspondences.



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FY 2019-20: Baseline M=17.0, SD=2.35; Follow-up M=20.4, SD=4.45; t(4)=-1.20, p>.10; Cohen's d=0.54 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=26.7, SD=4.86; Follow-up M=28.2, SD=3.65; t(30)=1.94, p<.062; Cohen's d=0.40 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=28.6, SD=5.21; Follow-up M=28.9, SD=3.54; t(37)=0.52, p<.609; Cohen's d=0.09 FY 2016-17: Not adopted

#### PARCA-SE Supporting Good Behavior

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.7, SD=1.18; Follow-up M=6.1, SD=0.83; t(313)=-5.68, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.33 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.7, SD=1.02; Follow-up M=6.1, SD=0.84; t(278)=6.78, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.41 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.29; Follow-up M=6.0, SD=0.90; t(126)=6.69, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.61 FY 2016-17: Not adopted

#### **PARCA-SE Setting Limits**

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.31; Follow-up M=5.6, SD=1.07; t(313)=-6.54, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.37 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.2, SD=1.23; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=1.00; t(278)=7.41, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.45 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=4.8, SD=1.40; Follow-up M=5.6, SD=0.99; t(126)=7.50, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.69 FY 2016-17: Not adopted

#### PARCA-SE Proactive Parenting

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.29; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=0.98; t(313)=-6.67, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.39 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.3, SD=1.24; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=0.99; t(278)=7.12, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.43 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=4.8, SD=1.50; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=1.03; t(126)=7.26, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.67 FY 2016-17: Not adopted

#### PARCA-SE Overall Score

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.17; Follow-up M=5.8, SD=0.89; t(313)=-7.14, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.41 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=5.4, SD=1.07; Follow-up M=5.9, SD=0.88; t(278)=8.01, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.49 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=4.9, SD=1.33; Follow-up M=5.7, SD=0.90; t(126)=7.78, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.73 FY 2016-17: Not adopted

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Since inception of its respective services, OC Parent Wellness has worked with more than 3.992 new and expecting parents, 1,054 families referred by Child Protective Services/SSA, and 2,139 families with young children at risk of not being ready for school. Clinicians work directly with parents and caregivers and program staff provide consultation to various community partners and County agencies on the early signs of mental health symptoms, program eligibility and referral processes, thus increasing families' access to timely and appropriate behavioral health services.

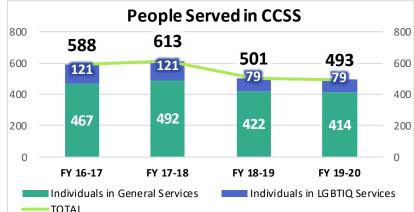
# **Community Counseling & Supportive Services** (PEI)

**Community Counseling and Supportive Services (CCSS)** serves residents of all ages who have, or are at risk of developing, a mild to moderate behavioral health condition and limited or no access to behavioral health services. The majority are uninsured or underinsured, monolingual Spanish speaking, and have a history of family or domestic violence and/or early childhood trauma. Beginning FY 2020-21, OC ACCEPT merged with CCSS and expanded its capacity to provide specialized expertise working with individuals identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Questioning (LGBTIQ), and the important people in their lives.

CCSS is designed to help participants address the early symptoms of depression, anxiety, alcohol and/or drug use, suicidal thoughts, violence and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), as well as the confusion, isolation, grief and loss, high-risk behaviors, self-esteem challenges, victimization by bullying, trauma, homelessness and lack of familial support frequently experienced by individuals identifying as LGBTIQ. Participants are referred to the program by family resource centers, medical offices, community-based organizations, County-operated and County-contracted programs and self-referral.

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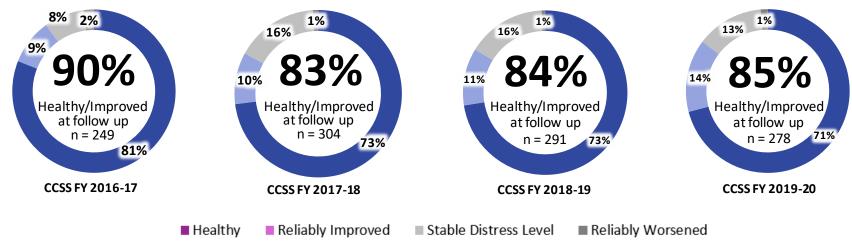
CCSS provides face-to-face individual and collateral counseling, groups (i.e., psychoeducational, skill-building, insight oriented, etc.), clinical case management, and referral and linkage to community services. Clinicians utilize evidence-based practices such as Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Motivational Interviewing (MI), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Seeking Safety while working with program participants. In addition, peer specialists provide social, educational and vocational support and offer targeted case management to help individuals access needed resources or meet other goal-specific needs. Services are tailored to meet the age, developmental and cultural needs of each participant.



#### **OUTCOMES**

The program aims to measure reductions in, or prevention of, prolonged suffering through an age-appropriate form of the OQ<sup>®</sup> (YOQ<sup>®</sup> 30.2 for youth, OQ<sup>®</sup> 30.2 for adults). Participants completed the measure at intake, every three months of program participation, and at discharge. Scores were compared to the measure's clinical benchmarks to determine program effectiveness at improving symptoms and reducing prolonged suffering. This measure reflects cultural competence as it is available in all threshold languages and contains a wide range of symptoms, including somatic symptoms, which may be experienced and/or reported by people from different cultural backgrounds.

Across all four fiscal years, a majority of participants (83-90%) reported healthy or clinically improved levels of distress at the most recent follow up.



Overall, this improvement in scores between intake and follow up suggests that the services of CCSS were associated both with preventing symptoms of a mental health condition from becoming severe and disabling, as well as with a meaningful reduction in suffering among those who had reported clinically-elevated distress levels upon enrolling. In addition, because it was also noted that LGBTQ+ participants tended to report higher levels of distress based on the OQ scores at baseline and follow up in comparison to cisgender/straight participants, the program implemented procedures to identify those with greater needs and refer them to programs that serve individuals with more severe mental health conditions.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

In fiscal 2019-20, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in person services were halted and the program transitioned to a virtual and telephonic platform. The pandemic had a significant impact on the number of referrals received. In response to this challenge, several measures were taken. The program created a dedicated Outlook inbox and modified their referral forms so that they could be completed electronically and securely emailed from community agencies to CCSS. In response to the behavioral health needs of "first responders," business hours were extended to late evenings to accommodate their schedules. In addition, the number of bilingual clinicians in the program was increased- now over 90% of clinicians are bilingual in two of the County's threshold languages thereby increasing the program's ability to serve monolingual communities. Furthermore, all clinicians have received specialized training in a variety of modalities to better serve participants in the treatment of complex trauma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety & depression. An area for further development is to increase outreach efforts in south Orange County, where a satellite CCSS office is open.

In anticipation of the consolidation of CCSS and OC ACCEPT to one CCSS, OC ACCEPT made several adaptations to their screening and intake processes to align practices with CCSS. This included staff training, outreach to new referral sources, clarification of eligibility criteria, and outcome data collection. In FY 2019-20 the program was progressing positively with numerous outreach and training in the community. Additionally, the number of enrollments increased and the program was enrolling more participants by November 2019 compared to the previous fiscal year. However, by January 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic started, the program was significantly impacted by a significant reduction in outreach and enrollment. In March 2020, OC ACCEPT stopped outreach and trainings to collaborative partners and community members as the program transitioned to a virtual platform. Since that time, referrals have significantly decreased leading to low enrollment numbers for the remainder of the fiscal year.

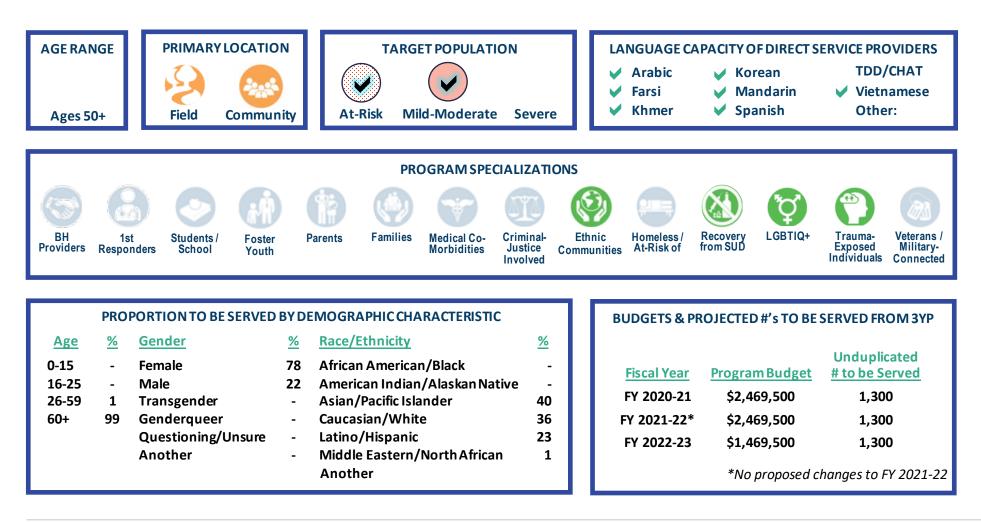
### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

CCSS collaborates with communitybased organizations to provide culturally responsive services to ethnic minorities, deaf-and-hard-ofhearing, and LGBTIQ communities. Since inception, the expanded program has provided services to more than 2,593 individuals, 510 of whom were part of its LGBTIQ service. Additionally, in FY 2019-20, 743 individuals (of 913 referred to the program), were screened by the Intake Coordinator. The Intake Coordinator position has reinforced the program's ability to accurately identify and enroll participants into services that fall within the mild to moderate spectrum. Conversely, participants presenting with higher severity symptoms are referred and linked to the appropriate level of care that addresses their specific need in a timely manner.

The expanded program has also provided valuable education and resources to various unserved and underserved populations with mental health needs to promote awareness of, and encourage use of, its services. In this FY, the program provided 26 community education presentations and trainings to over 386 attendees, raising awareness and reducing stigma about the LGBTIQ population.

# Early Intervention Services for Older Adults (PEI)

The **Early Intervention Services for Older Adults** (EISOA) program provides behavioral health early intervention services to older adults ages 50 years and older who are experiencing the early onset of a mental health condition and/or who are at greatest risk of developing behavioral health conditions due to isolation or other risk factors, such as substance use disorders, physical health decline, cognitive decline, elder abuse or neglect, loss of independence, premature institutionalization and suicide attempts. Participants are referred from senior centers, Family Resource Centers, community centers, faith-based organizations and the PEI Outreach to Increase Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness program.



Program staff conducts a comprehensive in-home evaluation that includes psychosocial assessment, screening for depression, and measurement of social functioning, well-being and cognitive impairment. Using these results, staff then connects older adults to case managers who develop individualized care plans and facilitate participants' involvement in support groups, educational training, physical activity, workshops and other activities. A geropsychiatrist is also available to provide a psychiatric assessment of older adults who may have undiagnosed mental health conditions, as well as medication monitoring and management.

EISOA utilizes the evidence-based practice Healthy IDEAS (Identifying Depression, Empowering Activities for Seniors) which employs a systematic, team-based approach to identifying and reducing the severity of depressive symptoms in older adults via case management, community linkages and behavioral activation services. To ensure fidelity, the program provides staff with comprehensive training on the Healthy IDEAS model, program goals and deliverables, evidence-

based interventions, education on mental health and theories of aging, behavioral activation techniques, ethical and legal considerations, cultural competence and humility, field safety, assessment tools and outcome measures, care planning, and effective communication strategies when working with older adults. In addition, the program conducts staff development workshops and in-service trainings.

#### **OUTCOMES**

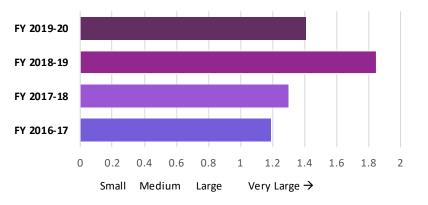
Larger numbers of older adults were served in FY 2019-20 relative to previous years due to an increase in funding allocation for these services. The dip in older adults served in FY 2018-19 was due to a change in the program's admission and discharge criteria that occurred in the second half of FY 2017-18 and affected participant recruitment and engagement the following fiscal year.

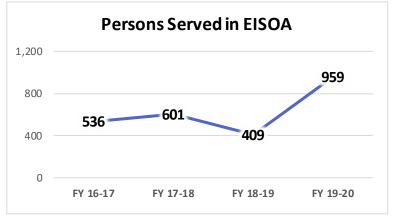
Mental health functioning was assessed through the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9), a commonly used measure of depressive symptom severity. Measures were completed at intake, every three months and at discharge. Change in scores among participants who scored in the clinical range at intake (i.e., score > 10) was evaluated to assess the program's effectiveness at reducing depression symptoms. Clinically distressed older adults have consistently reported substantial declines in depressive services while enrolled in program services. These findings suggest that the program is effective at reducing prolonged suffering and/or preventing mental health symptoms from becoming severe and persistent.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Due to the increased risk that COVID-19 pandemic posed for the older adult population, additional supports were provided through CARES Act funding during the 2020 calendar year. Rental assistance and essential items such as masks, toiletries, cleaning supplies, nutritional drinks, clothing, prepared meals, fresh food and pet supplies were delivered, allowing participants to remain safely in their homes while still ensuring their basic needs were met. Program staff remained in contact

### Improvement of Depressive Symptoms Among Clinically-Distressed Older Adults - EISOA





with the participants telephonically to provide emotional support during this time, and computer devices, hot spots/Wi-Fi and training were provided to those who did not have access to technology.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, transportation had been identified as a barrier to accessing services as the older adults served tend to have limited income and some are unable to pay for public transportation. To overcome this barrier, most program services are provided in the community (i.e., homes, apartment complexes, senior centers, etc.). To encourage self-reliance, the program provided bus vouchers and taught participants to utilize the bus system. For older adults who were hesitant to take the bus, staff traveled with them and taught them how to ride a bus, or seasoned bus riders were paired with new bus riders. Program staff also facilitated carpools between participants. Finally, to help alleviate remaining transportation barriers, EISOA expanded transportation services for its participants with time-limited, PEI carryover funds.

#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

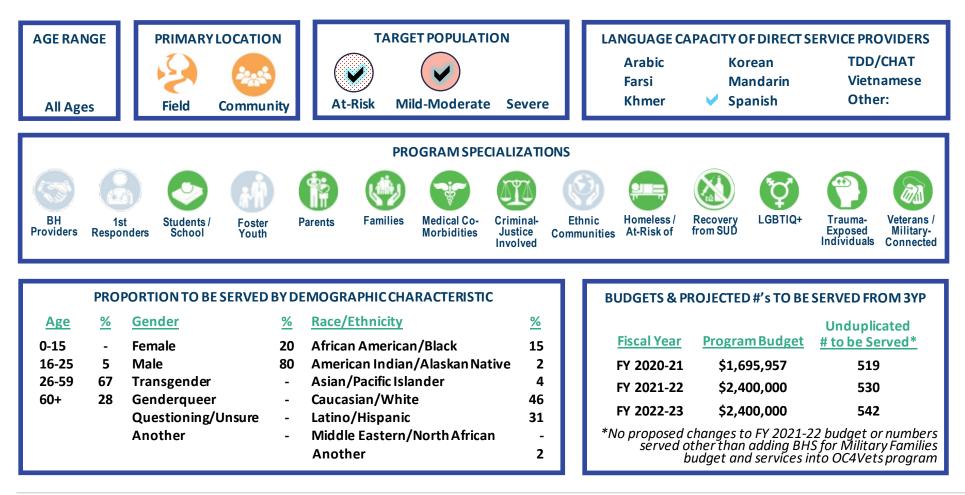
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## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The program has experienced positive participant outcomes that include improved mental health status, enhanced quality of life, increased social functioning, more effective management of behavioral health and chronic conditions. enhanced abilitv to live independently, increased community involvement and development of a supportive network. By providing services in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Khmer, Mandarin, Arabic and Farsi, the program is able to reach, serve and impact non-English speaking older adults through its selfstigma reduction activities, effective outreach and early intervention services.

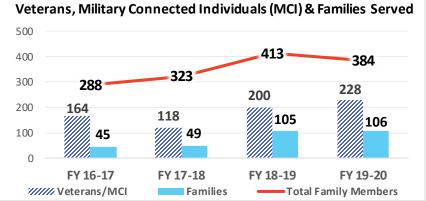
# OC4Vets (PEI)

OC4Vets are veteran-focused early intervention programs that support targeted subpopulations within the Orange County veteran community: adult veterans and military connected individuals, veterans engaged with County Courts, veteran college students, and military connected families with children under the age of 18 (the latter of which used to be the standalone Innovation project, Behavioral Health Services for Military Families). The OC4Vets, County- and contract-operated, programs serve Orange County veterans and families who currently or previously served in the United States Armed Forces, regardless of the branch, component, era, location(s) or characterization of discharge from their service. Referrals into the programs come from established collaborative relationships with outside community programs supporting Orange County veterans, veteran groups within the county, the Veterans Affairs Administration, Veterans Resource Centers at local community colleges, the Veterans Service Office (VSO), and directly from the veterans and family members looking for support.



#### SERVICES

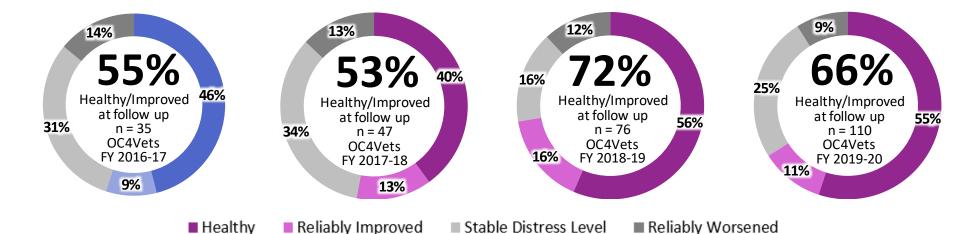
OC4Vets has five distinct service delivery options for the veteran community, each with a distinct referral path that offers a wide range of services and supports for veterans, military-connected individuals and their families. The array of services are tailored to meet the needs of the individuals and/or the families and can include peer support, community outreach, housing navigation and assistance, employment support, behavioral health screening and assessment, referral and linkages to community and behavioral health resources, clinical case management, individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling, domestic violence support, workshops and educational support groups for families, and legal support and advocacy services. Each referral path is described in more detail below:



- Referral Path 1: Adult veterans who have not yet integrated into the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) system, do not have access to the VA system, are unaware of their need for behavioral health services, or are seeking alternative services to the VA system.
- Referral Path 2: Veterans and military connected adults who would benefit from partnering with peer navigators. Peer navigators have an understanding
  of military culture and are veterans themselves who work with program participants to identify their behavioral health needs, overcome barriers that may
  limit access to care and connect to on-going treatment.
- Referral Path 3: Veterans and military connected adults engaged with the Orange County Courts (i.e., Veterans Treatment, Military Diversion, Family), many of whom exhibit mental health symptoms related to trauma exposure.
- Referral Path 4: Military connected students in local community colleges who would benefit from a military connected behavioral health clinician located on campus. The clinician also provides outreach and engagement on Orange County campuses using veteran-specific events and support groups to encourage discussion of barriers to a successful transition to college and civilian life. Services are provided on campus, in areas that are comfortable and accessible to the veterans, such as the campus Veterans Resource Center and virtually for groups and individual services.
- Referral Path 5: Military connected families who would benefit from working with trained clinicians and peer navigators with experience and knowledge of military culture to address mental health concerns encountered by veterans that may affect the whole family, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), substance use and other conditions. Services are inclusive of the entire family unit, which allows for more effective family communication, functioning and support. Services can be provided via telehealth.

#### OUTCOMES

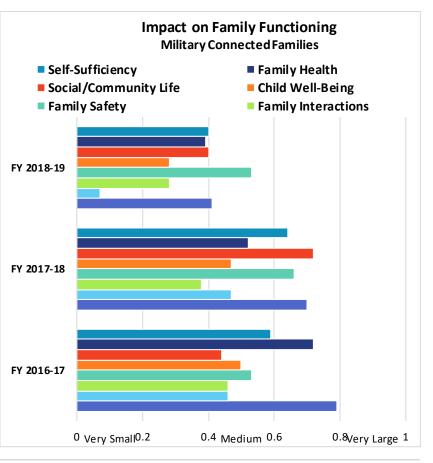
Depending on a participant's age, they completed the age-appropriate OQ at intake, every one to three months of program participation, and at discharge (YOQ<sup>®</sup> 30.2 for youth, OQ<sup>®</sup> 30.2 or OQ<sup>®</sup> 45.2 for adults). Scores were compared to the measure's clinical benchmarks to determine program effectiveness at reducing prolonged suffering. Because the OQ<sup>®</sup> is a measure of symptom distress and a tool to help inform care planning, beginning in FY 2018-19 the programs began to administer the OQ<sup>®</sup> to participants who were enrolled in individual counseling. Additionally, since some programs provide clinical interventions to single individuals within a family unit or the family as a whole, the OQ<sup>®</sup> was administered to participants depending on which family members were identified as the primary participant(s).



After noting the low completion rate of measures in FY 2016-17, OC Health Care Agency (HCA) staff provided guidance and course corrective actions to providers to ensure data were collected reliably and consistently. Steps have been taken to encourage more timely completion of forms, including providing training on administration timing and procedures, how to incorporate the results into care planning, and continuous support and follow up. As a result, an increasing number of completed forms have been returned over the past few years (i.e., 35, 47, 76 and 110 from FY 2016-17 through FY 2019-20, respectively).

Overall results from the OQ<sup>®</sup> suggest that OC4Vets services help prevent participants' symptoms from becoming severe and disabling, with the proportion of OC4Vets participants reporting a healthy or reliably improved level of distress at follow up increased from 40-46% in FYs 2016-17 and 2017-18 to 55-56% in the past two fiscal years. Moreover, this is largely accounted for by more veterans enrolled in community-based programs reporting healthy distress levels at follow up (64% community-based veterans compared to 26% of college student veterans).

Before FY 2019-20, the onset and/or worsening of mental health conditions specifically among military connected families was assessed using the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS). Ratings were made at intake and program exit, and the difference in scores was used to analyze whether there was improvement in, or maintenance of, healthy family functioning. Results were reported according to the calculated effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change in scores over time was clinically meaningful for the families served in the program. Depending on the construct measured, program services were associated with small to medium/large improvements, with larger improvements generally noted in environment (e.g., housing



stability, personal hygiene), family safety, self-sufficiency (e.g., family income, food), and family health (e.g., physical and mental health), and greater effects observed in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 compared to FY 2018-19. The difference in effects observed in FY 2018-19 compared to previous fiscal years may be due to capacity issues, including understaffing within agencies and staff turnover, as well as reduced leverage funding from partners, resulting in increased referrals outside of the project to link families to needed support. Beginning in FY 2019-20, military connected families began to complete the OQ<sup>®</sup> to 1) standardize data collection and reporting across program referral paths and 2) allow for more direct assessment of clinical improvement given that this is an early intervention program.

For program participants who primarily receive case management rather than therapy services, information on referrals and linkage to needed resources is provided in the "Summary of MHSA Strategies used by Early Intervention Programs" at the end of this section.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

As noted above, the programs are working to improve their OQ administration procedures and use as a clinical tool. They are also implementing changes with the hopes of expanding their reach and serving larger numbers of veterans in Orange County. For example, in the first half of the FY, the County worked on streamlining intake procedures, engaging participants through phone check-ins, coordinating peer follow-ups, increasing community partnerships, coordinating with Veterans Affairs services, and increasing outreach efforts to engage those who are more difficult to reach.

The military culture tends to enhance the stigma associated with seeking support and their cultural beliefs often deter veterans from asking for help. In many cases, veterans do not seek out help until their behavioral health conditions have severely affected their ability to function at work, school or within their relationships. To address these barriers, the program is designed to support timely access to services by co-locating services in non-mental health settings already frequented by veterans (i.e., college campuses, VSO, Court).

Although providers experienced some barriers to success as a result of COVID-19, they were able to adjust their service delivery models rapidly to help overcome these barriers. The primary barrier was the closure of the community settings in which they typically engaged with the veterans and family members. This eliminated the opportunity for the programs to outreach to and provide services for veterans as had been done in the past. Most providers were also unable to offer face-to-face therapy sessions for student participants. To overcome these obstacles, Outside the Wire worked with the colleges to help develop new strategies to reach out to veterans for nearly half of the FY. To overcome the barriers the veterans faced in accessing care, the programs transitioned to a telehealth model of service delivery. While they saw a reduction in referrals and enrollments and a significant reduction in group therapy attendance, providers were able to continue providing individual and family therapy to veterans and started to offer virtual outreach events. The programs also saw an increase in the clinical needs of many enrolled participants related to COVID-19 stressors and impacts; as there was a reduction in new enrollments, providers were able to increase the frequency and duration of treatment for participants to ensure that the intensity of treatment met the increased need for intervention.

# **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

OC4Vets has provided services to more than 840 veterans and military connected adults in the community since July 2012, more than 340 veterans in college since its inception in October 2011, and more than 1,206 individual family participants since July 2015. Program staff has developed strong collaborations with a number of agencies that serve Orange County's veteran population, including the Veteran's Service Office with OC Community Resources (OCCR), Workforce Investment Office with OCCR, Office on Aging, Veterans Affairs Administration, the Tierney Center at Goodwill, and the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base OC Superior Courts, OC Family Court, Veterans Resource Centers at local community colleges, and Orange County schools to best meet the needs of Orange County's veterans and their families.

#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

#### NCFAS

Environment:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=27.3, SD=3.7; Follow-up M=29.1, SD=3.5; t(52)=3.9, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.54 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=2.9, SD=.79; Follow-up M=2.6, SD=.68; t(31)=2.33, p=.03; Cohen's d=0.41 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=2.9, SD=1.13; Follow-up M=2.3, SD=.85; t(39)=4.21, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.69 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=2.9, SD=1.1; Follow-up M=2.1, SD=.90; t(48)=5.16, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.74 Parental Capabilities:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=27.2, SD=2.4; Follow-up M=33.2, SD=3.3; t(54)=16.5, p<.001; Cohen's d=2.31 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=2.6, SD=.45; Follow-up M=2.6, SD=.57; t(31)=.33, p=.75; Cohen's d=0.07 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=2.7, SD=.73; Follow-up M=2.4, SD=.84; t(39)=2.67, p=.01; Cohen's d=0.43 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=2.6, SD=.73; Follow-up M=2.3, SD=.84; t(48)=3.25, p=.002; Cohen's d=0.48 Family Interactions:

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FY 2019-20: Baseline M=18.2, SD=2.0; Follow-up M=14.0, SD=1.8; t(54)=-15.7, p<.001; Cohen's d=2.12 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=3.0, SD=.50; Follow-up M=2.8, SD=.44; t(30)=1.57, p=.13; Cohen's d=0.28 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=3.0, SD=.50; Follow-up M=2.9, SD=.61; t(39)=1.98, p=.06; Cohen's d=0.32 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=2.6, SD=.50; Follow-up M=2.3, SD=.61; t(48)=3.56, p=.001; Cohen's d=0.51 Social/Community Life:

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FY 2019-20: Baseline M=21.9, SD=2.9; Follow-up M=22.9, SD=2.9; t(54)=2.0, p<.004; Cohen's d=0.41 FY 2018-19: Baseline M=3.1, SD=.93; Follow-up M=2.8, SD=.85; t(31)=2.24, p=.03; Cohen's d=0.40 FY 2017-18: Baseline M=3.6, SD=1.0; Follow-up M=3.1, SD=1.1; t(39)=4.02, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.64 FY 2016-17: Baseline M=3.3, SD=1.0; Follow-up M=2.8, SD=1.1; t(48)=4.15, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.59 Family Health:

FY 2019-20: Baseline M=30.4, SD=2.9; Follow-up M=32.2, SD=2.9; t(54)=5.1, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.69

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# **Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by Early Intervention Programs**

### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

Early Intervention Outpatient Services are person-centered and strengths-based with a focus on recovery, resilience and well-being. Treatment plans are developed via a collaborative process between the consumer, family, if applicable, and therapist, and incorporate goals such as learning self-care, communicating effectively, preventing additional trauma, improving family relationships and/or parent-child bonding, expanding social networks and support systems, and increasing participation in meaningful activities. Developing and reinforcing these skills early helps promote resilience and protect against long-term challenges later in life.

#### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

These programs utilize culturally congruent, strengths-based approaches when developing the participant's individual care plan and delivering individual, peer, family and group services. Examples of these approaches include recruiting staff who are bicultural and represent different ethnicities and religions, who may be more familiar with how to address the issue of mental health with the program participant, thus allowing them to adjust their approaches to diverse populations readily. Furthermore, the programs employ strategies such as participant and family education, public education and trainings, and community anti-stigma advocacy to decrease both public and self-stigma and discrimination.

In addition, programs work to decrease stigma associated with seeking behavioral health services by staffing the program with people who have similar lived experiences (i.e., military service members, veterans, LGBTIQ, etc.). For example, peer navigators with knowledge of military culture can broach the sensitive topic of mental health with veterans and service members.

Similarly, students often face parent or peer discouragement to engage in program services (stigma), lack of willingness or fear of participation. Program staff work closely with the school administrators and counselors through weekly meetings to assist in creating a school climate that promotes the benefits of seeking help and accessing counseling, providing psychoeducation to promote acceptance, and promoting school bonding to keep students from feeling marginalized. In addition, program staff receive regular in-service training to increase their understanding of the needs, values and challenges faced by the program population so that they are better able to serve them. CCSS staff with expertise also provide educational and program promotion presentations about the needs, challenges and issues faced by the LGBTIQ population to reduce stigma and discrimination by raising awareness of the various barriers and issues this population faces. Presentations are provided to behavioral health providers, school staff/faculty, public health staff, social services staff and other community members.

The program employs bilingual and bicultural staff to provide services in a culturally sensitive manner. As mentioned above, the program has also partnered with community agencies that work with unserved populations who might be reluctant or unwilling to seek out treatment at a behavioral health clinic but will engage in services in non-behavioral health settings.

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

The providers for the four Early Intervention Outpatient Program categories have expertise in engaging and working with distinct underserved populations, including at risk children, families or older adults, LGBTIQ individuals, ethnic/monolingual communities, veterans and youth experiencing early onset of psychiatric illness. Despite their varied backgrounds and unique experiences, participants across these programs face similar barriers to engaging in behavioral health services.

These include mental health stigma, lack of support from family or others to seek mental health services, lack of transportation or childcare, and/or an inability to take time off work during traditional business hours for appointments.

Increasing timely access begins with program staff participating in community outreach events and giving presentations throughout Orange County in locations and venues likely to be frequented by individuals from the underserved populations identified above. Using culturally responsive education and materials, program staff strive to de-stigmatize mental health, help others learn to recognize and appropriately respond to the early signs of mental health challenges, and promote awareness of available services. In addition, the programs build relationships with community agencies and other individuals who may come into contact with eligible individuals/families to raise awareness and increase referrals for program services.

For enrolled participants, programs offer transportation assistance to their services, onsite childcare, and extended program hours. Clinicians are also able to meet participants in their homes or other preferred community locations, including parks, Family Resource Centers, restaurants, school/college campuses, etc. To encourage timely access by individuals with limited English proficiency, programs prioritize hiring bilingual/bicultural staff and, in the case of CCSS, partner with community agencies to set up "satellite" locations and provide services to highly marginalized populations such as the Middle Eastern and North African refugee and the deaf and hard of hearing communities.

In addition, clinicians refer and link participants to an appropriate level and type of community resource, as summarized below.
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Early Intervention Program	Linkage Metrics						
Specialized Services		# Referrals	# Linkages	Types of Linkages			
	FY 16-17	424	204	Behavioral health services; legal services, advocacy; health care benefits/services			
CCSS	FY 17-18	371	185				
	FY 18-19	139	97	LGBTIQ individuals also referred/linked to food/nutrition, housing			
	FY 19-20	197	131				
	FY 16-17	9,028	3,957	Social support; basic needs; community events; ancillary services; education; Behavioral			
	FY 17-18	10,880	6,191	Health Outpatient Services; legal/financial; medical; employment; family support; peer			
EISOA	FY 18-19	5,156	3,054	support, housing support			
	FY 19-20	9,779	5,567				

Early Intervention Programs	5:	Linkage Metrics							
Child, Youth, Parent Focuse	d	# Referrals	# Linkages	Types of Linkages					
	FY 16-17	397	49	Basic needs items; behavioral health outpatient services; PEI programs; crisis services;					
SBMHS	FY 17-18	391	44	health education, disease prevention, wellness, physical fitness services					
	FY 18-19	293	59						
	FY 19-20	455	110						
	FY 16-17	809	261	Family support services, legal services, advocacy; basic needs (i.e., donated items, financial					
OC Parent Wellness	FY 17-18	600	155	assistance); recreation; Behavioral Health Outpatient; Behavioral Health Recovery Support; other Prevention & Early Intervention Programs; information and referral					
	FY 18-19	540	226	services; health care services					
	FY 19-20	461	243						
OC CREW	FY 16-17	104	28						
OCCREW	FY 17-18	64	22						

	FY 18-19	37	24	Behavioral Health Outpatient Services; residential treatment; other PEI programs;				
	FY 19-20	25	13	resources; information and referral resources; legal services and advocacy; employment				
				services and resources; recreational activities; special needs and disability services				
Early Intervention Program:			Linkage Metrics					
OC4Vets		# Referrals	# Linkages	Types of Linkages				
	FY 16/17	363	216	Housing resources, advocacy; behavioral health outpatient services; employment				
Veterans/Military Connected	FY 17-18	155	96	services, resources; veteran entitlement programs; transportation services; other PE programs; financial assistance; legal services, advocacy; food and nutrition assistance;				
Adult referral path	FY 18-19	305	136	health care services; behavioral health crisis response; senior services; health education,				
	FY 19-20	341	122	disease prevention, wellness, and physical fitness; recreation; family support services				
	FY 16-17	133	83	Transportation services; food & nutrition assistance; housing resources, advocacy;				
College Veterans referral	FY 17-18	249	10	employment services, resources; adult education; legal services, advocacy; behavioral				
path*	FY 18-19	85	58	health crisis response; behavioral health outpatient services; financial services; PEI programs; health care services; health education, disease prevention, wellness & physical				
	FY 19-20	196	185	fitness; special needs, disability services; veteran entitlement programs				
	FY 16-17	217	106	Basic needs (i.e., food, clothing); housing; mental health; early intervention services;				
Nilitary Familias referral path	FY 17-18	278	157	domestic violence prevention; legal services; financial services; employment services; education benefits				
Military Families referral path	FY 18-19	300	168					
	FY 19-20	405	238					
BH Peer Support referral path	FY 19-20	1,726	458	Recovery support services; housing assistance; outpatient behavioral health				

\* Because many of the referrals provided to college veterans are provided in group settings, it is difficult to follow up with participants and determine linkages.

	Target Population Specialization/Focus								
Early Intervention Treatment Programs*	Children/ Youth	Parent/ Families	Adults	Older Adults	Trauma- Exposed Individuals	LGBTIQ	Monolingual/ Ethnic Communities		
CCSS	x	Х	Х	x	Х	Х	x		
School-Based Mental Health Services	х	х			Х		x		
Early Intervention Services for Older Adults		х		х	Х		x		
OC Parent Wellness Program	Х	Х	Х		Х		x		
First Onset of Psychiatric Illness (OCCREW)	Х	Х			Х		x		
OC4Vets	Х	Х	Х		Х				

\* All Early Intervention Treatment providers assess for substance use disorders (SUD). When a referred individual has a need for primary SUD intervention, they are referred and linked to a specialty SUD program.

CLINIC EXPANSION - The OC Health Care Agency (HCA) offers the overwhelming majority of its outpatient clinic services through non-Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) County-operated and County-contracted facilities located across Orange County. Because demand for services exceeds the clinics' capacity, various programs have been established through the MHSA to address these gaps in care. These expansion programs tailor their services to the age group and target population being served.

# **Children and Youth Clinic Services (CSS)**

The Children and Youth Clinic Services program serves youth under age 21 who meet the following eligibility criteria and their families/caregivers:

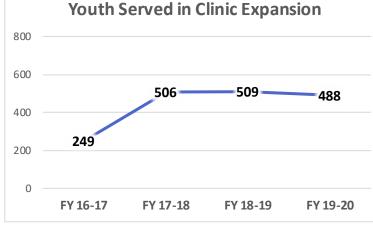
 Living with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or serious mental illness (SMI) and a) gualifies for Specialty Mental Health Services as part of the Pathways to Well-Being subclass (formerly known as "Katie A"); b) is in foster care, at risk of foster care involvement, and/or eligible for mental health services under the State-mandated program Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) and referred by the Social Services Agency (SSA); c) has Medi-Cal and qualifies for Specialty Mental Health Services; d) has been screened for trauma in primary care settings through the ACES Aware Initiative and referred for mental health services; or e) is struggling in school due to their SED/SMI and not already receiving or eligible for mental health services through the school or other provider.

Youth can be referred by community agencies, other behavioral health providers, pediatricians, SSA, school personnel, general community, families, etc.

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#### SERVICES

Outpatient services provided through this program are tailored to meet the needs of the youth and their family, and can include screening/assessment, individual and family outpatient therapy, group therapy, crisis intervention and support, case management, referral and linkage to supportive services, and/or medication management, if needed. Services are linguistically and culturally competent and provided in the clinic, out in the community or at a school (with permission) depending on what the youth/family prefers. For youth enrolled under



Pathways to Well-Being, services will comply with program requirements, including those for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS) and Child and Family Teams.

#### **OUTCOMES**

Although a performance outcomes measure has been implemented, outcomes are not available for reporting at this time due to data collection and reporting issues encountered by the provider. HCA will continue to work with the provider so that outcomes can be reported in future Plan updates.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

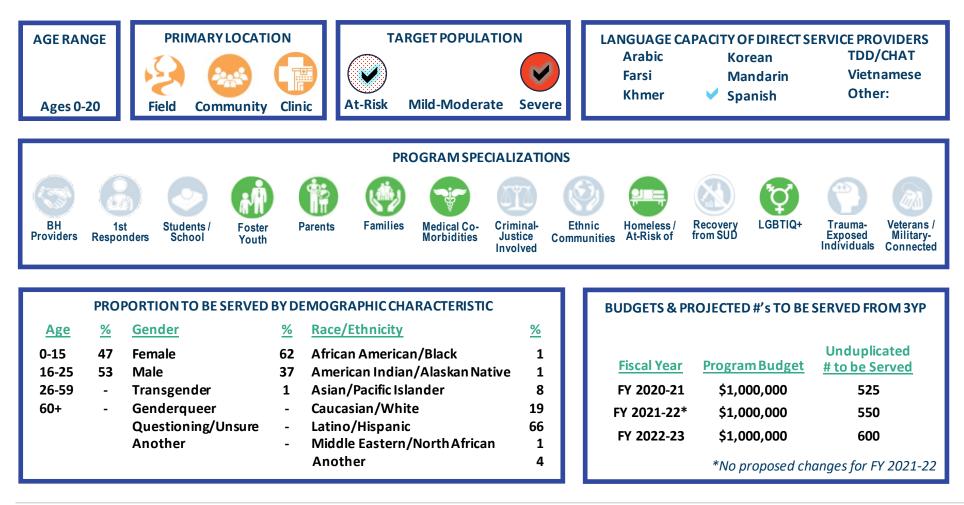
The Children and Youth Expansion Services program will face a variety of challenges in FY 21-22. Increased incidents of depression and anxiety are being identified by providers at all the clinics throughout Orange County. As children and youth deal with the adverse impact of the COVID –19 pandemic, providers are seeing more mental health problems with high acuity requiring more intensive levels of intervention. Overcoming barriers to access that children and their parents face such as childcare, public transportation, unemployment, and hybrid school schedules will be of paramount importance to the program. Some of the solutions providers have developed include implementation of audio/video technology to provide telehealth services for children and their families who cannot, or who do not yet feel safe to receive services in the clinics. Another solution providers are using is to make changes to both clinic procedures and the physical environment that allows for adequate social distancing, screening for health symptoms, and increased outreach to clients by providing resource information on children's mental health and daily living needs such as where and how to obtain vaccinations, transportation, housing, and food.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Where possible, MHSA funds will act as a match to draw down Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funds and increase the number of youth who can be served through this program. Similarly, HCA will work with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) and local school districts to identify Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) funds that can be used to leverage FFP and increase the number of students who can be served from school districts that contribute dollars. Because this partnership is new, planning for expansion of studentfocused services will include development of MOUs, data metrics and data-sharing agreements, referral procedures, etc., with the goal of launching services as soon as practicable in FY 2021-22, depending on the impact of COVID-19. The program, while operating as the Youth Core Services Field-Based track, provided services to more than 1,700 youth since its inception in March 2016.

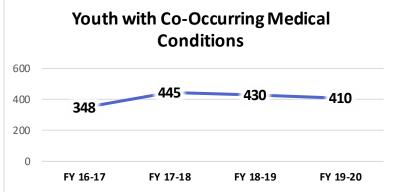
# Children and Youth Co-Occurring Medical and Mental Health Clinic (CSS)

The target population for the **Children and Youth Co-Occurring Medical and Mental Health Clinic** is youth through age 20 who are being seen primarily by Oncology, Endocrinology and Neurology services at a local hospital. Youth with severe eating disorders who are at risk of life-threatening physical deterioration are also served in this program. Parents and siblings play an integral role in the treatment process, given the disruption to the family structure when the survival of one family member becomes the family's main focus. Youth are referred to this program by physicians within the local children's hospital. Many of these children and youth are Medi-Cal beneficiaries with MHSA funds serving as a match to draw down federal funds.



#### SERVICES

This program provides individual and family outpatient therapy, case management, limited psychological testing and medication management, if needed. A variety of evidence-based and best practices are provided to meet the needs of the youth, with some of the more common clinical interventions including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing, Trauma-Focused CBT, and Exposure and Response Prevention (ERP). Program staff also have specialty training on the effects of medical and psychological co-existing diagnoses and employ evidence-supported treatments that promote healthy coping and self-management of their diagnoses.



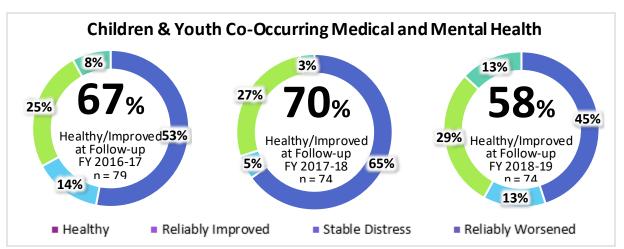
Clinicians regularly collaborate with other agencies and community groups to provide the support and services needed to treat a child's mental health condition and improve their

psychosocial functioning. Some examples include collaboration with wraparound services for youth who have been removed from their family's care due to medical non-adherence (neglect); collaboration and communication with FSPs serving the program's children who are at risk of homelessness or are presenting with early signs of psychosis; and connecting children to additional services such as Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) to provide intensive short term interventions (e.g., in home meal coaching for those with eating disorders). Program clinicians also have the unique opportunity to communicate directly and collaborate closely with the local children's hospital medical teams so that care can be coordinated and consistent across disciplines.

#### **OUTCOMES**

During the program's first year of implementation in FY 2016-17, it was determined that the outcome measure initially selected (PROMIS Pediatric) was not adequately detecting mental health symptoms in this population. As a result, the measure was discontinued and replaced with the YOQ 2.0. Individuals completed the measure at intake, every 3 months of program participation and at discharge, and participants' scores were compared to the measure's clinical benchmarks to determine program effectiveness at improving symptoms.

Overall, the program's services appear to be associated with preventing symptoms of mental illness from becoming severe and disabling and with meaningfully



reducing suffering among those who report clinically elevated distress during program enrollment. However, in FY 2019-20, the proportion of youth who reported a healthy or reliably improved level of distress at follow up decreased, and the proportion of those reporting a reliable worsening of symptoms increased, relative to prior fiscal years. The HCA will continue to monitor program performance over time to note trends and patterns.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

The CYBH Co-Occurring Clinic census has continued to increase since inception. Due to the unique nature of the population served, with co-occurring behavioral and physical health conditions, the program has provided ongoing trainings for staff around documentation of services to ensure interventions are clearly tied to behavioral health impairments. The program utilizes primarily psychologists and psychologist fellows to provide direct treatment, but as the program has continued to grow, so have the needs of the population. The need for higher than expected case management support has necessitated the addition of clinical staff (i.e., (LCSW, LMFT, LPCC, ASW, AMFT, APCC) dedicated to support this role. During FY 2018-19, there was a significant increase in referrals to the program, which delayed access to the service. This led to an expansion of the program and case management increased the support available to youth and their families.

Beginning in March 2020, the program was faced with the COVID-19 Public Health emergency and needed to adapt the in-person treatment model to ensure safety requirements were met. The shift was made to providing services in a telehealth format which allowed the program to continue to provide services for their clients. The program noted increased engagement for some families, saving them travel time to the program which could often take three hours via public transportation. Some challenges were experienced with younger participants around engagement and a noted decrease in the length of sessions provided via telehealth. The program has been exploring new ways to engage participants through the telehealth format.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The program has already provided services to more than 785 youth and their families since its inception in July 2015, thus underscoring the need for these specialized services. Because the program is located on the medical campus, program staff has the opportunity to work directly with, and educate the medical team about, the effects of the child's mental health condition and how they can best support the child and their family in their overall recovery rather than focusing exclusively on medical outcomes.

# Services for the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program(CSS)

Starting in FY 2017-18, **Services for the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program** (S-STRTP; previously a track in the former Youth Core Services program called STRTP) was established to serve Wards and Dependents of the Court ages six to 17 and Non-Minor Dependents (NMD) ages 18 to 21 who need the highest level of behavioral health care in a trauma-informed residential setting. Residential costs are paid through the foster care system, and HCA contracts with the STRTP facilities to provide Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) to eligible youth and NMDs placed under the Assembly Bill 403 mandate. All referrals to the program are made by Child Welfare or Probation with approval from the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC), which includes staff from Child Welfare, Probation and HCA. HCA is currently in the process of contracting with up to eight facilities in which to provide services:

- Three providers are in varying stages of transitioning to Permanent STRTP Licensure
- Three providers are provisionally licensed and in negotiations with HCA to contract for SMHS
- Two providers are waiting for Provisional STRTP Licensure, and HCA anticipates entering into contract negotiations if they are approved

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#### SERVICES

Per State legislation, youth who meet eligibility criteria can stay in an STRTP facility up to six months, with an option for a six-month extension, as needed, before transitioning to a less restrictive, more family-like setting. While in the placement, the STRTP will provide an integrated program of specialized and intensive behavioral health services that may include the following: individual, collateral, group, and family therapy; medication management; therapeutic behavioral services; intensive home-based services; intensive care coordination; and case management. Per the regulations, STRTP facilities are required to provide evidence-based practices (EBP's) that meet the needs of its specific population. Thus, the specific treatment interventions may vary among the providers. In addition, the legislation requires that all providers must deliver trauma-informed and culturally relevant core services that include:

- Specialty Mental Health Services under the Medi-Cal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program,
- Transition services to support children, youth and their families during changes in placement,
- Educational and physical, behavioral and mental health supports, including extra-curricular activities and social supports,
- Activities designed to support transitional-age youth and non-minor dependents in achieving a successful adulthood; and
- Services to achieve permanency, including supporting efforts for adoption, reunification, or guardianship and efforts to maintain or establish relationships with family members, tribes, or others important to the child or youth, as appropriate.

#### **OUTCOMES**

The STRTP facilities have been in program implementation so there are no outcomes to report at this time. Performance outcomes will be reported in future Plan Updates.

# Outpatient Recovery(CSS)

The **Outpatient Recovery** program is designed for adults ages 18 and older who are living with a serious mental illness and possible co-occurring substance use disorder. The program is operated at multiple locations throughout the county, with County-contracted locations referred to as *Recovery Centers* and County-operated locations referred to as *Recovery Clinics*. Individuals are referred to the program by Plan Coordinators in the Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health (AOABH) Outpatient Clinics after all emergent mental health issues have resolved. This typically occurs within the first 3 to 6 months of being opened in an AOABH clinic. Individuals are referred to the contracted Recovery Centers after they have been in the AOABH outpatient system of care for one year and have remained out of the hospital or jail, are stable on their medication regimen and have consistently attended their appointments.

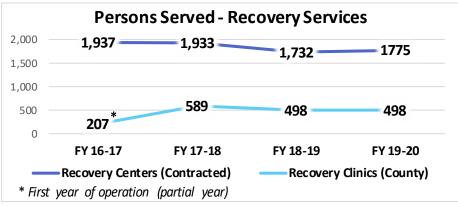


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FY 2020-21	\$6,158,531	2,500							
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FY 2022-23	\$6,158,531	2,500							
*Proposed decrease for FY 2021-22 from right-sizing									

#### SERVICES

The Recovery Clinics/Centers provide case management, medication services and individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, educational and vocational services, and peer support activities. The primary objectives of the programs are to help adults improve engagement in the community, build a social support network, increase employment and/or volunteer activity, and link to lower levels of care. As participants achieve their care plan goals and maintain psychiatric stability, they are transitioned to a lower level of care where they can continue their recovery journey.

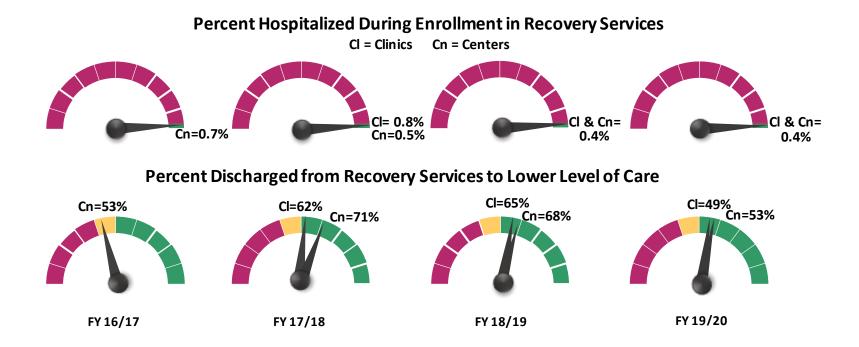


### OUTCOMES

The Outpatient Recovery program monitors performance by whether the program met or exceeded the following targets:

- Psychiatric hospitalization rate of less than 1% while participants are enrolled in Outpatient Recovery services
- Discharging at least 60% of those with known discharge dispositions (i.e., not discharged as missing in action, MIA) into a lower level of care

The program has met these goals across sites and fiscal years, with the exception of the number of discharges to lower level of care in FY 2016-17.



#### **CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS**

After reviewing program data, the HCA modified how it calculated the rate of discharge to a lower level of care by removing from the calculation participants who dropped out of treatment for unidentified reasons (i.e., n=55 at Recovery Centers and 15 at Recovery Clinics in FY 2018-19). Because these participants have left unexpectedly, a level of care determination cannot be made. In FY 2019-20, the HCA began tracking the progress a participant was making towards their goals (i.e., satisfactory, unsatisfactory), and goal progress at the time a participant leaves treatment for unknown reasons will be reported in future Plan Updates.

Nevertheless, the program recognizes that individuals can struggle with staying engaged in services when they experience changes in their treatment team or uncertainty over graduating from the program. Therefore, the program has taken steps to minimize premature discontinuation of services, such as providing peer support, planning social activities to help create a home-away-from-home environment for participants, offering to attend the first appointment with the new provider prior to discharge, and linking participants to community-based programs for continued social support prior to graduation. Programs have also identified graduates who are willing to return to speak with participants at the graduation ceremonies. This helps to encourage participants and allay concerns associated with obtaining treatment in the community and leaving the program where they have become comfortable.

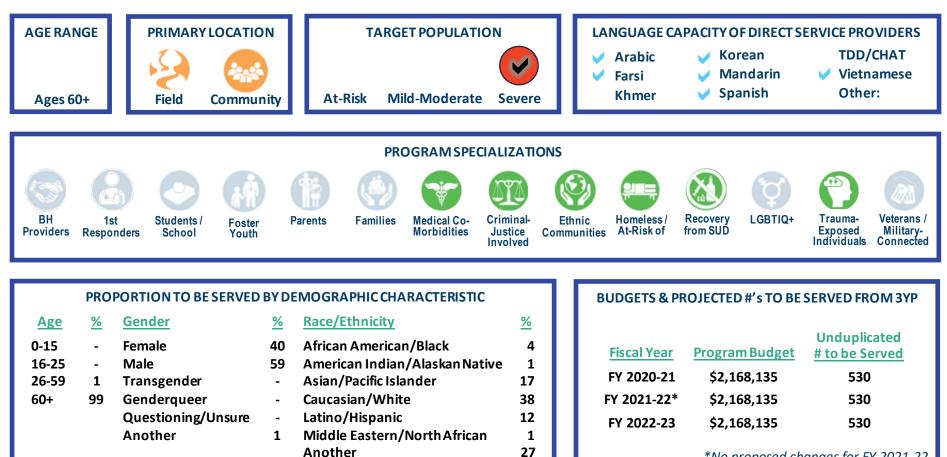
Due to challenges with receiving appropriate referrals, the HCA has diligently worked on collaborating with referral sources and providing them with education on when, in the individual's recovery journey, it is most appropriate to refer clients to the program. In addition, the HCA has increased peer support provided in this program and hired 17 peers whose main focus is to assist individuals with transitions to different levels of care.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The needs of the individuals accessing the Recovery Centers and Clinics are uniquely met through services focused on reintegration into the community and overall independence. Individuals and their families are educated about the system of care, exposed to community resources and encouraged to set and meet new goals beyond those achieved at the program. Through obtaining employment, pursuing education and/or participating in meaningful activities, individuals who graduate have a better understanding of the tools they can use to support and maintain their recovery after discharge.

# Older Adult Services(CSS)

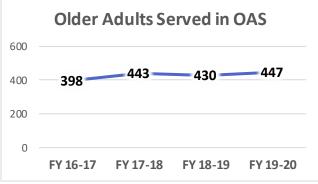
Older Adult Services (OAS) serves individuals ages 60 years and older who are living with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI), experience multiple functional impairments and may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder. Many of the older adults served in this program are homebound due to physical, mental, financial or other impairments. They are diverse and come from African American, Latino, Vietnamese, Korean and Iranian communities. OAS accepts referrals from all sources.



\*No proposed changes for FY 2021-22

#### SERVICES

OAS provides case management, referral and linkages to various community resources, geriatric psychiatry, vocational and educational support, substance use services, nursing services, crisis intervention, medication monitoring, peer counseling, therapy services (individual, group, and family), and psychoeducation for participants, family members and caregivers. Evidence-based practices include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Eye



Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), problem solving therapy, solution focused therapy, harm reduction, Seeking Safety and trauma-informed care.

#### **OUTCOMES**

One of the program's goals is to help participants maintain their independence and remain safely in the community by increasing access to primary care, which is quantified as the number of nursing assessments completed. Of the older adults served each fiscal year, 49%, 19%, 21% and 26% had an assessment completed in FYs 2016-17 through 2019-20, respectively. This reduction since 2016-17 is partly due to an increase in client no-shows after the office had to be evacuated in early April 2018 due to a leak in the roof. As a result, staff were spread out over multiple offices, which affected program operations and service delivery. The program moved to a new location in March 2019 and nursing assessments increased. However during COVID-19, nursing assessments were abbreviated due to the lack of face-to-face interviews with participants. The nurse was not able to obtain vital signs and interviewed new participants on the phone prior to the appointment with the psychiatrist for past medical conditions, current and past medications, education on diet and nutrition, sleep hygiene, PCP information, labs and allergies.

### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

OAS continues to encounter on-going issues collecting outcome measures that evaluate the program's performance (i.e., selection of a feasible measure of symptom reduction, adequate completion rates, etc.). Program staff has continued meeting to identify metrics appropriate for the target population being served. Future Plan Updates will report these outcomes once implemented. With the move to a new location, OAS staff can now offer evidence-based practice groups and education for participants and their family members in a clubhouse atmosphere. During COVID 19, older adults became even more vulnerable since they were sheltering at home. OAS was able to obtain a small amount of CARESACT funding to provide participants with sanitation packages, hygiene items, nutrition drinks, home delivered healthy meals, needed food items for companion animals and other essential items. Because of their co-morbid medical issues and mental health symptoms, they were not able to stand in line at food banks or go to multiple grocery stores for essential items. OAS staff were able to deliver items and simultaneously provide mental health services while practicing social distancing.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

OAS collaborates with the Public Health Services Senior Health Outreach and Prevention Program (SHOPP), Council on Aging, Social Services Agency (Adult Protective Services), community senior centers, adult day health care, Alzheimer's Association, Ageless Alliance, local police departments, Orange County Probation Department, hospitals and residential programs, etc. These relationships are important to address the many complicated issues that Orange County older adults face, which can include ensuring the safety of seniors, reaching out to homebound seniors in need of mental health services, coordinating joint home visits with the HCA Public Health nurses to ensure that participants' mental and physical health needs are addressed, and providing educational events for older adults and professionals on issues relevant to seniors, such as medication management, healthand mental health-related matters and community services.

# Telehealth/Virtual Behavioral Health Care(CSS)

The **Telehealth/Virtual Behavioral Health Care** program was new to the Three-Year Plan and intended to provide telehealth and/or virtual behavioral health care options for individuals 13 years and older living with serious mental health conditions, and for parents and caregivers of children of all ages. Due to the use of CARES Act funding that supported the transition of many MHSA-funded programs into providing telehealth and virtual mental health services, program implementation was paused in FY 2020-21.

#### SERVICES

Through one or more applications and/or telehealth providers, this program is intended to offer a range of tele-mental health care including, but not limited to, individual therapy, crisis intervention, telepsychiatry and/or peer support. Digital solutions that offer psychoeducation,

### BUDGETS & PROJECTED #'s TO BE SERVED FROM 3YP

Fiscal Year	Program Budget	Unduplicated <u># to be Served</u>						
FY 2020-21	-	-						
FY 2021-22*	\$2,500,000	TBD						
FY 2022-23	\$3,000,000 TBD							
	*Proposed decrease for FY 2021-22							

navigation to needed resources, and training and coaching in relaxation skills, meditation, mindfulness, etc. may also be identified. This program may offer standalone services to individuals and/or provide adjunctive supports to individuals engaged in face-to-face behavioral health services. The services provided through this program will be evidence-supported or established practices. In contrast, the Help@Hand Innovation project will support 1) the identification, development and/or evaluation of new and/or emerging technologies, and 2) the identification and development of administrative processes necessary to create a 'digital mental health system of care' capable of responding to rapid changes in technology and/or its regulatory environment.

In response to considerable feedback from consumers, clients, family members and service providers during the 2021 CPPP, this program will also address a key barrier to engaging in virtual care, namely gaps in understanding how to use technology safely, efficiently and effectively. As such, this program will also include a robust training and technical assistance (TA) piece that will include, but not be limited to:

- Needs assessment to determine whether/how to replace/upgrade outdated provider devices
- Development of tipsheets, brief video tutorials available on-demand online, drop-in scheduled "Appy Hours," and multi-session courses on digital literacy and digital mental health literacy topics
- Partnership with local agencies and community organizations as needed to develop and adapt materials and training that are culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate
- Accelerated development and implementation of in-person training and TA for consumers, family members, prioritizing in-person training/TA for those most in need
- Ongoing market surveillance scan of digital MH solutions

In response to community feedback, the HCA will also strive to provide training on digital literacy basics to individuals and groups most in need of in-person training by the end of Summer 2021. This would allow those with the greatest gaps in digital knowledge an opportunity to receive hands-on assistance while in-person gatherings and meetings are permitted since it is still unknown whether there will be new safer-at-home orders in the fall/winter.

# Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by Clinic Expansion

#### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

Recovery and resilience are promoted by ensuring that a strong support network is in place to improve the lives of individuals served in these programs and their families. This is achieved by working closely with the individuals and family members, when appropriate, using a strengths-based approach to help develop skills that further improve their functioning, maintain independence and decrease isolation, as well as by communicating and collaborating with the various providers involved in their care (i.e., medical teams and other healthcare providers, community resources, school staff, wraparound team, Social Services Agency, schools, etc.). STRTP providers also help foster recovery and resilience by creating a space that provides physical and emotional safety for the youth, sensitively conducting screenings and assessments to identify the trauma-related reactions and risk of the children and youth they serve, and educating caregivers on how their own trauma histories may be impacting their current behaviors and relationships, particularly with their children, and helping the adults develop skills and tools to support their children in recovery.

#### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

Operating from a strengths-based view rather than an illness-based view helps reduce some of the stigma associated with mental health conditions. Staff also recognize the importance of providing services and supports in a manner that takes into account and accepts the individual's differences and unique life circumstances, including culture, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status. In the co-occurring physical health/mental health program, several unique opportunities are available since the program is located at a teaching hospital. For example, Spanish-speaking clinicians are encouraged to participate in a monthly Spanish-speaking clinicians' meeting aimed at discussing and training in topics and issues related to the provision of mental health services in Spanish, as well as cultural and linguistic factors specific to the Hispanic population. Postdoctoral fellows regularly attend seminars that provide education and training on research and evidence-based practices that consider cultural and diversity factors that impact mental health and psychosocial functioning. The program also regularly educates medical providers on issues related to mental health to increase understanding and reduce stigma. In addition, older adults may hesitate to access services due to stigma related to being an older adult. They may fear losing their independence or being removed from their homes, forced to take medications and/or forced to live in a nursing home due to their age. They may also feel shame due to their belief that, as adults, they should not need anyone's help to live their lives. OAS staff are trained and encouraged to take whatever time is needed to develop trust with participants and facilitate engagement into services.

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

Lack of transportation and stigma are some of the primary barriers to care for these participants, which are mitigated by bringing services directly to individuals and their families out in the community, including co-locating services at schools, medical offices, hospitals, etc., rather than relying on them to travel to a behavioral health clinic. Program staff also teach participants how to use public transportation and provide bus passes. These programs also provide services in multiple languages through bicultural/bilingual staff, or a language line translation service as needed, to assist those who speak other languages, thus reducing language barriers that may impeded engaging in services. In addition, for older adults hesitant to enroll in OAS, staff from another program (OAS SHOPP) is dedicated to conducting outreach and engagement with referred individuals to OAS and recognize that it may require several friendly home visits before an older adult engages in OAS services.

# **Discontinued Program**

# Integrated Community Services (CSS)

**Integrated Community Services** (ICS), which serves individuals ages 18 and older living with chronic primary medical care and mild to severe mental health needs, will no longer be funded through MHSA/CSS. Instead the program has been transitioning over to CalOptima, with funding provided through Medi-Cal and other non-MHSA sources.

FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23 Pr	Projected Unduplicated # to Be Served				
Actual FY 2019-20 Budget	\$1,648,000	FY 2019-20	600		
Proposed FY 2020-21 Budget	-\$1,197,000	FY 2020-21	600		
Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget	-\$1,197,000	FY 2021-22	600		
Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget	-\$1,197,000	FY 2022-23	600		

# Full Service Partnership Programs (CSS)

A Full Service Partnership (FSP) is designed to provide intensive, community-based outpatient services to a county's most vulnerable individuals, and the OC Health Care Agency (HCA) has established eligibility criteria to ensure that the FSPs reach Orange County (OC) residents who are experiencing disparities in access to behavioral health care. Thus, the target population includes individuals of all ages who are living with a SED or SMI; unserved or underserved; and are homeless, at risk of homelessness, involved in the criminal justice system, frequent users of inpatient psychiatric treatment, culturally or linguistically isolated, and/or have complex medical needs.

Orange County has four distinct FSP programs organized by the MHSA-defined age groups (i.e., Children, TAY, Adult, Older Adult). In addition to tailoring services and supports to the members' age and developmental stage, three (i.e., Children, TAY, Adult) offer additional tracks for individuals with more specialized needs and providers within these specialized tracks often serve individuals across multiple age groups. The most common age groups spanned are Children/TAY and Adult/Older Adult, although there are some exceptions (see tables below). All FSP services – even those affiliated with the Courts and OC Probation – are voluntary.

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Identified Unserved/Underserved Target Populations for Children/TAY FSP Programs	Children 0-15	TAY 16-17 18-25	Adults 26-59	Older Adults 60+
Children/youth (mostly 12-15 years) and their parents/caregivers (Project RENEW)				
<i>Referrals from:</i> County and County-contracted outpatient clinics, primary care physicians, emergency departments, SSA, inpatient units, schools, Children's CAT				
TAY who have minimal family involvement (STAY Process)				
<i>Referrals from:</i> County and County-contracted outpatient clinics, primary care physicians, emergency departments, SSA, inpatient units, schools, CYBH CAT, AOT				
Court-referred youth and their parents/caregivers (CCFSP)				
Referrals from: Juvenile Court (Recovery, Girls, Boys, Grace); Truancy Response Program				
Criminal-Justice Involved youth and their parents/caregivers (YOW)				
Referrals from: Probation Department, Clinical Evaluation Guidance Unit (CEGU), hospitals, jails, courts, AOT				
Youth with significant/chronic physical illness and their families (Project HEALTH)				
Referrals from: Hospitals, physicians, specialty medical clinics, County and County-contracted clinics				
Culturally/linguistically-isolated Asian/Pacific Islander youth/families (Project FOCUS)				
Referrals from: County and County-contracted outpatient clinics, primary care physicians, emergency departments, SSA, inpatient units, schools, CYBH CAT * Reginning in EX 2017-18, the provider continued offering services to TAX who gged out of the program w			* see note	

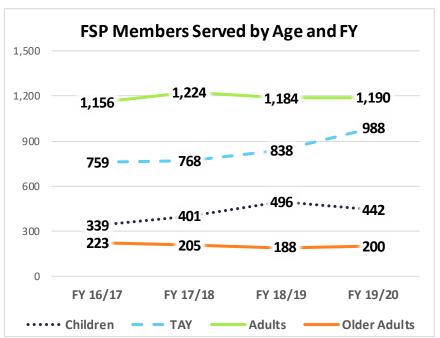
\* Beginning in FY 2017-18, the provider continued offering services to TAY who aged out of the program when they turned 26 because there is currently no similar specialized FSP for adults.

Identified Unserved/Underserved Target Populations for Adult/Older Adult FSP Programs	Children 0-15	T <i>A</i> 16-17	AY 18-25	Adults 26-59	Older Adults 60+
FSP-eligible adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (TAO)					
Referrals from: Jails, probation, general community					
LPS conservatorship, returning from long-term care, court-involved (STEPS)					
Referrals from: Long-term care facilities, Collaborative Courts, general community					
Voluntarily agreed/court-ordered to participate in AOT FSP					
Referrals from: Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Assessment and Linkage Team (see Appendix X for details)					
Criminal-Justice Involved or high risk of criminal justice recidivism (Opportunity Knocks)					
Referrals from: Jails, OC Probation, general community					
Court-Involved (WIT/Whatever It Takes)					
Referrals from: Collaborative Courts					
FSP-eligible adults at risk of losing permanent housing (Home First)					
Referrals from: County outpatient clinics and programs, private providers, property managers, general community					
FSP-eligible older adults (also tend to have health/mobility issues) (OASIS)					
<i>Referrals from:</i> Hospitals, Adult Protective Services, outpatient clinics, senior centers, jail, OC Links, family members, CAT, general community					

#### SERVICES

The FSP programs use a coordinated team approach to provide "whatever it takes," including 24/7 crisis intervention and flexible funding to support people on their recovery journeys. They follow the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model of providing comprehensive, community-based interventions, linguistically and culturally competent services, and around-the-clock crisis intervention and support by coordinated, multidisciplinary teams. The teams can include Marriage and Family Therapists, Clinical Social Workers, Personal Services Coordinators, Peer Mentors, Youth Mentors, Parent Partners, Housing Coordinators, Employment Coordinators, Clinical Dietitians, Licensed Clinical Supervisors, Psychiatrists and/or Nurses who are committed to the recovery model and the success of their participants. Working together, the teams provide intensive services that include counseling, case management and peer support, which are described in more detail below.

With regard to clinical interventions, the FSP provides individual, family and group counseling and therapy to help individuals reduce and manage their symptoms, improve functional impairments and assist with family dynamics. A wide array of evidence-based practices are available and, depending on the age and needs of the individual, can include Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Trauma-Focused CBT, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR),



Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Integrated Treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders, Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Seeking Safety, Illness Management and Recovery, Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS), behavioral modification and others. Individuals enrolled in an FSP program also receive psychiatric care, medication management, psychoeducation, co-occurring substance use disorder services, mindfulness training, crisis intervention and/or 24/7 support as needed.

Personal Services Coordinators (PSCs) provide intensive case management to help individuals access crucial medical care, educational support, social and recreational opportunities, mental health rehabilitation, benefits acquisition, transportation resources, basic needs and other resources available in the community. PSCs and/or other FSP staff also help individuals develop skills to manage problematic behaviors or impairments and work with significant others and caregivers, when available, to support them in learning and practicing the new skills.

Some providers also have employment and/or housing coordinators who assist and support their participants in these essential elements of recovery. Employment coordinators, or when dedicated coordinators are not available, PSCs and other staff, lead numerous workshops and classes to teach and hone prevocational and vocational skills such as resume writing, interviewing skills, computer skills, etc. FSP housing coordinators (and/or PSCs) also assist individuals with finding and maintaining safe, suitable housing, as reducing homelessness is one of the target outcomes for the FSPs.

Peer Recovery Specialists/Coaches and Parent Partners are key members of the FSP teams and play an integral role in promoting wellness and resilience. By sharing their lived experience and learned skills, peer staff support recovery, empowerment and community integration. In addition, Parent/Family Partners work closely with parents, legal guardians, caregivers, significant others and other family members to provide suggestions on how they can best support the participant. Parent Partners also assist with the psychoeducational process to close the generational gap and shift how parents and caregivers view mental health, as well as provide respite care.

Family involvement in treatment and services can be critical to supporting and maintaining an individual's recovery and has been central to the Children and TAY FSP program providers' approach to service and care planning. In addition, the Adult FSP program providers have been working on increasing family inclusion at all levels of treatment and at social events, and several providers offer a monthly family support group to provide families with information, education, guidance and support for their own needs, as well as to enable them to assist their family member's recovery.

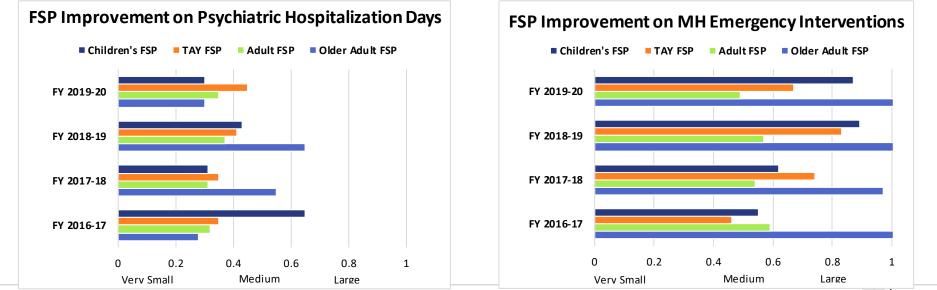
#### **OUTCOMES**

The programs evaluated changes on outcomes related to mental health recovery, living situation, legal involvement, employment and/or school performance by comparing functioning in the 12 months prior to enrolling in the FSP to functioning during the fiscal year being evaluated. With the exception of school performance, all results were statistically analyzed and reported according to the calculated effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change in functioning over time is clinically meaningful for the individuals served in the FSP program.

<u>Mental Health Recovery</u>: Mental health recovery was evaluated through changes in two measures: (1) number of days the individual had been psychiatrically hospitalized, and (2) the number of times the individual experienced a mental health emergency intervention (defined as a hospitalization episode, crisis residential placement, emergency room/CSU visit, crisis assessment/WIC 5585 evaluation or police response due to a mental health crisis).

Across fiscal years, the FSPs generally made a small impact on decreasing the amount of time participants spent in a psychiatric hospital, with TAY, adult and older adult participants having spent, on average, about 4-5 weeks in the hospital during the year prior to enrolling in an FSP compared to about 1-2 weeks in the hospital after enrolling. Relative to the other FSP participants, children spent considerably less time in the hospital both prior to and after enrolling in an FSP (i.e., 1-1.5 weeks an average prior; 2-4 days an average after). Overall, this suggests that participants experienced somewhat less disruption in their daily lives by spending less time in the hospital while receiving FSP services.

In addition, FSPs demonstrated medium to large decreases in the average number of mental health-related emergency interventions that participants experienced across each of the fiscal years, further suggesting that they experienced recovery while receiving FSP services. This effect was particularly pronounced for older adults, with the average number of events essentially dropping to zero.



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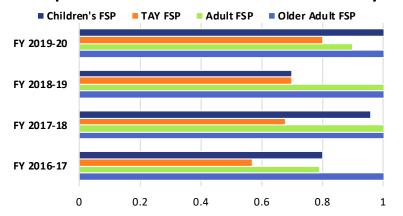
<u>Homelessness and Living Situation</u>: Another goal of the FSPs is to prevent and reduce unsheltered homelessness, emergency shelter stays and, for children, out-of-home placements. For TAY, Adults and Older Adults, the FSPs also strive to increase the number of days they are able to live in the community independently (i.e., live safely in an unsupervised setting and perform their own activities of daily living).

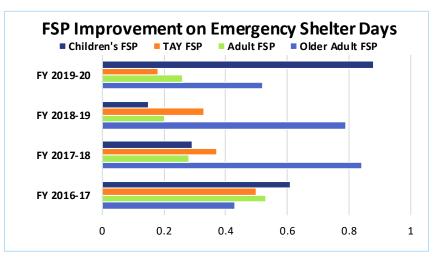
The FSP programs continued to improve the housing circumstances of their participants as evidenced by the generally large reduction (moderate for TAY) in the average number of days spent homeless during each of the past FYs. Improvements were most pronounced for adult and older adults, who typically experienced greater homelessness prior to FSP enrollment. Unsheltered homelessness was defined as a residence not intended for human habitation, such as a car, abandoned building, the street, etc.

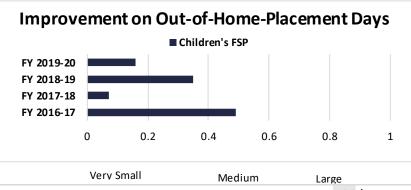
The impact of FSPs on reducing days spent in emergency shelter varied across age group and fiscal year. Children, TAY and adults generally experienced small to moderate decreases while enrolled in the FSP over the past several FYs. Efforts to relocate a large number of homeless adults living in the Flood Control Channel and Santa Ana Civic Center area during FYs 2017-18 and 2018-19 likely contributed to the reduced impact on this outcome as the TAO Central FSP provider worked to place adults living in these areas in emergency shelters temporarily. In support of this speculation, when homeless adults served by this provider are removed from the analysis, the remaining adults experienced moderate reductions (0.48) in emergency shelter use during FY 2018-19, which is consistent with findings from FY 2016-17. In contrast, older adults FSP demonstrated the opposite pattern (i.e., shifting from a moderate impact in FY 2016-17 to a large impact in the past two FYs), which may be attributable to a few participants who had very long emergency shelter motel stays while receiving services in FY 2016-17 before transitioning to permanent living placements in FY 2017-18. Finally, while fewer children served in FY 2019-20 had stayed in emergency shelters prior to enrolling in the FSP compared to prior fiscal years, those that had reported unusually long shelter days, resulting in a large decrease once the FSP was able to provide housing for these children and their families. Thus, unique factors across the past four FYs may account for the fluctuating impact on emergency shelter use rather than true changes in the FSPs' ability to improve this outcome.

While TAY and adults experienced a small increase in the average number of days spent living independently across FYs, older adults demonstrated moderate to large increases. Thus, the Older Adult FSP appears to be relatively effective at helping support independent living, which is defined as living in an apartment or single room occupancy as opposed to any type of supervised residential placement. These improvements appear to be the result of changes implemented in FY 2017-18 when the increased impact was first observed. During this time the provider implemented a more

### **FSP Improvement on Unsheltered Homeless Days**







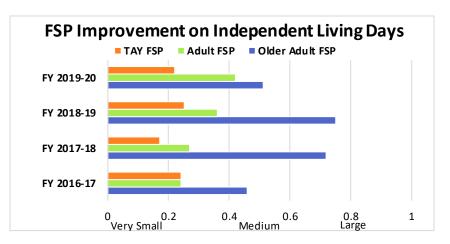
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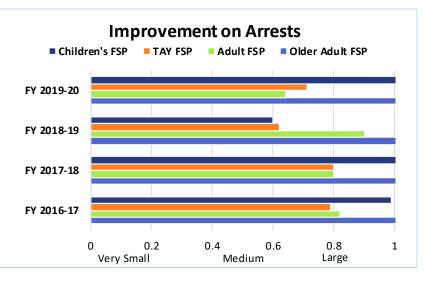
collaborative, structured approach where the treatment team collectively discussed and problem-solved ways to engage members who were at high risk of hospitalization and/or incarceration. In addition to weekly contact with personal service coordinators, teams increased contact with the older adults by including visits with life coaches, therapists or housing coordinators or members of the medical team. In addition, staff has worked diligently to increase the number of groups offered and created new and more interesting group topics and events based on client interests and needs. As a result, the program has seen a significant increase in group participation over the past fiscal years. These improvements are thought to have positively impacted overall functioning and not just independent living, as evidenced by improvements across all outcomes during the past two FYs relative to FY 2016-17.

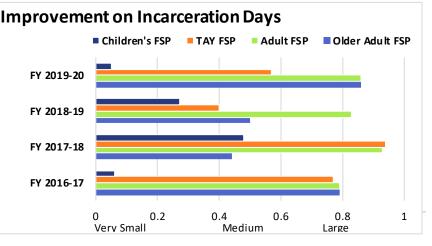
Finally, for children the goal is to reduce out-of-home placements, which are defined as placement in a group home or residential treatment facility. It should be noted that a very small number of children are affected by an out-of-home placement either prior to enrolling in the FSP or during the fiscal year being evaluated (i.e., n= 20 in FY 2016-17, n= 14 in FY 2017-18, & n= 17 in FY 2018-19). Thus, it is difficult to draw firm conclusions on the overall efficacy of FSPs in reducing out-of-home placements for children, although the average number of days children were placed out-of-the-home did decrease during all three fiscal years when compared to the year prior to their enrollment in the FSP.

<u>Legal Involvement</u>: Outcomes related to decreasing individuals' involvement with the legal system were tracked using two measures: number of arrests and days incarcerated in jail or prison. Participants of all ages generally experienced large to very large decreases in arrests during all fiscal years compared to the year prior to FSP enrollment, with the exception of moderate to large reductions experienced by children and TAY in FYs 2018-19 and 2019-20.

There was variability across age groups and fiscal years with regard to the impact on days spent incarcerated. Adults showed consistently large decreases in days incarcerated across all four fiscal years, and TAY and older adults tended to show moderate-to-large decreases. Over the past four FYs, children have shown large fluctuations in incarceration outcomes. The HCA is currently exploring possible underlying reasons for these shifts in incarceration patterns among TAY and children.







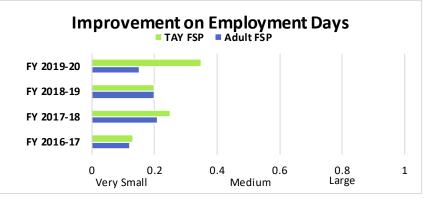
<u>Employment</u>: The TAY and Adult FSPs also examined days employed, which is vital to recovery but can be difficult to attain for those struggling with the combination of serious mental illness, substance use disorders, homelessness and/or a legal history. Per guidelines established by the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), employment was defined as competitive, supported or transitional employment, as well as paid in-housework, work experience, non-paid work experience and other gainful employment activity. Compared to the year prior to FSP enrollment, the FSPs had no impact in FY 2016-17 and a small impact in FYs 2017-18 and 2018-19 on employment for adults and TAY who were at least 16 years old at the start of the fiscal year (and therefore eligible to work the duration of the reporting period). Thus, increasing employment activity in a meaningful way continues to be a particularly challenging area for the FSPs.

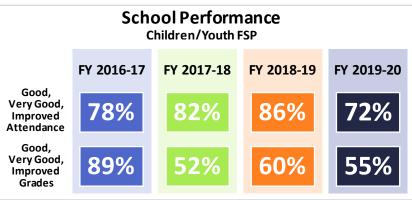
<u>School Performance</u>: The Children's FSPs examined the proportion of children who (1) maintained good/very good school attendance or grades and/or who (2) improved their attendance or grades while enrolled in the FSP. Although the majority of children reported good/improved attendance across both fiscal years, the proportion reporting good/improved grades fell from 89% in FY 2016-17 to 52% in FY 2017-18. Thus, while the findings generally suggest that the FSPs are successful in maintaining or improving school performance among the children served, the HCA will continue to monitor the FSPs' impact on grades to determine whether or not the FY 2017-18 results are an anomaly.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Finding safe, affordable and permanent housing in the neighborhoods in which the individuals/families have support networks and/or the children are enrolled in school has continued to be challenging. To address immediate concerns with supply, FSP housing specialists work to build relationships in the community and develop housing resources for their participants. Once participants have been placed in housing, FSPs utilize a housing assistance strategy in which the individual/family becomes increasingly responsible with meeting costs so that, when clinical goals are met, the individual/family is able to maintain housing independently. This strategy creates stability so that clinical advances can be maintained upon discharge from the program. The HCA is also in the process of creating an FSP track that will assist individuals and families who are living in permanent housing but struggling to maintain their housing and are at risk of becoming homeless. To address the shortage of permanent supportive housing, the HCA along with the support of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, is continuing to identify and fund new housing development opportunities. In addition, the HCA has partnered with Orange County Community Resources, housing developers and other community partners to apply for federal and state housing funding, including No Place Like Home.

Employment has also continued to be an on-going and significant challenge despite the recovering job market. FSP programs can encounter difficulties identifying employers who are flexible enough to employ individuals (or their parents/guardians) who may need time away from work to support their (child's) recovery. Yet employment serves as a critical component of recovery by helping increase peoples' connection with their community, providing a sense of purpose and increasing self-sufficiency. Drawing upon these principles, as well as CBHDA's expanded definition of employment, the programs are working to increase individuals' participation in meaningful, employment-related activities such as volunteer work and enrollment in educational/ training courses as a way to enhance vocational skills, gain experience, and increase their confidence in being able to succeed in the workforce. Over the past year, the Adult FSP program has worked to secure





additional community opportunities and created internal opportunities for volunteer work. Nevertheless, more than any other target outcome, the program continues to struggle with supporting individuals in sustaining employment in a consequential way. Over the next year, FSP program staff will review referrals and linkages to employment services to see if opportunities exist to increase referrals and better support linkage to these services.

In addition, the Older Adult FSP program has noted that its participants do not always attend groups consistently. The provider has made an increased effort to recruit potential participants by engaging them in conversation about the groups and benefits of attending, placing reminder calls, increasing socialization among group participants and assisting with and/or linking to transportation so that they may attend groups. Feedback from older adults served is also elicited regularly so that improvements to the groups' content and/or structure can be made on an on-going basis.

To address an increase of co-occurring substance use issues among TAY and adult participants, the FSP programs are offering more co-occurring groups; working to partner with community substance use treatment programs to expand resources, including residential programs that specialize in co-occurring treatment; and creating their own co-occurring supports and interventions to fill identified service gaps. FSP staff also works collaboratively with Housing and Supportive Services staff to help individuals with co-occurring issues maintain their housing. The Adult FSP providers that serve justice-involved individuals are working to have more staff trained in MRT in order to provide more MRT groups and have increased collaboration with Correctional Health Services to support linkage by providing in reach services and coordinating for transportation upon release.

The Adult FSP program provider for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) focused services actively continues to address misunderstanding within the community about what their program can and cannot do in relation to its implementation of AOT by virtue of being MHSA-funded and therefore required to be voluntary in nature.

The Adult Housing FSP provider began providing services in Fall 2020. The provider effectively engages individuals who have come from homelessness and provides intensive and comprehensive treatment and support that focuses on preventing loss of housing while increasing housing sustainability.

Finally, the Children's Project RENEW provider was expanded in FY 2020-21 to serve 20 additional children/youth placed in Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) homes. ISFC is a placement model of home-based family care for eligible children/youth whose needs for safety, permanency and well-being require specially trained resource parents and access to intensive supportive services.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Since program inception dates, the FSPs have served more than 2,100 children (approximately 18%), nearly 4,000 TAY (approximately 35%), more than 4,600 adults (approximately 40%) and nearly 700 older adults (approximately 6%). The FSP programs provide a strong base in participant-driven services that build on individual strengths using a "whatever it takes" approach and field-based services that break down barriers to accessing treatment. With the continued implementation of co-occurring services, the programs have increased their collaboration with community substance use programs, residential substance use treatment programs and/or detoxification centers. In addition, providers that work collaboratively with the Courts, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, and/or County Counsel continue to prioritize developing treatment approaches that reduce recidivism in the criminal justice system.

The FSP programs also work closely with various providers and other community groups to support participants on their recovery journeys. This includes the Social Security Administration, Social Services Agency, primary care physicians and other medical providers, hospitals, board and care homes, room and boards, recovery residences, housing providers, shelters, Family Resource Centers, legal resources, food banks, vocational trade programs, LGBTIQ centers, Salvation Army, Goodwill, Wellness Centers, NAMI, immigration services, thrift shops, faith-based leaders, school districts, policymakers, community based organizations and community clinics. By establishing such depth and breadth to their network of collaborators, the FSPs continue to be a leading force for mental health recovery in the community.

#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

**Psychiatric Hospitalization Days:** 

Children:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=14.8, SD= 37.7; Since M= 4.5, SD 12.5; t(82)=2.4, p<.02, Cohen's d= 0.30, -70% FY 2018-19: Prior M=9.9, SD= 11.6; Since M=3.8, SD 7.0; t(90)=4.0, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.43, -62% FY 2017-18: Prior M= 7.7, SD= 6.7; Since M=3.8, SD= 8.9; t(75)=2.67, p<.01, Cohen's d=0.31, -51% FY 2016-17: Prior M=10.8, SD=13.6; Since M=1.8, SD=4.6.1; t(70)=5.05, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.65, -83% TAY:

FY2019-20: Prior M=17.2, SD=23.8; Since M=5.2, SD=17.6; t(245)=-7.0, p<.001, Cohen's d=.45, -70% FY 2018-19: Prior M=23.0, SD=42.1; Since M=6.7, SD=19.8; t(265)=-6.14, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.41, -71% FY 2017-18: Prior M=28.6, SD=52.1; Since M=8.6, SD=26.8; t(274)=5.59, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.35, -70% FY 2016-17: Prior M=39.8, SD=76.6; Since M=14.8, SD=38.3; t (246)=-5.03, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.35, -63% Adults:

FY2019-20: Prior M=37.7, SD=65.9; Since M=13.8, SD=31.6; t (599) = 8.06, p<.001, Cohen's d=.35, -63% FY 2018-19: Prior M=36.7, SD=65.1; Since M=13.2, SD=29.7; t (556)=8.08, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.37, -64% FY 2017-18: Prior M=34.0, SD=59.7; Since M=14.4, SD=31.9; t (559)=6.92, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.31, -58% FY 2016-17: Prior M=34.2, SD=64.3; Since M=13.1, SD=30.4; t (542)=6.78, p<0.001, Cohen's d=0.32, -62% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=36.3, SD=67.9; Since M=8.7, SD=24.4; t (55) = 2.89, p <.05, Cohen's d=.43, -76% FY 2018-19: Prior M=37.2, SD=70.4; Since M=7.6, SD=24.0; t(52)=3.53, p <.001, Cohen's d=0.65, -80% FY 2017-18: Prior M=39.4, SD=76.1; Since M=5.0, SD=12.8; t(57)=3.41, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.55, 87% FY 2016-17: Prior M=28.1, SD=59.7; Since M=11.7, SD=26.7; t(58)=1.84, p=0.07, Cohen's d=0.28, -58%

#### Mental Health Emergency Interventions:

#### Children:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=2.1, SD=2.0; Since M=0.3, SD=1.0; t(169)=11.8, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.87, -86% FY 2018-19: Prior M=1.8, SD=1.7; Since M=0.3, SD=.78; t(241), p<.001, Cohen's d=0.89, -83% FY 2017-18: Prior M=1.8, SD=1.9; Since M=0.5, SD=1.1; t(158)=7.61, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.62, -72% FY 2016-17: Prior M=1.8, SD=2.6; Since M=0.4, SD=0.7; t(82)=4.57, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.55, -78% TAY:

FY2019-20: Prior M=2.4, SD=3.4; Since M=0.3, SD=1.0; t(460)=13.3, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.67, -88% FY 2018-19: Prior M=2.6, SD=3.3; Since M=0.3, SD=.7; t(500)=15.12, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.83, -88% FY 2017-18: Prior M=2.7, SD=3.6; Since M=0.4, SD=3.6; t(365)=12.14, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.74, -85% FY 2016-17: Prior M=2.3, SD=3.3; Since M=0.6, SD=1.7; t(295)=7.7, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.46, -74% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=2.3, SD=2.3; Since M=0.81, SD=2.0; t (700) = 13.00, p<.001, Cohen's d=.49, -65% FY 2018-19: Prior M=2.5, SD=2.4; Since M=0.8, SD=1.7; t(658)=14.43, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.57, -67% FY 2017-18: Prior M=3.2, SD=3.7; Since M=1.0, SD=2.0; t(809)=14.88, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.54, -68% FY 2016-17: Prior M=2.4, SD=2.6; Since M=0.7, SD=1.5; t(629)=13.10, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.59, -69% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=2.5, SD=2.4; Since M=0.01, SD=0.12; t (73) = 8.68, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.35, -100% FY 2018-19: Prior M=2.1, SD=1.7; Since M=0, SD=0.0; t(66)=10.25, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.77, -100% FY 2017-18: Prior M=3.2, SD=4.6; Since M=0, SD=0.0; t(121)=7.58, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.97, -100% FY 2016-17: Prior M=1.7, SD=1.6; Since M=0.2, SD=0.5; t(79)=8.07, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.02, -89%

#### Homeless Days:

#### Children:

FY2019-20: Prior M=81.5, SD=109.3; Since M=0.0; SD=0.0; t(17)= 3.2, p<.006, Cohen's d=1.10, -100% FY 2018-19: Prior M=56.0, SD=94.7; Since M=1.9; SD=7.1; t(25)=2.87, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.70, -97% FY 2017-18: Prior M=88.8, SD=101.8; Since M=7.3, SD=19.7; t(23)=3.86, p<.01, Cohen's d=0.96, -92% FY 2016-17: Prior M=96.4, SD=129.7; Since M=17.1, SD=51.7; t(19)=-3.0, p<.01, Cohen's d=0.80, -82% TAY:

FY2019-20: Prior M=77.8, SD=91.4; Since M=11.7, SD=41.3; t(132)=8.4, p<.001, Cohen's d= .80, -85% FY 2018-19: Prior M=92.8, SD=113.9; Since M=15.1, SD=33.2; t(146)=8.51, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.70, -84% FY 2017-18: Prior M=101.6, SD=118.8; Since M=21.9, SD=46.1; t(168)=8.13, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.68, -78% FY 2016-17: Prior M=102.3, SD=124.93; Since M=26.3, SD=55.79; t(154)=-6.69, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.57, -74% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=159.8, SD=127.8; Since M=30.9, SD=71.3; t (669) = 22.4, p<.001, Cohen's d=.90, -81% FY 2018-19: Prior M=179.9, SD=134.1; Since M=30.6, SD=70.0; t (640)=25.4, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.05, -83% FY 2017-18: Prior M=178.7, SD=132.0; Since M=25.2, SD=60.7; t (666)=26.17, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.07, -86% FY 2016-17: Prior M=145.7, SD=122.56; Since M=36.9, SD=73.42; t (611)=18.68, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.79, -75% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=204.9, SD=133.8; Since M=25.7, SD=70.4; t (119) = 13.3, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.28, -87% FY 2018-19: Prior M=216.4, SD=140.0; Since M=27.8, SD=76.1; t(124)=13.89, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.31, -87% FY 2017-18: Prior M=217.5, SD=136.2; Since M=27.7, SD=67.2; t(128)=14.99, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.42, -87% FY 2016-17: Prior M=205.4, SD=138.5; Since M=37.6, SD=84.5; t(134)=12.14, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.06, -82%

#### **Emergency Shelter Days:**

Children:

FY 2019-20: Prior M= 88.2, SD=112.9; Since M=7.7, SD=20.6; t(22)=3.4, p=.003, Cohen's d=0.88, -91% FY 2018-19: Prior M= 43.8, SD=79.6; Since M=25.4; SD=45.1; t(83)=1.7, p=.094, Cohen's d=0.19, -37% FY 2017-18: Prior M=62.4, SD=100.4; Since M=27.5; SD=55.7; t(48)=1.99, p=.05, Cohen's d=0.29, -56% FY 2016-17: Prior M=72.9, SD=108.9; Since M=14.8; SD=35.4; t(31)=-2.97, p<.01, Cohen's d=0.61, -80% TAY:

FY 2019-20: Prior M= 54.2, SD=85.7; Since M=32.6, SD=75.3; t(205)=2.6, p<.011, Cohen's d= 0.18, -40% FY 2018-19: Prior M= 96.0, SD=109.5; Since M=28.7, SD=57.2; t(215)=-.041, p<.05, Cohen's d=0.61, -51% FY 2017-18: Prior M=69.3, SD=101.3; Since M=29.2, SD=54.5; t(155)=4.38, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.37, -58% FY 2016-17: Prior M=82.9, SD=117.2; Since M=22.5, SD=51.3; t(162)=-5.90, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.50, -73% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=66.5, SD=102.6; Since M=32.6, SD=67.0; t (385) = 5.03, p<.001, Cohen's d=.26, -51% FY 2018-19: Prior M=62.7, SD=103.3; Since M=36.8, SD=63.9; t(406)=4.01, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.20, -41% FY 2017-18: Prior M=68.4, SD=102.6; Since M=33.9, SD=53.6; t(430)=5.66, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.28, -50% FY 2016-17: Prior M=83.2, SD=112.6; Since M=20.5, SD=53.4; t(341)=9.18, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.53, -75% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=118.2, SD=130.8; Since M=40.0, SD=73.6; t (109) = 5.27, p<.001, Cohen's d=.52, -66% FY 2018-19: Prior M=138.1, SD=139.4; Since M=25.2, SD=60.6; t(87)=6.89, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.79, -82% FY 2017-18: Prior M=120.2, SD=136.9; Since M=12.8, SD=34.4; t(95)=7.27, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.84, -89% FY 2016-17: Prior M=99.4, SD=126.7; Since M=39.5, SD=81.5; t(102)=3.96, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.43, -63%

#### Independent Living Days:

TAY:

FY2019-20: Prior M=8.5, SD=43.3; Since M=25.23, SD=77.2; t(910)=-6.4, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.22, 196% FY 2018-19: Prior M=10.2, SD=49.0; Since M=33.1, SD=89.6; t(787)=-6.69, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.25, 225% FY 2017-18: Prior M=14.6, SD= 60.8; Since M=29.9, SD=81.2; t(743)=-4.57, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.17, 105% FY 2016-17: Prior M=17.9, SD= 65.01; Since M=43.4, SD=96.66; t(747)=-6.46, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.24, 142% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=34.5, SD=89.4; Since M=94.9, SD=136.7; t (1187) = -13.9, p<.001, Cohen's d=-.42, 175% FY 2018-19: Prior M=38.3, SD=95.2; Since M=89.8, SD=133.4; t(1111)=-11.81, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.36, 134% FY 2017-18: Prior M=38.7, SD=95.8; Since M=75.7, SD=127.1; t(1144)=-9.01, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.27, 96% FY 2016-17: Prior M=46.6, SD=105.5; Since M=86.8, SD=139.1; t(1153)=-9.10, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.24, 86% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=55.4, SD=113.9; Since M=145.3, SD=161.9; t (199) = -7.12, p<.001, Cohen's d=-.51, 162% FY 2018-19: Prior M=58.6, SD=116.1; Since M=190.1, SD=156.2; t(181)=-9.95, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.75, 224% FY 2017-18: Prior M=70.0, SD=125.3; Since M=198.1, SD=152.3; t(190)=-9.82, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.72, 183% FY 2016-17: Prior M=76.2, SD=129.2; Since M=170.9, SD=160.3; t(219)=-7.41, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.46, 124%

#### Out-of-Home Placement Days:

Children:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=45.5, SD=95.1; Since M=27.4; SD=50.9; t(9)=0.50, p=.63, Cohen's d=0.16, -40% FY 2018-19: Prior M=92.8, SD=135.44; Since M=55.2, SD=93.1; t(16)=1.38, p=.19, Cohen's d=0.35, -41% FY 2017-18: Prior M=51.8, SD=74.3; Since M=44.0, SD=66.2; t(13)=0.27, p=.79, Cohen's d=0.07, -15% FY 2016-17: Prior M=72.9, SD=102.2; Since M=55.9, SD=104.1; t(19)=.643m, p=0.53, Cohen's d=0.49, -23%

#### Arrests:

Children:

FY 2019-20: Prior M= 2.0, SD=1.7; Since M=0.2, SD=.5; t(28)=6.5, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.60, -90% FY 2018-19: Prior M=2.3, SD=.4; Since M=0.4, SD=.8; t(61)=3.69, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.60, -83%

FY 2017-18: Prior M=2.5, SD=2.6; Since M=0.1, SD=0.4; t(24)=4.48, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.04, -72% FY 2016-17: Prior M=2.9, SD=4.1; Since M=0.0, SD=0.0; t(6)=1.86, p=.11, Cohen's d=0.99, -78% TAY:

FY 2019-20: Prior M= 2.5, SD=3.6; Since M=.3, SD=.8; t(308)=10.3, p<.001, Cohen's d= 0.71, -88% FY 2018-19: Prior M=2.1, SD=3.0; Since M=0.4, SD=.84; t(220)=7.9, p<.001, Cohen's d= 0.62, -81% FY 2017-18: Prior M=2.2, SD=3.1; Since M=0.1, SD=0.5; t(216)=9.81, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.80, -95% FY 2016-17: Prior M=2.1, SD=3.0; Since M=0.4, SD=.83; t(270)=10.21, p<.001, Cohen's d= 0.79, -81% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=2.1, SD=3.0; Since M=.4, SD=0.9; t (613) = 13.72, p<.001, Cohen's d=.64, -81% FY 2018-19: Prior M=2.0, SD=1.7; Since M=0.4, SD=0.8; t(554)=19.84, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.90, -82% FY 2017-18: Prior M=1.9, SD=1.9; Since M=0.3, SD=0.8; t(586)=18.26, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.80, -84% FY 2016-17: Prior M=2.0, SD=2.2; Since M=0.3, SD=0.8; t(598)=17.58, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.82, -86% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=1.6, SD=1.5; Since M=0; SD=0.0t (43) = 7.0, p<.001, Cohen's d=1.49, -100% FY 2018-19: Prior M=1.3, SD=0.6; Since M=0, SD=0.0; t(39)=14.58, p<.001, Cohen's d=3.26, -100% FY 2017-18: Prior M=1.4, SD=0.7; Since M=0, SD=0.0; t(32)=12.34, p<.001, Cohen's d=3.03, -100% FY 2016-17: Prior M=1.4, SD=0.8; Since M=0, SD=0.0; t(31)=10.71, p<.001, Cohen's d=2.68, -100%

Incarceration Days:

Children:

FY2019-20: Prior M=33.3, SD=47.8; Since M=37.7; SD=76.1; t(22)= -.25, p=.81, Cohen's d=-.05, 13% FY 2018-19: Prior M=43.0, SD=69.4; Since M=22.1; SD=42.6; t(52)=1.93, p=.059, Cohen's d=0.27, -48% FY 2017-18: Prior M=75.4, SD=97.4; Since M=29.8; SD=42.6; t(21)=2.07, p=.05, Cohen's d=0.48, -60% FY 2016-17: Prior M=28.7, SD=39.1; Since M=34.2; SD=67.9; t(9)=.194, p=.851, Cohen's d=-0.06, 19% TAY:

FY2019-20: Prior M=83.5, SD=96.6; Since M=24.4, SD=48.2, t(290)=9.3, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.57, -71% FY 2018-19: Prior M=99.7, SD=102.4; Since M=44.9, SD=82.5, t(215)=5.9, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.4, -55% FY 2017-18: Prior M=114.1, SD=107.4; Since M=22.5, SD=42.9, t(210)=12.19, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.94, -80% FY 2016-17: Prior M=95.3, SD=102.3; Since M=19.9, SD=39.1, t(217)=10.31, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.77, -79% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=117.9, SD=107.0; Since M=26.0, SD=49.9; t (620) = 20.04, p<.001, Cohen's d=.86, -78% FY 2018-19: Prior M=105.6, SD=102.2; Since M=24.5, SD=48.3; t(555)=18.03, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.83, -77% FY 2017-18: Prior M=103.8, SD=97.6; Since M=17.3, SD=38.3; t(585)=20.38, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.93, -83% FY 2016-17: Prior M=99.6, SD=94.5; Since M=20.4, SD=41.7; t(623)=19.24, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.79, -80% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=106.9, SD=111.1; Since M=12.6, SD=44.1; t (32) = 4.54, p<.001, Cohen's d=0.86, -88% FY 2018-19: Prior M=71.4, SD=91.2; Since M=19.3, SD=48.9; t(37)=2.98, p<.05, Cohen's d=0.5, -73% FY 2017-18: Prior M=46.6, SD=75.0; Since M=11.5, SD=39.5; t(29)=2.28, p<.05, Cohen's d=0.44, -75% FY 2016-17: Prior M=72.6, SD=90.6; Since M=8.4, SD=24.7; t(29)=3.72, p<.01, Cohen's d=0.79, -88% Employment Days:

TAY:

FY2019-20: Prior M=28.2, SD=75.3, Since M=68.2, SD=114.7; t(897)=-10.2, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.35, 142% FY 2018-19: Prior M=39.8, SD=87.3; Since M=62.9, SD=109.5; t(848)=-5.74, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.20, 58% FY 2017-18: Prior M=40.5, SD=89.5; Since M=70.8, SD=115.3; t(764)=-6.88, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.25, 75% FY 2016-17: Prior M=46.6, SD=95.4; Since M=63.6, SD=110.0; t(624)=3.30, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.13, 36% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=28.6, SD=76.4; Since M=45.5, SD=103.6; t (1181) = -4.92, p<.001, Cohen's d=-.15, 59% FY 2018-19: Prior M=26.6, SD=74.4; Since M=49.4, SD=106.0; t(1111)=-6.50, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.20, 85% FY 2017-18: Prior M=25.8, SD=70.9; Since M=50.5, SD=108.2; t(1144)=-6.91, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.21, 96% FY 2016-17: Prior M=28.8, SD=75.8; Since M=44.1, SD=97.5; t(1150)=-4.58, p<.001, Cohen's d=-0.12, 53%

# Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) (CSS)

The **Program of Assertive Community Treatment** (PACT) is the County-operated version of a Full Service Partnership program. Like the FSPs, it utilizes the evidencebased Assertive Community Treatment model to provide comprehensive, "whatever it takes", field-based outpatient services to persons ages 14 and older who are living with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or serious mental illness (SMI). Individuals enrolled in the PACT may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder, experience social, cultural and/or linguistic isolation, and have had difficulty engaging with more traditional outpatient mental health services. The main difference from an FSP is that the PACT specifically targets individuals who have had two or more hospitalizations and/or incarcerations due to their mental illness in the past year. The PACT accepts referrals from County-operated and, in the case of children, County-contracted outpatient clinics. The PACT staffing is separated into teams that provide age and developmentally targeted services (Children/youth ages 14-21, TAY ages 18-25, adults ages 26-59, older adults ages 60 and older). Youth ages 18-21 are served by the Child/Youth team or the TAY team based on their level of caregiver involvement and developmental age.

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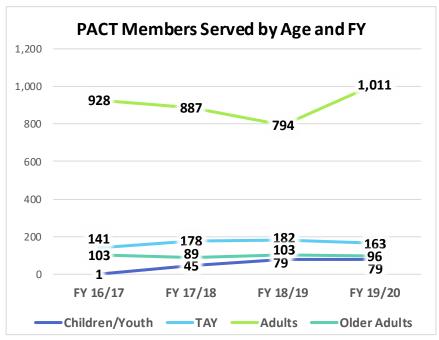
The PACT is staffed by multidisciplinary teams that provide an individualized treatment approach offering intensive, age-appropriate services out in the community. The teams include Mental Health Specialists, Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, Peer Specialists, Psychiatrists and Supervisors who work together to provide clinical interventions such as individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, substance use services and medication services. The most commonly used evidence-based and best practices include Assertive Community Treatment, Seeking Safety and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Children and TAY, in particular, also require intensive family involvement. Thus, collaboration with family members, which can include family therapy, is provided.

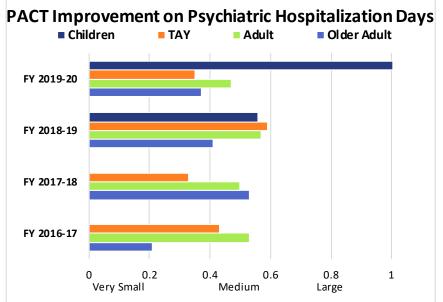
The PACT also provides intensive case management. Team members offer peer and/or caregiver support, vocational and education support, assistance with benefits acquisition, money management, advocacy and psychoeducation on a number of topics. Participants are also referred and linked to a number of community resources such as NAMI, Family Resource Centers and the Wellness Centers to help facilitate their recovery and maintain their gains after being discharged from the program.

As needed, the PACT uses flexible funding to support the needs of participants and/or their families and is intended to cover the costs of services and supports not otherwise reimbursable, as well as items such as incentives, stipends, tickets/admission fees, food, refreshments, and ancillary supports such as child care or family involvement, etc. so that the participant may fully engage in the recovery-focused activity.

#### **OUTCOMES**

Using the same approach as the FSPs, the PACT evaluated performance through several recovery-based outcome measures related to life functioning: days spent psychiatrically hospitalized, homeless, incarcerated and, for TAY and adults, employed. For children/youth under age 18, the PACT also evaluated grades and school attendance. Program effectiveness was measured by comparing differences in functioning during the 12 months prior to enrolling in the PACT to the fiscal year being evaluated. Results were statistically analyzed and reported according to the calculated effect size, which reflects, in part, the extent to which a change in functioning over time is clinically meaningful for the individuals served in the PACT. For all functional measures other than employment or education, only individuals who reported that they experienced the functional outcome (i.e., hospitalization, homelessness, incarceration) either before or after enrollment were included in the outcomes analysis. All TAY and adults were included in





the employment analysis and all children/youth were included in the school attendance/grades evaluation.

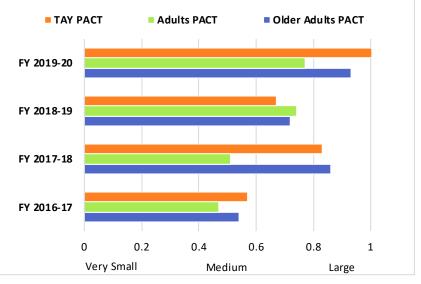
<u>Psychiatric hospitalizations</u>: Adults experienced a moderate reduction in psychiatric hospitalization days during each of the fiscal years reported here, as did children/youth in FY 2018-19, the first full year in which the team serving this younger age group was fully operational. In contrast, TAY and older adults demonstrated variable effectiveness, ranging from small to moderate, in reducing days spent in the hospital while served in the PACT. Older adults continue to face challenges with discharge placement options that can accommodate complex medical or physical needs of consumers, which has led to longer hospitalization stays during some years. TAY, on the other hand, experienced a moderate decrease in days hospitalized in FY 2018-19, an improvement from the two prior years. The HCA will continue to monitor the rates in future years to see if this improved reduction continues for TAY.

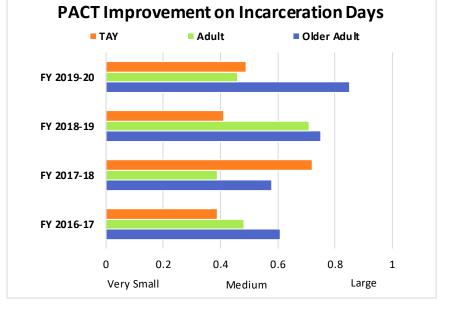
<u>Homelessness</u>: Because individuals who are homeless and living with SED/SMI are largely referred to FSP services, the number of individuals in the PACT who experience unsheltered homelessness tends to be lower than those who are in an FSP. Consistent with this, no children/youth reported experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the year prior to enrollment in the PACT and/or while receiving services in FY 2018-19.

TAY, adults and older adults experienced moderate to large decreases in days spent homeless over each of the past four fiscal years (i.e., average days spent homeless while enrolled in the PACT generally ranged from 1.5-2.5 weeks for TAY except FY 2019-20 which averaged 30 days; 7-9 weeks for adults, 7-10 weeks for older adults). The number of TAY and older adults affected by homelessness tends to be much lower than the number of adults affected, thus the differences across the age groups may reflect unique characteristics of the TAY or older adults served in any given year rather than a change in overall program efficacy. The HCA will continue to monitor trends in homelessness for the PACT participants over time.

<u>Incarcerations</u>: TAY, adults and older adults generally experienced moderate to large decreases in days spent incarcerated over each of the past four fiscal years (i.e., average days incarcerated while enrolled in the PACT was typically 1-2.5 weeks across all age groups). Similar to findings on days spent homeless, the number of TAY and older adults who had been incarcerated tended to be much lower than the number of adults. Thus, the differences across age groups and fiscal years may reflect unique characteristics of the TAY or older adults served in any given year rather than a change in program efficacy. The HCA will continue to monitor trends in incarceration for the PACT participants.

#### PACT Improvement on Unsheltered Homeless Days





Very few children/youth reported incarcerations prior to or during enrollment in the PACT. During FY 2019-20, two clients were incarcerated prior to enrollment for a total of 168 days (one for 28 days, one for 140 days). There were no incarceration days during enrollment in the PACT. In FY 2018-19, the first year in which the child/youth team was fully implemented, 2 of the 79 children/youth experienced incarceration (one for 121 days prior to enrollment and no days in FY 2018-19; the other reported for 30 days prior to enrollment and 19 days after).

<u>Employment</u>: Across all fiscal years, the PACT showed minimal to no impact on improving employment, with an exception in 2018-19 where a small increase was noted for TAY. As with the FSP programs, the PACT continues to struggle with making progress on this functional domain.

<u>Education</u>: Across the past four fiscal years, the majority (74-82%) of children/youth demonstrated good, very good or improved school attendance while enrolled in the program compared to prior to enrollment. During the three most recent fiscal years,

about half (41-53%) of youth showed good, very good or improved grades while enrolled in

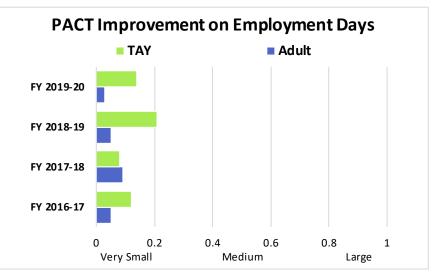
the PACT, which is a decline from a high of 89% observed in FY 2016-17. These findings are consistent with educational outcomes among FSP participants.

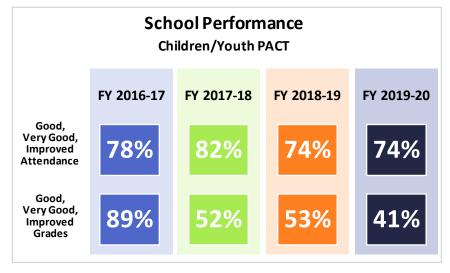
#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

The Children/Youth team is frequently at capacity, resulting in waitlists. With a small number of staff in the program, enrolling new clients can take longer. Another ongoing challenge has been the reluctance of the children/youth to use existing work/vocational programs. Instead, they prefer to seek employment on their own with coaching from program staff. In the two years since the program began, many clients have obtained employment, suggesting that this challenge may decrease as clients stabilize and take advantage of the vocational support provided by the program. In the future, the HCA would like to offer services to children/youth and their families in additional threshold languages but will need staff that speak the languages to meet this need.

The TAY, Adult and Older Adult teams have experienced some new challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the teams never stopped providing services to the clients, the methods of delivery were constantly changing to maintain safety for the clients and the staff providing the services. The programs have been able to increase their use of telehealth services through WebEx to continue face-to-face services for clients who have adequate technology. For clients who do not have access to

technology, the programs have received telepresence machines where the participant is able to come into the program and be in one room while their clinician is in another room. Some older adults are not comfortable using telehealth services as they feel it is not a trustworthy way of talking to their clinician. They are able to access services over the phone or in person.





Finding safe and affordable housing continues to be a challenge for the Older Adult PACT due to clients having limited supplemental Social Security Income and housing resources. This issue has increased especially during the COVID Pandemic as most shelters, Assisted Living Facilities, and Board and Care facilities are closed or are not accepting new clients. Most Older Adult PACT clients are scared and fearful of going to shelters as they are more vulnerable and are at higher risk in regard to COVID-19. There has been an increase in Older Adult PACT referrals for individuals who are homeless, at risk of evictions, and struggling to find placement which often exacerbates their mental health condition resulting in frequent hospitalizations. The PACT clinicians are addressing these challenges by increasing their visits with clients to provide additional support and continue to utilize life coaches and peer mentors to expand the list of available housing resources.

The challenges of medication adherence and follow through with medical and other appointments have improved by utilizing peer mentors and life coaches to assist with appointments. The Older Adult PACT clinicians are also using County resources such as iPhones to assist clients in connecting with their primary care doctors and psychiatrists during the COVID-19 Pandemic to address their physical and mental health needs.

New challenges that Older Adult PACT participants face during the COVID-19 pandemic are social isolation, food insecurity, and a lack of sanitizing supplies that can have a tremendous impact on their mental and physical health. The Older Adult team has addressed these issues by increasing the frequency of case management visits and bringing clients food and supplies from the food bank.

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The PACT teams in Orange County target high-risk underserved populations, which include monolingual Asian/Pacific Islanders, Latino youth and their families, and TAY, adults and older adults living with serious mental illness. The program has shown a modest reduction in psychiatric hospitalization and incarceration days, thereby reducing the need for high-cost crisis services for these individuals.

#### **REFERENCE NOTES**

Psychiatric Hospitalization Days:

Children/Youth:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=20.1, SD= 16.0; Since M= 5.8, SD 9.9; t(51)=8.0, p<.001, Cohen's d= 1.23, -71% FY 2018-19: Prior M=29.0, SD=27.4; Since M=16.5, SD=10.8; t(7)=1.4, p<0.21; Cohen's d=0.56, -44% FY 2017-18: None reported

FY 2016-17: None reported

#### TAY:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=38.1, SD=61.1; Since M=11.2, SD=49.6; t (126) = 3.92, p<0.001, Cohen's d=.35, -71% FY 2018-19: Prior M=42.2, SD=68.2; Since M=7.6, SD=30.6; t(113)=5.6, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.59, -84% FY 2017-18: Prior M=46.4, SD=62.8; Since M=16.8, SD=61.1; t(82)=2.97, p<.01; Cohen's d=0.33, -64% FY 2016-17: Prior M=46.6, SD=63.1; Since M=12.4, SD=49.4; t(92)=4.12, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.43, -73% Adults:

#### Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=

FY 2018-19: Prior M=47.4, SD=78.3; Since M=7.4, SD=24.7; t(590) = 12.12, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.57, -84% FY 2017-18: Prior M=48.7, SD=77.8; Since M=10.0, SD=35.7; t(659)=11.86, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.50, -79% FY 2016-17: Prior M=48.1, SD=76.2; Since M=9.2, SD=27.7; t(687)=12.59, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.53, -81% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=45.0, SD=69.1; Since M=14.6, SD=61.7; t (55) = 2.78, p<0.05, Cohen's d=.37, -67% FY 2018-19: Prior M=40.7, SD=75.5; Since M=8.6, SD=32.9; t(63) = 3.07, p=0.003; Cohen's d=0.41, -79% FY 2017-18: Prior M=38.4, SD=74.8; Since M=4.3, SD=17.3; t(69)=3.73, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.53, -89% FY 2016-17: Prior M=23.2, SD=43.5; Since M=12.9, SD=28.5; t(52)=1.64, p=0.11; Cohen's d=0.21, -44%

#### Homeless Days:

Children/Youth:

FY 2019-20: one reported

FY 2018-19: None reported

#### TAY:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=155.4, SD=119.2; Since M=31.0, SD=68.5; t (21) = 4.73, p<0.001, Cohen's d=1.06, -80% FY 2018-19: Prior M=71.8, SD=89.8; Since M=11.2, SD=29.8; t(16) = 2.53, p=0.022; Cohen's d=0.67, -84% FY 2017-18: Prior M=73.2, SD=59.2; Since M=19.9, SD=42.7; t(16)=3.36, p<.01; Cohen's d=0.83, -73% FY 2016-17: Prior M=57.6, SD=61.2; Since M=15.2, SD=43.3; t(17)=3.37, p<0.01; Cohen's d=0.57, -74% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=163.6, SD=137.5; Since M=48.6, SD=90.3; t (261) = 12.07, p<0.001, Cohen's d=.77, -70% FY 2018-19: Prior M=165.4, SD=131.0; Since M=52.4, SD=93.1; t(207)=10.47, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.74, -68% FY 2017-18: Prior M=152.6, SD=136.1; Since M=65.8, SD=104.7; t(227)=7.62, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.51, -57% FY 2016-17: Prior M=142.5, SD=126.0; Since M=65.3, SD=104.2; t(242)=7.97, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.47, -54% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=174.05, SD=144.53; Since M=55.1, SD=113.87t (20)=4.16, p<0.001, Cohen's d=.93, -68% FY 2018-19: Prior M=174.6, SD=152.5; Since M=69.0, SD=115.1; t(30)=3.50, p<=0.002; Cohen's d=0.72, -60% FY 2017-18: Prior M=187.0, SD=141.5; Since M=49.6, SD=102.3; t(33)=4.96, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.86, -74% FY 2016-17: Prior M=167.8, SD=145.8; Since M=71.8, SD=108.1; t(30)=2.81, p=<0.01; Cohen's d=0.54, -57%

Incarceration Days:

Children/Youth:

FY 2019-20: See narrative for number of days for two youth who reported having been incarcerated FY 2018-19: See narrative for number of days for two youth who reported having been incarcerated TAY:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=64.4, SD=105.9; Since M=13.4, SD=35.3; t (25) = 2.28 p <.05, Cohen's d=.49, -79% FY 2018-19: Prior M=50.9, SD=94.6; Since M=14.1, SD=32.6; t(13)=1.38, p=0.19; Cohen's d=.41, -72% FY 2017-18: Prior M=35.5, SD=36.0; Since M=7.3, SD=15.2; t(19)=3.02, p=.07; Cohen's d=0.72, -79% FY 2016-17: Prior M=35.1, SD=31.9; Since M=14.7, SD=43.2; t(29)=2.48, p<0.05; Cohen's d=0.39, -58% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=57.33, SD=82.6; Since M=15.4, SD=42.6; t (201) = 6.27, p<0.001, Cohen's d=.46, -73% FY 2018-19: Prior M=61.7, SD=83.4; Since M=7.1, SD=21.9; t(176)=8.29, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.71, -89% FY 2017-18: Prior M=55.6, SD=83.9; Since M=18.1, SD=50.3; t(200)=5.38, p<.001; Cohen's d=0.39, -67% FY 2016-17: Prior M=60.9, SD=85.5; Since M=18.5, SD=40.2; t(216)=6.38, p<0.001; Cohen's d=0.48, -70% Older Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=86.96, SD=91.88; Since M=7.27, SD=24.03; t (14) = 3.04, p<0.05, Cohen's d=.85, -92% FY 2018-19: Prior M=78.3, SD=99.3; Since M=12.6, SD=25.5; t(13)-=2.40, p=0.032; Cohen's d=0.75, -84% FY 2017-18: Prior M=59.3, SD=85.1; Since M=9.2, SD=22.7; t(12)=1.93, p=.08; Cohen's d=0.58, -84% FY 2016-17: Prior M=127.9, SD=110.7; Since M=39.9, SD=95.7; t(10)=3.24, p<0.01; Cohen's d=0.61, -69%

#### Employment Days:

#### Children:

Not assessed for children

TAY:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=27.2, SD=71.0; Since M=40.4, SD=86.0; t (136) = -1.63, p=.105, Cohen's d=-.14, 49% FY 2018-19: Prior M=26.8, SD=69.3; Since M=46.8, SD=98.4; t(96)=-2.04, p=0.044; Cohen's d=-0.21, 75% FY 2017-18: Prior M=26.2, SD=72.9; Since M=33.7, SD=82.7; t(90)=-0.73, p=.47; Cohen's d=-0.08, 29% FY 2016-17: Prior M=37.2, SD=87.1; Since M=45.1, SD=92.7; t(92)=-0.68, p=0.50; Cohen's d=-0.12, 22% Adults:

FY 2019-20: Prior M=24.1, SD=71.0; Since M=27.0, SD=75.1; t (722) =-.94, p=0.349, Cohen's d=-.03, 12% FY 2018-19: Prior M=29.7, SD=77.9; Since M=34.33, SD=83.1; t(640)=-1.20, p=0.231; Cohen's d=-.05, 15% FY 2017-18: Prior M=30.2, SD=81.0; Since M=40.0, SD=93.6; t(718)=-2.41, p<.05; Cohen's d=-0.09, 33% FY 2016-17: Prior M=27.3, SD=77.5; Since M=33.0, SD=83.5; t(753)=-1.55, p=0.12; Cohen's d=-0.05, 21%

### Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by FSP/PACT

#### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

Central to all of Orange County's intensive outpatient treatment programs is the emphasis placed on helping individuals move forward in their recovery. The PACT and FSP provider staff work with participants using a strengths-based model to customize their individualized, client- and family-centered treatment plans, aligned with participants' wants and needs, and matched to their level of functioning. Many of the adult providers utilize tools from the Recovery Centered Clinical System, which focuses on exploring identity, defining hopes and dreams, making choices, reducing harm and making connections. All participants are encouraged to broaden their resources and support systems by increasing their social contacts, improving family relationships when appropriate, and having meaningful roles in the community. Team members strive to instill hope in the participants with whom they work, identify their and their families' strengths, maintain a non-judgmental stance, and have empathy for their and their families' struggles. Integral to these efforts are Peer Specialists, Peer Coaches and Parent Partners who share their lived experience, serve as positive models, encourage empowerment, facilitate community integration, and build, enhance and maintain resilience.

#### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

FSP and the PACT program staff also recognize that providing quality services begins with taking into consideration the culture, values, preferences and needs of the individuals and families they serve and, as such, strive to hire bilingual and bicultural staff. All staff participate in on-going trainings related to ethnicity, religious observations, gender identity and sexual orientation. These trainings provide staff with an overview of how to incorporate culturally responsive approaches in their interactions with participants, and enable staff to better connect with unserved, underserved and culturally and linguistically isolated individuals through conversations that fit with the individuals' and their families' values and worldview. For example, some of the perspectives that the provider serving the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) population considers when providing services to participants include the medical and spiritual aspects of mental health, somatic symptoms and the chance to improve education or employment outcomes through mental health services. They also hire staff who are sensitive to the fact that the children and youth they serve may have values and perspectives that are different from those of their parents/guardians and staff actively work to bridge any cultural divide. Thus, through training and/or experience, staff understands the heightened stigma and misconceptions about mental health that can exist in underserved ethnic communities and draws upon this information to facilitate engagement with participants, establish rapport and reduce stigma and discrimination. In addition to providing valuable direct services and supports to participants, Peer Specialists also serve as inspirational role models, which can be powerful in reducing mental health-related stigma among the people and families served.

#### STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE TIMELY ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Individuals and families referred to the PACT and FSP programs often face issues that may keep them from seeking services. These can include language/cultural barriers; recent immigration to the United States; anxiety about their legal status and the possibility of being deported; homelessness, high risk of homelessness, or housing instability; lack of financial or other resources; lack of food or childcare, transportation challenges; criminal justice involvement and mistrust of "the system;" difficulty navigating the very large mental health system; lack of open program space; stigma related to having a mental health condition; a tendency to attribute mental health symptoms to previous substance use (theirs and/or their parents'); and previous negative experiences with mental health professionals.

To counter these barriers, the FSP providers seek to facilitate access to their programs in a number of ways. They provide presentations to educate the community about their services and tailor their messages to reach those who are not traditionally referred for mental health treatment. For example, the provider serving the API community promotes its services through "safe topics" such as how educational or employment attainment can be improved by receiving services that improve mental well-being. Once a referral is received, FSP providers across all programs quickly do outreach and engagement wherever the referred individual is at,

including their home, shelters, public areas such as parks/libraries, a hospital, correctional facility or anywhere else the person is known to be. During these contacts, staff focuses on building therapeutic relationships in order to facilitate trust and encourage linkage to ongoing services.

In addition, providers strive to provide services in a linguistically and culturally competent manner to diverse, underserved populations in Orange County. When bilingual staff are not available, the staff has access to all languages through a contracted interpreter service provider that is available when needed. The programs also offer regular staff trainings to increase cultural sensitivity and understanding when providing services to participants and their families who come from cultural backgrounds that are different from their own.

When individuals and/or families seem hesitant to participate in services, staff explore the obstacles preventing them from accessing resources or progressing through their care plan. The individual, family and FSP team attempt to work through the challenges together by adapting strategies, comparing positives and negatives of behaviors and consequences, reframing negative situations to create new momentum, engaging the participant in problem-solving, eliciting change statements, reinforcing responsibility, giving praise and encouragement and cultivating hope in one's ability to succeed. The providers also make an effort to educate participants about, and link them to, appropriate resources outside of their programs. This can include financial assistance and benefits, housing, the behavioral health continuum of care and other resources that promote self-sufficiency and encourage community.

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

To overcome these wide-ranging challenges, the PACT teams operate under the "whateverit takes" model to engage individuals in treatment. They provide personcentered, recovery-based interventions primarily in the home or wherever participants are comfortable meeting to overcome barriers to access or engagement. The teams also carry smaller caseloads so individuals and their families can be seen more frequently and have their needs met in a timely manner. Moreover, many of the PACT therapists are bilingual and able to communicate with monolingual individuals and family members in their preferred language, thus facilitating their engagement in services.

The teams serving adults and older adults also offer a streamlined referral and linkage process to (1) allow direct referrals into the PACT, and/or to (2) include more detailed and frequent follow-up with individuals who miss appointments or do not access treatment. As a result of these operational changes, individuals are linked to services more quickly and feel supported through the process. In addition, some clinicians are specifically assigned to engage individuals who are referred from hospitals, and homeless shelters such as The Courtyard and the MHSA housing programs.

The Child/Youth team, implemented in June 2017, has worked to increase timely access to its services by presenting to providers about the PACT services and eligibility criteria. Once referred, Child/Youth therapists have attended sessions with the referring therapist, psychiatrist, youth and parent in order to explain the program in detail and establish rapport with the youth and parent. Like the other teams, the Child/Youth team also works with hospital staff, child welfare, Probation Officers and others involved with the youth and family to engage them in their program services.

The PACT teams also recognize the importance of successfully linking program participants to community-based providers as they approach discharge from the PACT. Clinicians attend appointments with individuals in the new setting to ensure a smooth transition and ease any anxiety they may feel over the change. Although this transition can be difficult and may take several visits, program staff appreciate the value of this process in allowing individuals to continue moving forward on their recovery journeys.

FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23 Program Budgets: Combined and by FSP Age Group										
Budget by FY	COMBINED *	Children	ΤΑΥ	Adult	Older Adult					
Actual FY 2019-20 Budgets	\$53,530,226	\$11,054,575	\$8,184,468	\$21,592,093	\$2,683,249					
Proposed FY 2020-21 Budgets	\$53,766,876	\$11,054,575	\$8,184,468	\$21,592,093	\$3,219,899					
Proposed FY 2021-22 Budgets	\$53,766,876	\$11,054,575	\$8,184,468	\$21,592,093	\$3,219,899					
Proposed FY 2022-23 Budgets	\$53,766,876	\$11,054,575	\$8,184,468	\$21,592,093	\$3,219,899					

\* Combined budget amount includes administrative fees, which are not included in budgets for each age group

FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23 Projected Unduplicated to be Served: Combined and by FSP Age Group									
	COMBINED	Children	ΤΑΥ	Adult **	Older Adult				
FY 2019-20	3,676	410	1,020	2,052	194				
FY 2020-21	3,521	430	1,070	1,825	196				
FY 2021-22	3,591	440	1,120	1,835	196				
FY 2022-23	3,661	450	1,170	1,845	196				

\*\* Includes numbers to be served by AOT Assessment and Linkage Team, which also serves TAY and older adults

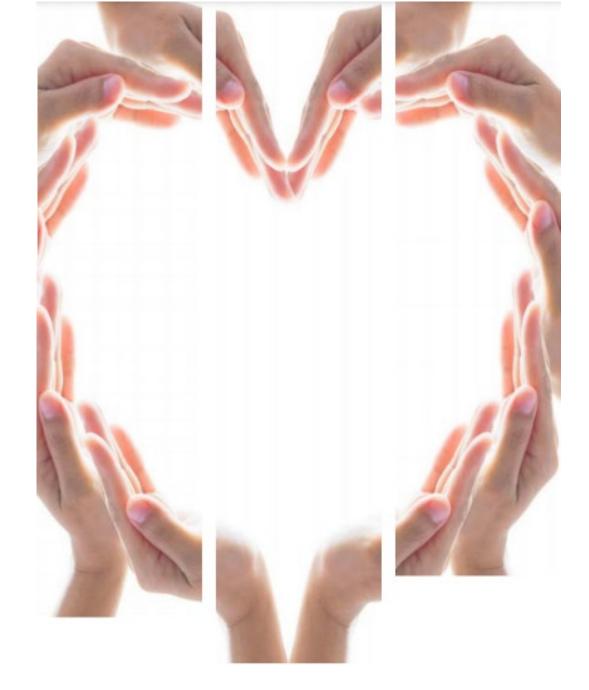
P	Proportion to be Served by Demographic Characteristic: Combined and by FSP Age Group											
Age Group	% COMBINED	Gender	% COMBINED	% Children	% TAY	% Adult	% Older Adult					
0-15	13	Female	41	42	43	38	47					
16-25	35	Male	58	56	53	62	53					
26-59	43	Transgender	1	2	4	-	-					
60+	9	Genderqueer	-	-	-	-	-					
		Questioning/Unsure	-	-	-	-	-					
		Other	-	-	-	-	-					

Proportion to be Served by Demographic Characteristic: Combined and by FSP Age Group										
Race/Ethnicity	% COMBINED	% Children	% TAY	% Adult	% Older Adult					
African American/Black	7	5	5	9	9					
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	1	1	1	1					
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	19	11	9	6					
Caucasian/White	38	13	22	52	64					
Latino/Hispanic	38	59	56	23	13					
Middle Eastern/North African	1	1	1	1	1					
Other	4	2	4	5	6					

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Supportive Services provides a broad array of supports generally designed to augment and expand an individual's gains made in treatment programs, particularly those within Outpatient Treatment, Crisis Prevention and Support Services, and Residential Treatment. These programs, which are funded by CSS and PEI serve individuals of all ages and are further subdivided into the following categories:

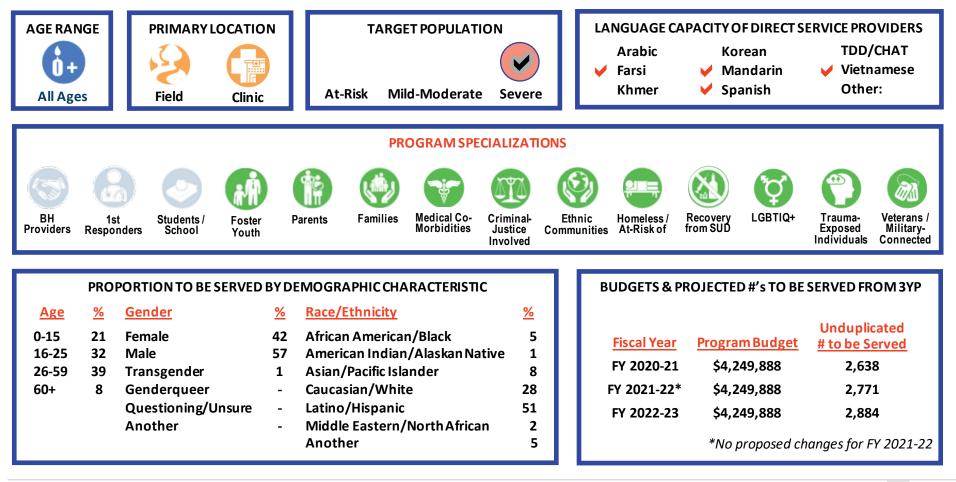
- Peer Support
- Family Support
- General Support
- Housing Support



**Peer Support** programs are staffed with individuals who have lived experience with mental health and/or substance use recovery, and their family members (i.e., parent partners of child/youth participants). While Orange County includes peers and parent partners as part of the service delivery teams of many of its behavioral health programs (i.e., FSPs, PACT, Veteran-Focused Early Intervention Outpatient, Suicide Prevention Services, etc.) the programs described here are different in that the full scope of services they offer are provided exclusively by peers and their family members. By sharing their lived experience, peers and parent partners are able to help support and encourage participants in their own recovery journeys.

### **Peer Mentor and Parent Partner Support**(CSS)

The **Peer Mentor and Parent Partner Support** program serves individuals who are living with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) or serious mental illness (SMI), may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder, and would benefit from the supportive services of a Peer Specialist. Peer Specialists may include peer or youth mentors and/or parent partners who work with participants' family members who would benefit from the supportive services of a parent mentor. Individuals referred to this program can receive support with linkage to services and/or with achieving one or more recovery goals.



Through this program, Peer Specialists work with participants to help them achieve identified goals. By sharing their lived experience, Peer Specialists are often able to provide the encouragement and support a person needs to engage in ongoing services and achieve their personal goals. The support provided is customized depending on the individuals' needs and personal recovery goals, and can include the following:

- Support in linking to services that may involve activities such as:
  - o Accessing behavioral health or medical appointments
  - Accessing community-based services such as food pantries or emergency overnight shelters as needed
  - Re-integrating into the community following discharge from inpatient care, hospitalization, emergency department visits and/or incarceration/in-custody stays
- Persons Served Peer Mentor & Parent **Partner Support** 1,000 879 829 800 767 754 644 607 600 400 200 Ω FY 16-17 FY 17-18 FY 18-19 FY 19-20 Children/Youth Adults/Older Adults

- Support in building skills that may involve activities such as:
  - o Learning independent living skills, such as how to use and navigate the public transportation system
  - o Increasing socialization activities such as attending groups or activities at the Wellness Centers and/or facilitating or assisting with groups
  - o Managing and preventing behavioral health crises
  - o Obtaining identification cards or driver's licenses
  - Learning skills to find, obtain and/or sustain housing placements, which may include landlord negotiations, housekeeping, food shopping and preparation, financial management, medication management, transportation, medical care, arranging utilities, phone, insurance and access to community supports and services<sup>1</sup>

Referrals for support with linkage to services are provided by: 1) Therapists working with individuals who need additional support when transitioning between behavioral health services and/or levels of care; 2) Staff in a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), Royale Therapeutic Residential Center or crisis services program connecting individuals into ongoing outpatient care; and/or 3) Therapists or Personal Service Coordinators working with an individual as they re-integrate into their community following a recent hospitalization, incarceration/juvenile detention, or shelter stay (i.e., Orangewood, etc.). Referrals for support with achieving one or more recovery goals are provided by: 1) BHS therapists working with an individual, and perhaps their families, on their treatment goals within an outpatient clinic and/or community setting; and/or 2) BHS Outreach & Engagement (O&E) team and Housing Navigators working with individuals in need of housing sustainability assistance after being placed as part of Orange County's Whole Person Care plan.

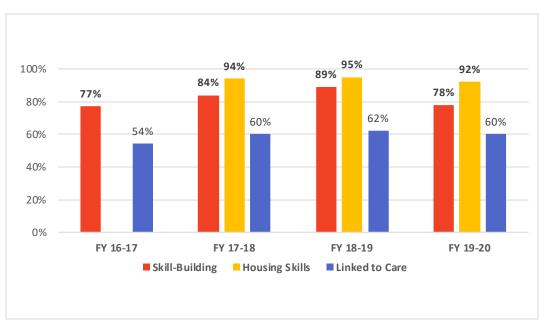
#### **OUTCOMES**

Across the three fiscal years reported here, adults and older adults engaged in outpatient care were largely successful in achieving their skill-building goals with the support of their peer. The most common types of goals included learning to navigate the public transportation system, obtaining identification cards or driver's licenses, completing housing applications, and increasing socialization activities. The program was expanded to serve children/youth in FY 2017-18, and implementation began ramping up in FY 2018-19. Outcomes for this age group are still in development and will be reported in future Plan Updates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This area is the focus of the provider supporting Orange County's Whole Person Care plan.

In its first full year of implementation, nearly all (i.e., 91%) individuals supported by the Whole Person Care provider achieved their housing-related goals. Provider improvements in staffing, the referral and screening process, as well as closer collaboration with Housing Services, contributed to this higher goal attainment rate in FY 2018-19 relative to FY 2017-18, which was the first year these services were provided.

A little over half of adults and older adults were successfully linked to behavioral health and/or medical appointments with the support of their peer.



#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

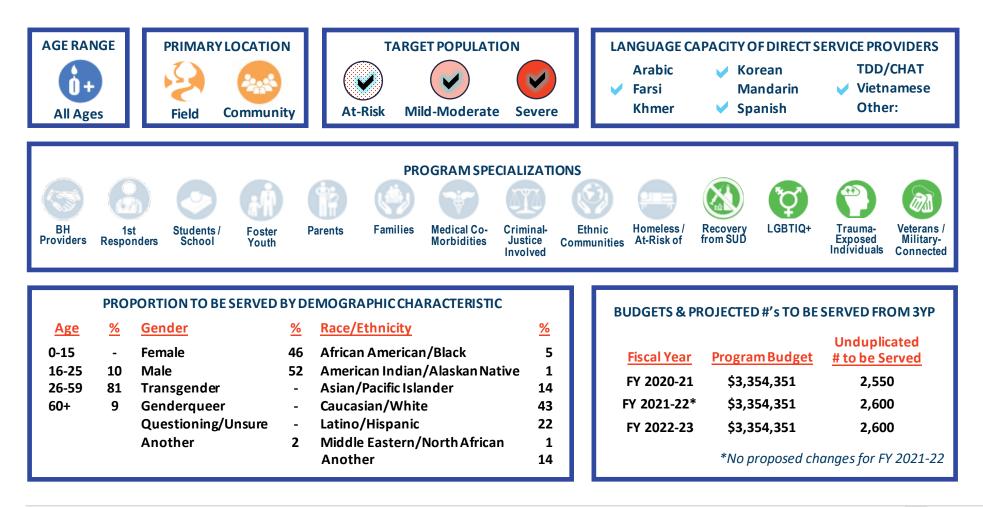
The utilization of peer mentors within clinical programs is a relatively new strategy in Orange County and, as with any new program concept, it can take time to promote its services. Educating the various referral sources about Peer Mentoring services is a high priority, and staff provides frequent presentations throughout the county about the services they offer. In addition, homelessness continues to be an issue with regard to the peers' ability to maintain contact with the participants and increased efforts have been made during the initial contact to obtain as much identifying information from the participant as possible on how to best reach them. Initial results from these front-end efforts have been promising.

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Peer Mentoring has provided services to approximately 3,000 adults and older adults since services began in November 2015, and 644 children and youth since services were first added for this age group in FY 2018-19. The program recognizes that building County and community partnerships is a priority. In addition to the strong ongoing partnerships with referral sources such as the County and Countycontracted clinics and the County Crisis Stabilization Unit, the program also partners with the Wellness Centers, the Council on Aging, NAMI and housing agencies.

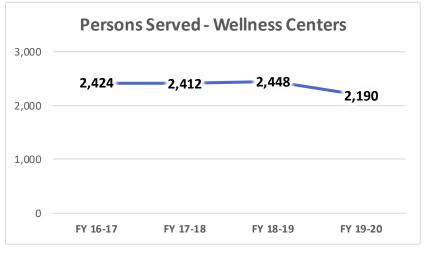
### Wellness Centers (CSS)

Orange County funds three **Wellness Center** locations that serve adults 18 and older who are living with a serious mental illness and may have a co-occurring disorder. Members are relatively stable in, and actively working on their recovery, which allows them to maximize the benefits of participating in Wellness Center groups, classes and activities. The Centers serve a diverse member base and Wellness Center West, in particular, has a unique dual track program that provides groups, classes and activities in English and monolingual threshold languages that meet the cultural and language needs of the population located in the city of Garden Grove. The predominant threshold language in the monolingual track is Vietnamese.



Wellness Centers are grounded in the Recovery Model and provide a support system of peers to assist members in maintaining their stability while continuing to progress in their personal growth and development. The programs are culturally and linguistically appropriate while focusing on personalized socialization, relationship building, assistance with maintaining benefits, setting educational and employment goals, and giving back to the community via volunteer opportunities.

Recovery interventions are member-directed and embedded within the following array of services: individualized wellness recovery action plans, peer supports, social outings, recreational activities, and linkage to community services and supports. Services are provided by individuals with lived experience and are based upon a model of peer-to-peer support in a non-judgmental environment. A wide variety of weekend, evening and holiday social activities are provided for members to increase socialization and encourage (re)integration into the community. The ultimate goal is to reduce reliance on the mental health system and to increase self-reliance by building a healthy network of support which may involve the members' family, friends or significant others.

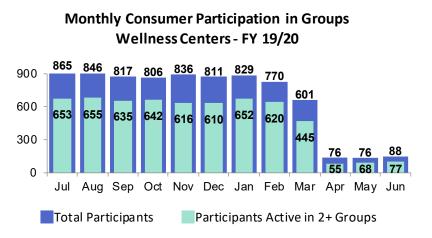


The Wellness Centers utilize Member Advisory Boards (MABs) composed of members who develop or modify programming and evaluate the successes or failures of groups, activities and classes. They also use a community town hall model and member Satisfaction and Quality of Life surveys to make decisions about programming and activities.

#### **OUTCOMES**

The Wellness Centers monitor their success in supporting recovery through two broad categories: social inclusion and self-reliance. Social inclusion is evaluated in two interrelated ways. First, the Wellness Centers encourage their members to engage in two or more groups or social activities each month. As can be seen in the graph, the Centers met this goal with 72-89% of members participating in two or more groups/activities each month during FY 2019-20. This is comparable to FY 2016-17 through FY 2018-19 (see Appendix VII for graphs).

Second, of the various social activities offered, the Centers particularly encourage their members to engage in community integration activities as a key aspect of promoting their recovery. In FY 2019-20, 1,638 adults (75%) participated in community integration activities, which is lower than the rates in FY 2016-17 through FY 2018-19, (84%, 84% and 97%, respectively) and was likely attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic that began in the last quarter of the fiscal year.



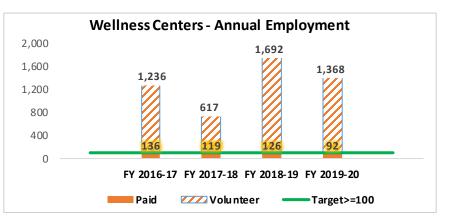
The Wellness Centers also strive to increase a member's self-reliance, as reflected by school enrollment and employment rates. A total of 153, 219, 146 and 141 adults enrolled in education classes in FY 2019-20, FY 2018-19, FY 2017-18, and FY 2016-17, respectively. Thus, school enrollment remains a challenging area and HCA staff will continue to work with the providers to strategize new ways to increase interest and enrollment in classes. To assist members in furthering their

education in ways that may not require a long term school commitment, members are encouraged and have been completing on-line courses that are shorter in duration and which issue a certificate of completion at the end of the course. This has been well received by members and serves to build confidence by achieving shorter term goals and often leads to more interest by members in furthering their education.

In contrast, 1,460 adults in FY 2019-20, 1,818 adults in FY 2018-19, 736 adults in FY 2017-18, and 1,372 adults in FY 2016-17 were involved in employment, primarily due to the large proportion in volunteer positions. The programs will continue their efforts to engage members in employment-related activities and work toward increasing the number who obtain paid positions.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

A continuing challenge for accessing the Wellness Centers is transportation, which can take from 45 minutes to two hours each way on public transportation. Each of the Wellness Centers strives to offer activities in different community settings that allow access in members' own neighborhoods without the need for extensive travel. With the centers operating in the west, central and south regions of the county, access has improved. The south county center is particularly challenging when it comes to public transportation, as the majority of bus routes are no longer in operation in that region. To assist individuals with accessing and utilizing the south center, HCA has authorized the utilization of its Transportation program to assist those individuals with the most challenging transportation needs to get to the south center.



#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Since their respective programs' inceptions, over 6,300 adults have received services at Wellness Center Central, with an average daily attendance of 66 members, six days per week; more than 850 adults at Wellness Center South, with an average daily attendance of 29 members, six days per week; and nearly 1,800 members at Wellness Center West, with an average daily attendance of 47 members per day, six days per week.

### **Continuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families** (INN)

The **Continuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families** Innovation project integrates military family culture and services into Families and Communities Together (FaCT) Family Resource Centers (FRCs) located throughout Orange County. It seeks to expand general service providers' knowledge of how to best meet the needs of military-connected families so that they feel competent and willing to identify and serve this currently hidden population. The target population served includes active service members, reservists, veterans (regardless of their discharge status) and their children, spouses, partners and loved ones.

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Peer Navigators with lived military experience are co-located within FRCs to provide two key functions: (1) provide case management and peer support to referred participants, and (2) provide military family culture awareness trainings for FRC staff so that they are better able to identify, screen and serve military-connected families. The project is also staffed with clinicians who, with the on-going support of Peer Navigators, provide counseling and trauma-informed care utilizing evidence-based practices. Additional services include referral and linkage to County and community programs.

Continuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families was implemented July 1, 2018. The primary purpose of this project is to increase access to mental health services, with a goal of making a change to an existing practice in the field of mental health, including but not limited to, application to a different population. Innovation funds for this project will end in March 2023.

#### OUTCOMES

In FY 2019-20, program staff integrated into all 15 FaCT FRC sites throughout Orange County. However, community outreach events were significantly impacted due to stay-at-home orders and social distancing requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff conducted 17 community outreach events, compared to the 37 events held in FY 2018-19. In FY 2019-20, Peer Navigators, clinicians and collaborative partners provided 256 trainings related to military family culture to FRC staff, which included specialty trainings on military legal issues, domestic violence and housing. This is an increase from the 151 trainings provided in FY 2018-19. In the upcoming year, the program will further expand on trainings to include e-Learns, brief microlearning sessions that will be available online to FRC staff.

In FY 2019-20, 47 military-connected families (n=175 individual family members) were served, which is an increase from FY 2018-19 (37 military-connected families; n=140 individual family members). A total of 1,728 case management session were provided to families, in contrast to the 475 sessions provided in FY 2018-19. Due to their lived experience and extensive training, the Peer Navigators were able to identify needs and appropriately refer military-connected families to resources, thereby increasing the likelihood that families would receive needed services in a timely manner.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

A significant challenge in this program involves the collaboration with FRCs due to their unique population needs and variation in operations across the different sites. FaCT FRCs include over 100 funded and unfunded community partners, adding complexity to the collaboration, training and partnership elements of this program. To address this challenge, program staff continue to attend FRC meetings and work closely with FRC staff to learn about the unique culture and needs of each site. The program is also currently developing brief online trainings on various topics to increase FRC staff's access to information about military family culture, based on their specific needs.

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The lead agency for this project, Child Guidance Center, and their collaborative partners, is committed to informing nonmilitary community organizations about the importance of identifying, engaging and serving military families to best meet their needs. These partners presented at the FaCT Annual Conference on "The Sacrifices of Service: The Unique Experiences of Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families" and facilitated two breakout sessions that focused on the current systems in place for military families, its gaps, and solutions to address those gaps. This was the first time in the history of the FaCT conference that a breakout session was conducted regarding military-connected families. To further train community agencies on the topic, the collaborative partners also provided an in-service training for all FRC staff and Orange County community providers titled, "Building Military Cultural Competency in the FRCs to Collaboratively Serve Military Families." These trainings were well received by both the FRC staff and FaCT Program Administrators, and has increased interest on being trained in this area among community providers.

### Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by Supportive Services Programs: Peer Services

#### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

In one-on-one services, peers, parent partners and peer navigators focus on a participant's strengths and foster their sense of empowerment, hope and resilience while on their recovery journey. The activities in which participants engage are designed to enhance their resourcefulness and well-being in emotional, physical, spiritual and social domains, thus allowing them to re-integrate successfully into their communities. In addition, the Wellness Centers provide a safe and nurturing environment where each individual can achieve their vision of recovery while in a setting that promotes acceptance, dignity and social inclusion. Peer Navigators in the Continuum of Care project also have specific experience and knowledge of military culture and train FRC staff on military culture and identifying military-connected families, which has increased military cultural awareness among non-veteran serving organizations.

#### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

The programs strive to make their services available to all eligible Orange County residents in a manner that is sensitive and responsive to participants' diverse backgrounds. Cultural competence is an essential part of the development, recruitment and hiring of staff. Within the clinic settings where the peer mentors and parent partners work, peers/partners strive to reduce stigma and discrimination by drawing upon their cultural strengths and providing services and assistance in a manner that is trusted by, and aligns with, the community's ethnic and culturally diverse populations. In addition, peers/partners encourage participants and other staff working in the Clinics/Programs to use recovery language. They normalize seeking mental health treatment by sharing their own lived experiences and by discussing how any other individual would seek treatment for a physical illness. Peers/partners also demonstrate empathy, caring and concern to bolster participants' self-esteem and confidence. As a result, a unique bond between the peer and the participant can be developed, which gives the participant space to open up about their reluctance or challenges with medication, services, doctors, etc.

In addition, the Wellness Centers reduce stigma and discrimination by providing a warm, welcoming and accepting environment, and serving all members who meet program criteria regardless of their personal history, race, ethnicity, gender identity or sexual orientation. Multi-cultural events such as Hispanic Heritage Day, Black History Month and Multi-Cultural Day are very popular with members, and are frequently held to educate and inform members about other cultures and the customs and traditions they enjoy, including dance, music and food. The Wellness Centers also offer a variety of groups such as Diversity Plus and the LGBTIQ group that are specifically designed for their widely diverse membership.

Employment preparation, offered both by the Centers and Peer Mentors/Parent Partners, also helps participants focus on their experiences, skills and what they have to offer, rather than on their mental health condition. Socialization activities held in the community help to develop confidence in participants that they, too, can participate in everything their communities have to offer, which helps to reduce isolation and fear.

Finally, military-connected families seeking FRC resources have the opportunity to access behavioral health services through a less stigmatizing point of entry. Peer Navigators also connect with families by sharing their military backgrounds, which helps overcome fears of being misunderstood.

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

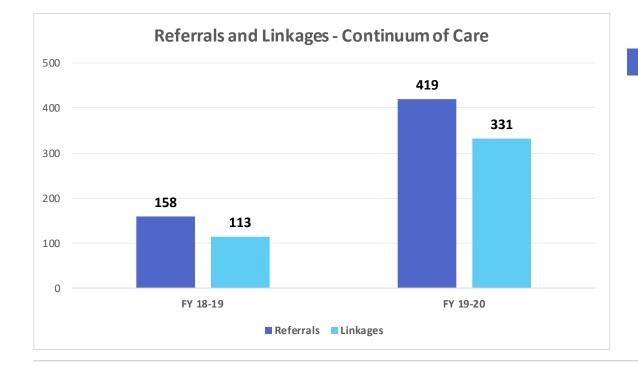
The programs conduct outreach to potential referral sources in order to increase awareness of and access to their services. For example, the Wellness Center distributes flyers and monthly activity calendars to all County and County-contracted programs, and frequently staff booths at behavioral health and other community events. The Peer Mentoring/Parent Partner program has proactively built relationships with leadership at County and County-contracted outpatient

clinics by conducting presentations to inform staff of the referral process, services provided, and to share success stories. Sharing data on linkage rates and successful goal completion as a result of using Peer Mentoring services has had a large influence on increasing referrals to the program.

Referred individuals may face barriers to engaging in services due to housing, transportation, childcare, challenges with scheduling and/or symptoms of a mental health condition may prevent members from engaging in Peer Mentoring services and/or Center activities. Utilizing peer staff with lived experience with behavioral health issues is key to operating programs of this nature as these staff can relate on a much deeper level with individuals because they have often walked in their shoes. Peer staff are from a variety of cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds, and have the ability to serve members in all threshold languages

Homelessness is another factor that can affect access to Peer Mentoring program services, in particular, as mentors can lose touch with individuals who do not have a stable residence or telephone to remind them about their appointments or responsibilities. Peers proactively address this potential challenge at their first meeting by making a significant effort to learn about where a participant may be staying and how to contact them to minimize losing contact with them once their initial meeting has ended.

Finally, to meet the specific, complex needs of military families, the collaboration of non-profit community organizations supporting the Continuum of Care project provided specialty services to families with domestic violence, housing and legal needs. Providing access to these services directly within the FRCs enables Peer Navigators to connect with participants while they are seeking other support services and provide them with timely access to behavioral health support and treatment, as well as other needed services. The project also trains FRC staff on how best to meet the needs of military-connected families so that they feel competent and willing to identify and serve this target population. FRCs also serve as a new point of entry into behavioral health and supportive services for military families. The support offered by a military-connected peer increases family members' access to needed services, especially behavioral health care, which they may be reluctant to seek on their own due to the stigma associated with mental health conditions.

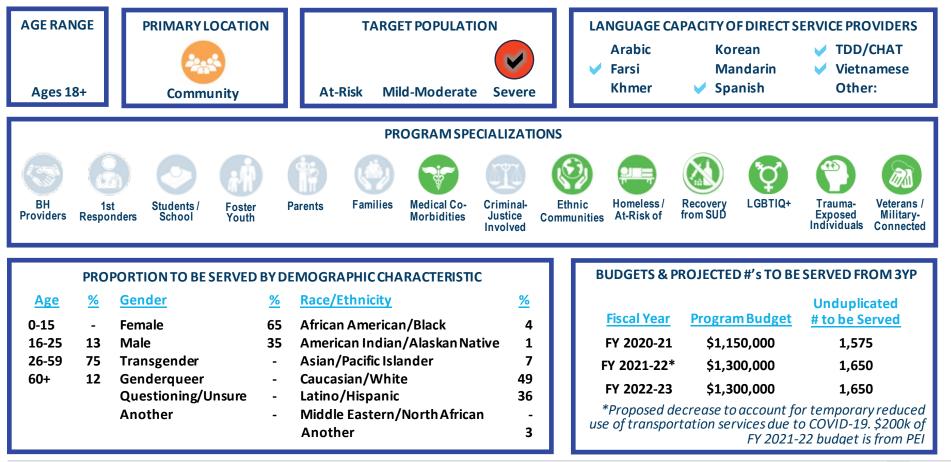


#### Most Common Linkages Made

LEGAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, TRANSPORTATION, HOMELESS SERVICES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PRIMARY/DENTAL CARE, CLOTHING, JOB PLACEMENT, FOOD AND NUTRITION, JOB PLACEMENT, FOOD/ NUTRITION, OTHER SERVICES (I.E., CHILD SUPPORT, FINANCIAL, UTILITY ASSISTANCE, ETC.) **General Support** programs provide supplementary services designed to improve recovery by helping participants meet essential needs such as transportation assistance and/or develop skills. At present, all programs in this subset are for adults 18 and older and are funded through CSS. However, the transportation program, described below, will be expanded to include assistance for children (while accompanied by their parent/caregiver).

### Transportation(CSS, PEI)

The **Transportation** program serves adults ages 18 and older, who have a serious mental illness or substance use disorder, and who need transportation assistance to and from necessary County behavioral health or primary care appointments or select supportive services (particularly housing-related). Individuals are referred by their BHS treatment provider, following an assessment of their transportation needs and history of scheduled appointments missed due to transportation issues. Based on the community planning process for the Three-Year Plan, this program was to be expanded to support participants with additional transportation needs. However, due to the lingering impact of COVID-19, exploration of expanding services to youth and families with children, including those who must be transported in child safety seats, and to support services that help address social determinants of health, may be postponed.



Individuals are provided curb-to-curb service or door-to-door service if they are living with physical disabilities that may require additional assistance entering or exiting the vehicles. All that is required for the person to do is schedule the appointment in advance and the driver will pick them up at their specified location, take them to their appointment, pick them up after the appointment and take them back to their destination of origin. Individuals can also stop and get their prescriptions filled as necessary. Transportation services have also been authorized for use by both CSS and PEI field outreach teams for a one-time use to link participants served in the field to their initial behavioral health appointments. In addition, Transportation services may be used to link participants being discharged from the County's Crisis Stabilization Unit to their follow-up appointments at either of the County's Open Access clinics.

#### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

A survey on transportation needs conducted at the four large county adult outpatient clinics (Santa Ana, Anaheim, Westminster and Mission Viejo) indicated that over 40% of missed clinic appointments were a direct result of transportation issues. These issues included, but were not limited to, lack of a car or money for gas or a bus, inability to navigate the public transportation system, the time it takes to use public transportation system, anxiety surrounding using public transportation or riding with others, and reliance on others to get rides to and from appointments. By providing reliable pick-up and drop-off at their requested destinations, participants have been better able to engage in treatment consistently, thus allowing them to pursue their recovery.

#### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

By offering free transportation, the program makes behavioral health and medical treatment equally accessible to individuals in need of care regardless of their socioeconomic means.

#### STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE TIMELY ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

The program facilitates timely access to needed behavioral health and medical services for participants with significant transportation-related barriers to care by providing them with the means to attend these appointments.

#### **PROGRAM UTILIZATION (OUTCOMES)**

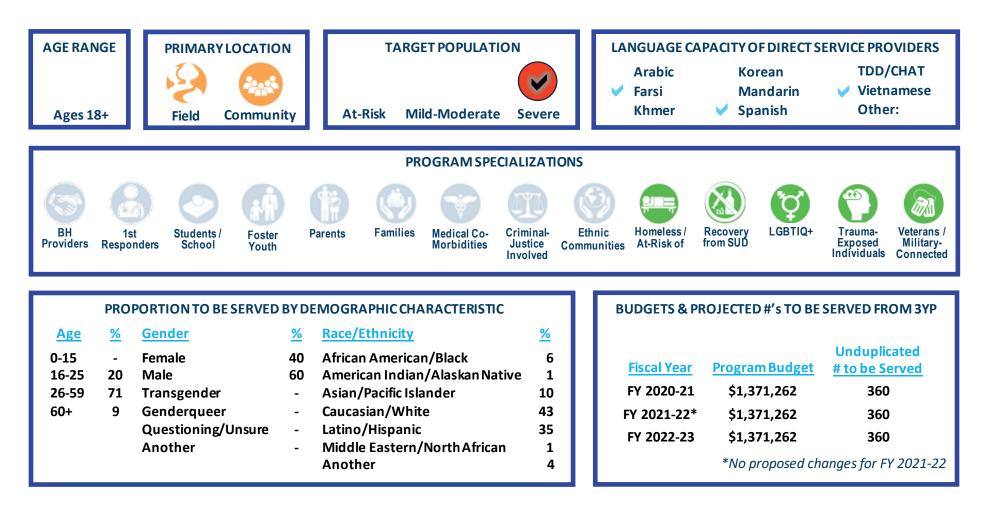
The contract began 7/1/2018, with the first ride on 7/12/2018. The total number of rides provided in its first year of operations was 22,202.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

One of the biggest challenges for this program is for participants to remember to schedule their transportation service 24-hours in advance of their appointment times. The purpose of this is to allow the Transportation provider to schedule its fleet of drivers the night before for their appointments the next day. With the high demand for transportation services on a daily basis (Monday-Friday), in all regions of the county, it has been very challenging for drivers to get to their scheduled pick-up/drop-off locations on time without the 24-hour notice. In an effort to ensure drivers can be at the right place at the right time, the Transportation provider has identified the highest utilized areas, and increased its driver fleet in those areas during known times when there is a high need, which has resulted in minimizing any delays for pick-up/drop-offs. To assist with the high demand for these services, additional drivers have been added to the taxi fleet that has enabled the Transportation provider to meet the high demands despite not always getting a 24-hour notice for service. Finally, BHS programs will continue to identify ways to leverage transportation assistance provided by other partners and agencies (i.e., CalOptima, etc.) so that efforts are not being duplicated unnecessarily.

### Supported Employment (CSS)

The **Supported Employment** (SE) program serves Orange County residents 18 and older who are living with serious mental illness, may have a co-occurring substance use disorder and require job assistance to obtain competitive or volunteer employment. Participants are referred to the program from County and County-contracted Outpatient and Recovery programs, FSPs and select PEI and Innovation programs. Participants must be engaged in behavioral health services during their entire enrollment in the program and have an assigned Plan Coordinator or Personal Services Coordinator who will collaborate with the SE team to assist with behavioral issues that may arise while participating in the program.



The Supported Employment program Individual Employment Plans are developed by the employment team with the participant and closely follow the evidence-based Individual Placement & Support employment model to provide services such as volunteer or competitive job placement, ongoing work-based vocational assessment, benefits planning, individualized program planning, time-unlimited job coaching, counseling and peer support services.

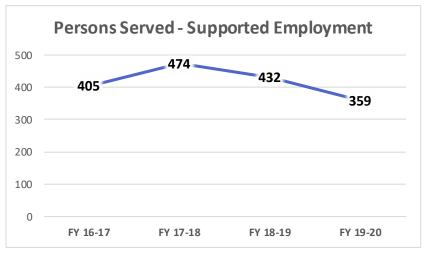
Employment Specialists (ES) and Peer Support Specialists (PSS) work together as an Employment Team. The ES assists participants with employment preparation including, but not limited to, locating job leads, assisting with application submissions and assessments, interviewing, image consultation and transportation issues. The ES also provides one-on-one job support, either by telephone or at the participant's workplace, to ensure successful job retention. The PSS are individuals with lived experience with behavioral health and substance use challenges, and who possess skills learned in formal training, and/or professional roles, to deliver services in a behavioral health setting to promote mind-body recovery and resiliency. The PSS work with participants to develop job skills, and assist the ES in helping the participant identify areas of need for development, and may use techniques such as role modeling, field mentoring, mutual support, and others that foster independence and promote recovery. For those who may not yet be ready for competitive employment, the program offers volunteer opportunities at places of business around the county as a way for them to gain work-related skills and confidence.

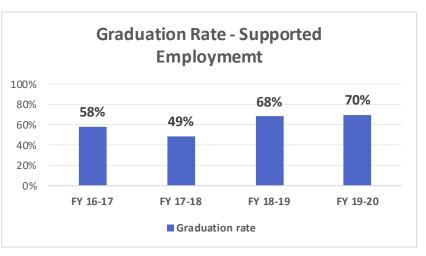
#### **OUTCOMES**

Program performance is evaluated by the number of participants who graduate after achieving the State of California job retention benchmark of 90 days in paid employment. A total of 70% met this benchmark during FY 2019-20, continuing the trend of an increasing graduation rate since FY 2016-17. This is notable, as improving employment outcomes for adults in the BHS system of care continues to be challenging for many other programs.

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

Securing meaningful employment represents a significant step toward recovery and re-integration into the community. Staff strives to build working relationships with prospective employers, educate employers to understand mental health conditions and combat stigma, and serves as the main liaison between the employers and program participants. The ES maintains ongoing, open communication with participant treatment teams to promote positive work outcomes. The PSS provide training and support to participants using the principles of hope, equality, respect, personal responsibility and self-determination. While it is sometimes a concern among the target population that they might lose their benefits such as SSI/SSDI if they become employed, they also recognize that this may be a final step to gaining full independence.





#### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

Helping participants find and maintain good jobs in the community is, in and of itself, an act of reducing stigma and discrimination. More and more program participants are requesting assistance in disclosing their barriers to employers. This opens up many opportunities for staff to have a supportive on-site presence that fosters collaboration and education between the participants and their employers and co-workers. The program promotes participants' successes in maintaining employment and highlights welcoming employers who provide individuals with mental health challenges, the opportunity to integrate into the community via competitive employment. This effort is carried out through media exposure via news publication, newsletters and presentations of success stories at community meetings.

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

The Supported Employment program engages in a number of activities to encourage timely access to its services. First, SE staff regularly present at County and County-contracted clinics to encourage referrals to the program. From the day the participant enrolls, the program strives to foster an environment of empathy and hope, which contributes to their ongoing program participation. ES and PSS staff provide person-centered supports in line with the evidence-based model of Individual Placement and Support so that they can support participants in finding and keeping a good job in a supportive work environment. The team is highly mobile and can meet individuals in their communities to provide supported services. The employment team also collaborates with the referring treatment provider to discuss the participant's progress, success stories and/or any significant behavior that prompts need for clinical interventions. In addition, services are provided in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Farsi and American Sign Language.

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

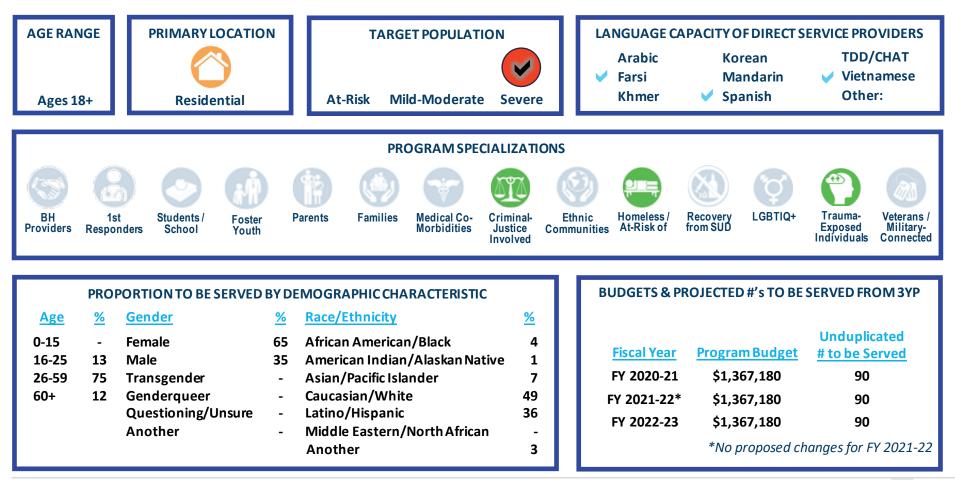
During FY 2017-18, SE experienced changes in staffing by only having one program manager managing the two regions instead of two managers. There was also rapid staffing turnover at both the north and south sites. In addition, referrals to the program in South County have been low, and the provider has increased its outreach efforts to programs in that region to improve referrals.

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The Supported Employment program has provided services to more than 3,500 adults since its inception in August 2006. The program has established a strong presence within Orange County through its collaboration with County and County-contracted clinics and other behavioral health programs, as well as its numerous presentations at job fairs, the Wellness Centers, and local MHSA steering committee meetings. **Housing Support** programs serve Orange County adults who are experiencing homelessness and living with a serious mental health condition. They range from providing short-term emergency shelter to permanent supportive housing and are designed to meet individuals where there are at and support them in their recovery.

### Year-Round Emergency Shelter(CSS)

Year-Round Emergency Shelter (formerly called Short-Term Housing Services) serves adults experiencing homelessness with serious mental illness who may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder and are in need of immediate shelter. Individuals referred to the program are actively participating in services at an Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health County or County-contracted outpatient clinic, PACT or Assembly Bill (AB) 109 program.



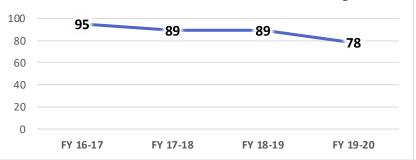
This program has MHSA-dedicated beds within five existing shelters. In addition to daily shelter, the program provides basic needs items (i.e., food, clothing, hygiene goods), as well as case management and linkage to services designed to assist individuals in their transition out of the shelter and into a more stable housing situation. The estimated length of stay for each episode of shelter housing is 120 days. Extensions are considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### **OUTCOMES**

As reported below, the program has been successful in reaching its goals:

Short-Term Housing Services Metrics	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Average Length of Stay (ALOS) is 120 Days or Less	ALOS = 82 days	ALOS = 58 days	ALOS= 80 days
% Who Found Permanent or Transitional Housing within 120 Days is > 25%	40%	33%	53%

#### **Persons Served - Short-Term Housing**

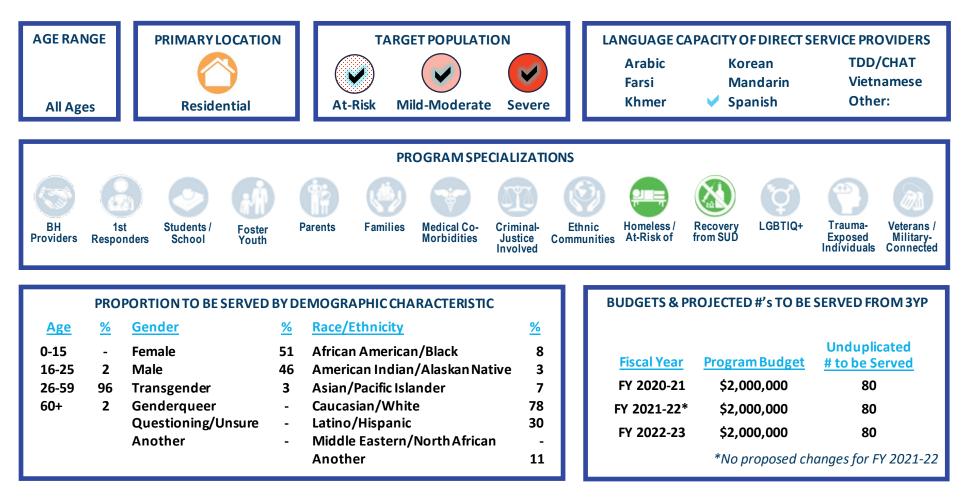


#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

Due to COVID-19 and the stay at home order the facilities did not allow in-and-out day access which was a difficult adjustment for participants who are not used to a shelter environment. The program provided the participants with support and virtual activities to increase receptiveness to staying in the shelter. The program addressed other important needs, including supportive services such as transitional or permanent housing assistance and linkage to needed community support services in coordination with the Plan Coordinator from the outpatient clinic. Some facilities allowed pets and partners to stay in the shelter with participants and permitted BHS Outreach and Engagement staff into the shelter. This allowed participants to receive support from the outreach worker with whom they had already built rapport, which could help facilitate their engagement into behavioral health services now that they were in a more stable environment.

### Bridge Housing for the Homeless (CSS)

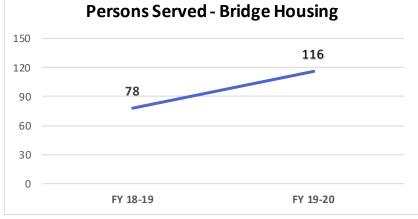
**Bridge Housing for the Homeless** offers interim housing for adults who have received a certificate from the Orange County Housing Authority for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program but have been unsuccessful at finding a rental unit. The program also serves adults experiencing homelessness who have not yet received a certificate but are beginning the process. Adults (including couples) are eligible if they are homeless, are living with a serious mental illness, and may have a co-occurring substance use disorder. Referrals for the Homeless Bridge Housing Services are accepted on an ongoing basis by Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health (AOABH) Housing and Supportive Services. Participants can only be referred to the Homeless Bridge Housing Services if they are actively participating in treatment at an AOABH outpatient clinic.



The program provides housing coordination and navigation to assist participants in acquiring permanent housing. The provider also provides life skills and independent living skills training to support the participants' transition to independent living. The provider assists participants in obtaining housing opportunities that include Continuum of Care (CoC) certificates, housing vouchers, locating rental units, negotiating leases and securing other housing options. The estimated length of stay is 18 months. Participants who are not able to find housing within the 18- month period are able to stay in Bridge Housing Services and continue to look for permanent housing as long as they are actively working towards their housing goals.

#### **OUTCOMES**

Bridge Housing for the Homeless tracks a number of measures to monitor its performance in supporting adults living with serious mental illness find permanent housing. During FY 2018-19, its first year of operation, the program successfully reached all measurable targets during that year.



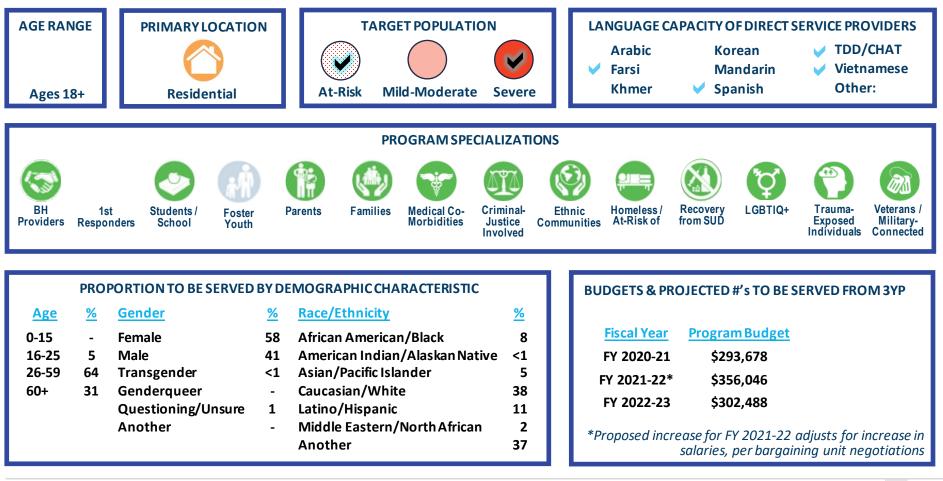
Bridge Housing for the Homeless Metrics	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Average # of potential landlords contacted per month (Target: > 15)	27	39
% of participants with CoC certificates who moved into permanent housing within 1 year (Target: > 50%)	100%	74%
% of participants w/out CoC certificates who moved into permanent housing within 18 months (Target: > 50%)	In progress* (16% housed in 12 months)	41%
% of participants who secured work or entitlements w/in 6 mo. of intake (Target: > 50%)	60%	78%
Persons Served – Bridge Housing	78	116

\* Services launched in July 2018 so the 18-month mark had not yet passed by the end of FY 2018-19.

### MHSA/CSS Housing Program(CSS)

In contrast to the programs described above that provide time-limited shelter in combination with behavioral health services and supports, the **MHSA/CSS Housing Program** facilitates the creation of long-term, independent supportive housing for transitional aged youth, adults and older adults with serious mental illness who may have a co-occurring substance use disorder and are experiencing homelessness or risk of homelessness. Additional eligibility requirements can vary at each location due to requirements of other funding partners.

The program funds development costs and Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves (COSR). Development costs are used for the acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing. COSR primarily helps cover the difference between what a resident is able to pay and the cost of operating the unit during the time the resident is working on obtaining entitlement and/or employment income. Behavioral health and other supportive services are located on-and off-site to ensure access to a continuum of services that help residents adjust to and maintain their independent housing.



Original funding allocations for this program included:

- A one-time State allocation of \$8 million in FY 2006-07 to develop permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness who were receiving services in the Full Service Partnership programs. Funds were used to develop 34 housing units in two developments
- A one-time State allocation of \$33 million in FY 2007-08 carved out of the CSS allocation (i.e., MHSA Housing Program) and used for 10 housing developments that created an additional 194 new units of PSH in Orange County

The table below provides details about these projects, which resulted in the development of 194 new PSH MHSA units for eligible tenants and their families.

		Но	using Projec	ts Funded b	y One-Time	Allocations	
Project	Year	1-Bedroom Units	2-Bedroom Units	Manager's Unit	MHSA Units	Total Units (w/ MHSA)	TOTAL
Alegre Apartments	2015	11	0	1	11	104	\$2,912,200
Avenida Villas	2014	24	4	1	28	29	\$6,519,200
Capestone Apartments	2014	19	0	1	19	60	\$4,445,468
Cotton's Point Seniors	2014	15	0	1	15	76	\$2,022,400
Depot at Santiago	2018	10	0	1	10	70	\$1,615,320
Diamond Apartments	2009	15	9	1	24	25	\$1,583,222
Doria Apartments, Phase I	2011	10	0	1	10	60	\$1,500,000
Doria Apartments, Phase II	2013	8	2	1	10	74	\$2,019,850
Fullerton Heights	2018	18	6	1	24	36	\$6,300,000
Henderson House	2016	14	0	0	14	14	\$3,542,884
Oakcrest Heights	2018	7	7	1	14	54	\$2,550,798
Rockwood Apartments	2016	14	1	1	15	70	\$3,222,974
TOTAL					194	672	\$37,895,786

#### MHSA SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING PROGRAM (SNHP)

When the MHSA Housing Program concluded in May 2016, the state created the Local Government Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP). Local stakeholders identified an on-going and persistent need for housing for individuals living with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. As such, multiple CSS transfers to the SNHP operated by the California Housing Finance Agency's (CalHFA) occurred over several years totaling \$95.5 million:

- \$5 million in FY 2016-17 following local community planning input
- \$35 million total in FY 2017-18 upon directive by the Board of Supervisors
- \$25 million total in FY 2018-19
- \$30.5 million total in FY 2019-20

On December 12, 2019, the Board approved allocating \$10 million to the 2020 Supportive Housing Notice of Funding Availability (OCCR 2020 NOFA) and the remaining \$20.5 million to the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (Trust).

Project	Year	MHSA Units	Total Units	Total
Santa Ana Arts Collective	2020	15	58	\$4,724,430
Hero's Landing	2020	20	76	\$2,912,000
Casa Querencia	2021	28	57	\$7,035,800
Total		63	191	\$14,672,230

#### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

The HCA recognizes that the demand for safe housing for individuals living with a mental health condition and their families is far outpacing current availability. Thus, staff continually look to identify new opportunities for developing housing for this vulnerable population, which includes staying apprised of other funding opportunities and leveraging resources with other community and County partners.

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Increasing access to permanent supportive housing helps to break the cycle of homelessness for many individuals living with serious mental illness by improving housing stability, employment and mental and physical well-being. In addition, these MHSA units are integrated in larger housing developments that provide non-MHSA units of critically needed affordable housing in Orange County.

	Housing Projec	t Pipeline Usi	ing MHS/	A Funding	3			
Project	City	Estimated Completion	SNHP Units	NPLH Units	Trust	OCCR 2020 NOFA	Total MHSA Units	Total Units
Jamboree PSH (Buena Esperanza)	Anaheim	2021	35	0	0	0	35	70
Altrudy Seniors	Yorba Linda	2021	10	10	0	0	10	48
Francis Xavier	Santa Ana	2022	13	9	0	0	13	17
Legacy Square	Santa Ana	2022	10	16	0	0	16	93
Westminster Crossing	Westminster	2021	20	0	0	0	20	65
Villa St. Joseph	Orange	2022	18	18	0	0	18	50
The Groves Senior Apartments	San Juan Capistrano	2022	10	0	0	0	10	75
Mountain View	Lake Forest	2023	12	12	0	0	12	71
Casa Paloma	Midway City	2022	24	0	0	0	24	49
Airport Inn Apartments	Buena Park	2021	28	0	0	0	28	58
Orchard View Gardens	Buena Park	2023	8	13	5	0	13	66
Santa Angelina Senior Community	Placentia	2023	16	21	5	0	21	65
Center for Hope	Anaheim	2022	0	34	16	4	34	72
Cartwright Family Apartments	Irvine	2023	10	10	0	0	10	60
Lincoln Avenue Apartments	Buena Park	2022	10	0	0	0	10	55
Westview	Santa Ana	2023	0	26	0	26	26	85
North Harbor Village	Santa Ana	2022	0	0	14	0	14	90
Huntington Beach Senior Housing	Huntington Beach	2023	0	21	0	21	21	43
Paseo Adelanto	San Juan Capistrano	2023	0	0	0	24	24	41
TOTAL			224	143	40	75	359	1,173

### Summary of MHSA Strategies Used by Supportive Services Programs: Supportive Housing Services

### STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE RECOVERY/RESILIENCE

These programs address the basic needs of adults experiencing homelessness, such as food, shelter and physical safety. This creates a safe environment in which participants can make progress toward their recovery while securing and/or maintaining permanent housing. Staff uses Motivational Interviewing to engage participants and help them identify their own needs and challenges. This evidence-based therapeutic approach facilitates independence through self-discovery, and helps individuals become more ready for independent or supportive housing.

### STRATEGIES TO REDUCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

While in the shelter or bridge housing, staff works with residents to prepare them to accept permanent housing so they can smoothly transition to housing from the streets and end their episodes of homelessness. Program staff also conducts community outreach to educate and engage prospective landlords with the goals of improving access to housing options, reducing misconceptions about people living with a mental health disorder, reducing the possibility of discrimination from landlords, and helping to facilitate acquisition of permanent housing.

#### STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SERVICES: TIMELY ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT

Staff works with treatment providers to link individuals to services, if they are not already engaged in treatment. Bicultural/bilingual staff ensure availability of services in a variety of languages. Behavioral health programs provide their services on-site or off-site, promoting easy access to services. In addition, most housing sites are located near public transportation routes to enhance residents' access to transportation, as many residents do not own a car.

### **Discontinued Program**

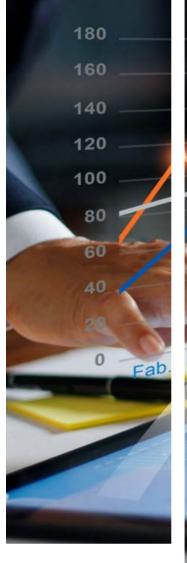
### Mentoring for Children and Youth (CSS)

Mentoring for Children and Youth served youth ages 0-25 living with a serious emotional disturbance and receiving behavioral health services at a County or County-contracted outpatient clinic. Youth were referred by their therapist if the therapist determined that the child could benefit from additional mentoring and socialization experiences out in the community. Parents of participating youth also received parent mentoring services. After consideration of multiple factors including challenges with the ability to demonstrate program efficacy, the program is being discontinued beginning in FY 2021-22. Youth and parents will continue to receive peer/parent partner support through the Peer Mentoring and Parent Partner Support program.

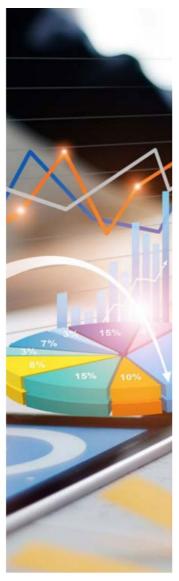
FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23 Program Budget		Projected Unduplicated # to be Served	
Actual FY 2019-20 Budget	\$500,000	FY 2019-20	225
Proposed FY 2020-21 Budget	-\$500,000	FY 2020-21	230
Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget	-\$500,000	FY 2021-22	230
Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget	-\$500,000	FY 2022-23	230

# WORKFORCE EDUCATION & TRAINING

Workforce Education and Training (WET) is intended to address community-based occupational shortages in the public mental health system. This is accomplished by training staff and other community members to develop and maintain a culturally and linguistically competent workforce that includes consumers and family members and that is capable of providing consumer and family-driven services.







#### WET COMPONENT OVERVIEW

The mission of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training component is to address community-based occupational shortages in the public mental health system. This is accomplished by training staff and other community members to develop and maintain a culturally and linguistically competent workforce that includes consumers and family members and is capable of providing consumer and family-driven services. Thus, WET offers education and trainings to County staff and contracting community partners that promote well-being, recovery and resilience. The WET Coordinator also serves as a liaison to the Southern California Regional Partnership (SCRP) of WET Coordinators. WET Coordinators from neighboring counties collaborate on and coordinate mutual projects such as trainings, core competencies and conferences to increase workforce diversity and opportunities in the public mental health system.

Following the passage of Proposition 63, the state provided each county with a one-time funding allocation to develop its WET infrastructure. Orange County's (OC) allocation of \$8,948,100 was exhausted in FY 2013-14. Since then, available dollars from Community Services and Supports (CSS) have been used to fund WET. Counties are allowed to transfer CSS funds to WET, as well as Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) and the Prudent Reserve, so long as the total amount of the transfers within a fiscal year do not exceed 20% of the county's most recent five-year average of its total MHSA allocation. Orange County continues to fund WET programs, described in greater detail below, to serve the Orange County behavioral health workforce, mental health consumers and their family members.

WET programs continue to reach a large audience; however, compared to last fiscal year, WET saw a decrease in the number of trainings and attendees. This was largely due to the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic. In FY 2019-20, approximately 6,740 individuals and/or community members attended WET trainings and activities. Attendance in previous fiscal years found that 10,831 and 6,258 individuals attended WET trainings and activities between FYs 2018-19 and 2017-18, respectively.

The WET component currently funds the following major training and program areas:

- Workforce Staffing Support
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Mental Health Career Pathways
- Residency and Internship Programs
- Financial Incentive Programs

### **STATEWIDE WET PROGRAM**

The FY 2019-20 state budget included approximately \$40 million to fund county contributions must also be transferred to a third-party entity and used for WET purposes Directors Association (CBHDA) has proposed that CalMHSA act as this entity and ensures WET purposes. In addition, CBHDA was \$904,713. Orange County proposes to transfer the full amount of its suggested contribution in FY 2020-21.

# **Workforce Staffing Support**

The Workforce Staffing Support (WSS) program performs three functions: (1) Workforce Education and Training Coordination; (2) Consumer Employment Specialist Trainings and One-on-One Consultations; and (3) the Liaison to the Regional Workforce Education and Training Partnership. WSS services are provided for the Orange County behavioral health workforce, consumers, family members and the wider Orange County community. In FY 2019-20, WSS provided trainings to a total of 2,073 individuals including County staff, County-contracted staff and general community members. This was a decrease from previous fiscal years where over 3,000 individuals were provided trainings. This is mostly attributed to the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Very few trainings were facilitated between March and June 2020 while all in-person learning was shifted to virtual platforms.

### STAFFING DESCRIPTIONS/OUTCOMES

### Workforce Education and Training Coordination:

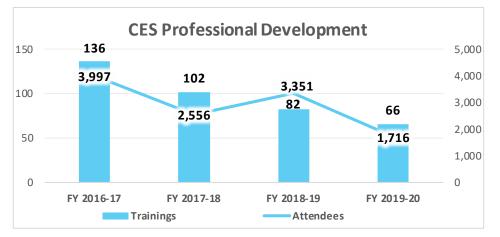
Orange County regards coordination of workforce education and training as a key strategy to promoting recovery, resilience and culturally competent services. Multidisciplinary staff members design and monitor WET programs, research pertinent training topics and content, and provide and coordinate trainings. As noted in the table, WET provided a large number of in-person professional development trainings between FYs 2017-18 and 2018-19. Toward the latter half of FY 2019-20, all trainings had to shift to virtual platforms to accommodate the restrictions associated with in-person trainings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Training topics included Law and Ethics, 5150/5585 Involuntary Hospitalization and Designation, Patients' Rights Respect and Dignity, Rights for Individuals in Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Facilities, Developing and Enhancing Competence in Clinical Supervision, Group and Individual Crisis Response, Housing Placement, Raising Awareness About First Episode of Psychosis, Response to Active Shooters, Meeting of the Minds, Continuum of Care, and Understanding American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria in the Context of the California Treatment System.

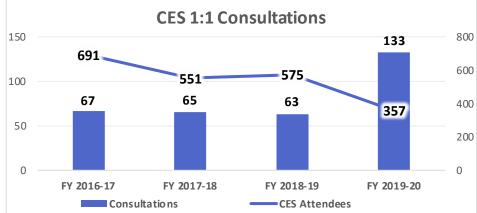
In FY 2015-16, WET launched online training that offered Continuing Education (CE) and Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits for County and Countycontracted providers who could not attend a live training. In the first two years after launch, nine trainings were offered annually. In FY 2018-19 only one prerecorded on-demand online training was offered as the OC Health Care Agency (HCA) transitioned to a new Learning Management System (LMS) where employees have access to over 70 online trainings annually. Moreover, in FY 2019-20, live virtual instruction trainings were offered due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these trainings were recorded and offered to staff at a later date.

### Consumer Employment Specialist Trainings/One-on-One Consultations:

As part of WSS, Consumer Employment Support (CES) Specialists work with Behavioral Health Services, contract providers and community partners to educate consumers on disability benefits. One of the Consumer Specialists provides educational and outreach services exclusively in American Sign Language (ASL). The specialists provided training on topics such as Ticket to Work, Reporting Overpayment, and Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI). One-on-one SSI/SSDI Work Incentive consultation was also provided to consumers who requested more in-depth guidance. Additional services for those who are deaf and hard of hearing include advocacy/education, group or individual consultations, and information/referral to resources.

PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	
FY 2020-21	\$1,710,584	
FY 2021-22	\$1,761,902	
FY 2022-23	\$1,814,758	

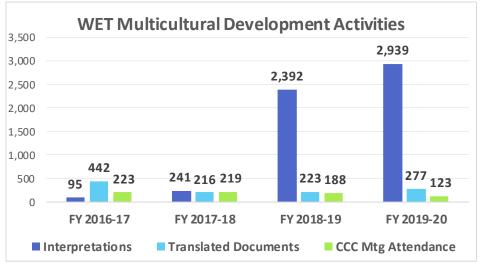




### Multicultural Development Program:

The Multicultural Development Program (MDP) consists of staff with language proficiency and culturally responsive skills who support the workforce by providing trainings on various multicultural issues. The MDP also coordinates requests and provides translation/interpretation services through in-house staff and a contracted provider. During FY 2019-20, there was a continued increase in the number of interpretation services provided in Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, Farsi and ASL both onsite and over the phone. This increase appeared, in part, to be related to an increase in COVID-19-related document translation requests.

MDP staff and Language Line services also translated, reviewed and field-tested a total of 277 documents into the threshold languages of Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi, Korean and Arabic in FY 2019-20, which was level from the previous fiscal years. In addition, a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist serves in the MDP as a Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Coordinator to ensure that American Sign Language interpretation support is provided at trainings and community meetings.



In FY 2019-20, the Ethnic Services Manager and staff continued organizing the Cultural Competence Committee (CCC) meetings. The CCC consists of multi-ethnic partners and multi-cultural experts in Orange County who meet to provide input on how to incorporate cultural sensitivity and awareness into the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) system of care and how to provide linguistically and culturally appropriate behavioral health information, resources and trainings to underserved consumers and family members. Although the count of unduplicated participants declined in FY 2019-20 compared to prior years, this was likely due to meeting cancelations.

### Liaison to Regional Workforce Education and Training Partnership:

The Liaison represents Orange County by coordinating regional educational programs; disseminating information and strategies about consumer and family member employment throughout the region; sharing strategies that increase diversity in the public mental health system workforce; disseminating Orange County program information to other counties in the region; and coordinating regional actions that take place in Orange County such as Trauma-Informed trainings, the annual conference focused on hard-to-reach clients, and cultural humility trainings.

# **Training and Technical Assistance**

The Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) program offers trainings on evidence-based practices, the consumer and family member perspective, and multicultural competency for mental health providers, and mental health training for law enforcement. The number of trainings offered in this area fluctuates from year to year depending on the number of professional development requests from HCA staff and community members. Additionally, the TTA program not only hosts several behavioral health trainings each year, but also provides continuing education units to other departments in the HCA requesting trainings for their clinical or medical staff. Examples of requested trainings include Psychological First Aid, Raising Awareness about First Episode of Psychosis, Rights for Individuals in Inpatient Settings, and Rights for Individuals in Outpatient Settings. In FY 2019-20, TAA provided a total of 78 trainings for 3,642 attendees, which are described in detail below. In FY 2018-19, TAA provided 89 trainings for 5,711 attendees, and in FY 2017-18, 88 trainings were facilitated to 2,573 attendees.

PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	
FY 2020-21	\$1,223,390	
FY 2021-22	\$1,282,434	
FY 2022-23	\$1,241,794	

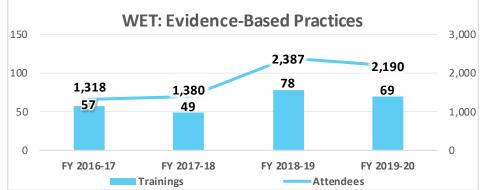
### **TRAINING DESCRIPTIONS / OUTCOMES**

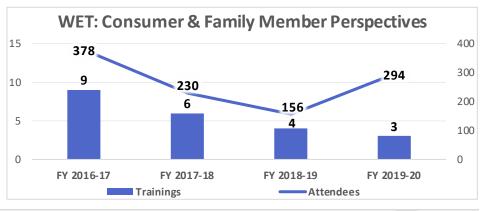
#### **Evidence-Based Practices:**

Trainings on Evidence-Based Practices were conducted to help behavioral health providers stay current on best practice standards in their field. County and contracted staff, community partners, consumers and their family members attended evidence-based training on topics such as Mental Health First Aid, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training, Motivational Interviewing, Children Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS), a Trauma-Informed Care series, Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Treating Trauma and Substance Use, and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy. During FY 2018-19, more requests were submitted by HCA staff and/or community members for trainings focused in different Evidence-Based Practices, compared to previous years.

#### **Consumer and Family Member Perspective:**

Consumers and their family members sat on a panel where they shared their lived experience with County and County-contracted behavioral health personnel. Panel members presented on their lived experiences to help reduce stigma and raise awareness of behavioral health conditions. Over the past three years, fewer requests have been made for these trainings. During FY 2019-20, WET included consumer and family member perspectives through the use of peer specialists and highlighted key principles of recovery which includes the consumer perspective. These concepts were interwoven into most trainings.

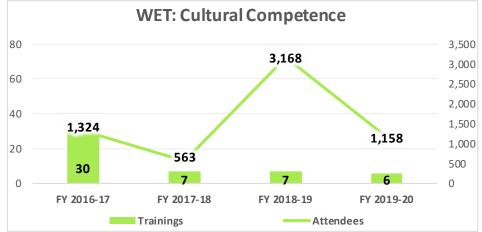




### **Cultural Competence:**

Culturally responsive trainings were conducted to raise cultural awareness and<br/>humility among behavioral health providers and community partners. Topics<br/>included Caring for Gender Nonconforming and Transgender Youth, Clinical<br/>Considerations when Working with Patients and Families from the Sikh Faith,<br/>Mindful Listening, Role of Forgiveness in Psychotherapy, Spirituality and<br/>Therapy, and Bio-Spiritual Focusing. Beginning in FY 2018-19, WET established<br/>an online Cultural Competency training for all BHS staff. Each year, new and<br/>ongoing staff are required to take this training as part of their professional<br/>development and per state regulations. Due to the establishment of this new<br/>annual training, the total number of attendees increased.80

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), which is now being funded through PEI, is reported in *Outreach to Increase Recognition of the Early Signs of Mental Illness*.



# **Mental Health Career Pathways**

Mental Health Career Pathways offers courses through the Recovery Education Institute (REI), which prepares individuals living with mental health conditions and their family members to pursue a career in behavioral health. REI provides training on basic life skills, career management and academic preparedness, and offers certified programs to solidify the personal and academic skills necessary to work in behavioral health. Most REI staff have personal lived experience.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/OUTCOMES**

Similar to previous fiscal years, in FY 2019-20 REI provided a total of 153 trainings to 499 active students. Of the 210 newly enrolled students, 76% identified themselves as living with a behavioral health condition, 10% identified

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themselves as a family member of someone living with a behavioral health condition, and 13% identified as both. These percentages are similar to what was reported in previous fiscal years. In FY 2018-19, REI provided a total of 16 themselves as living with a behavioral health condition, 10% identified the identified as both. In FY 2017-18, REI provided 156 trainings to 535 active s behavioral health condition, 13% identified themselves as family members

REI also employs academic advisors and peer success coaches to mentor and tutor students. REI enrolled 210 new students in FY 2019-20, 274 new students in FY 2018-19, and 292 new students in FY 2017-18. During FY 2019-20, more students engaged in Academic Advisement and Success Coaching sessions. This was due to changes in service modalities. Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic the program provided more accessibility to resources. REI distributed Chromebooks to students to enable them to utilize online courses and academic advisement sessions. Students had immediate access to advising sessions, rather than having to travel to campus to seek guidance. Also, another shift was offering monthly course schedules, rather than semester-based schedules. Therefore, students had up-to-date information regarding advisement hours and workshop courses that were available.

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In addition, REI offers a wide variety of trainings, including Introduction to Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets, Elementary Spanish for Public Speaking, Introduction to Psychology, Case Management, Vocational Skills Building, and Self-Esteem and Confidence (see "Workshops & Classes" in table below). REI collaborates with adult education programs, links students to local community colleges for prerequisite classes, and provides accredited college classes and certificate courses onsite.

REI also offers a series of pre-vocational workshops to prepare students to enter the workforce. These workshops include job search techniques, resume building, interview skills, and dressing for job interviews. In addition, REI offers ESL and General Education Development classes for students to benefit their employment

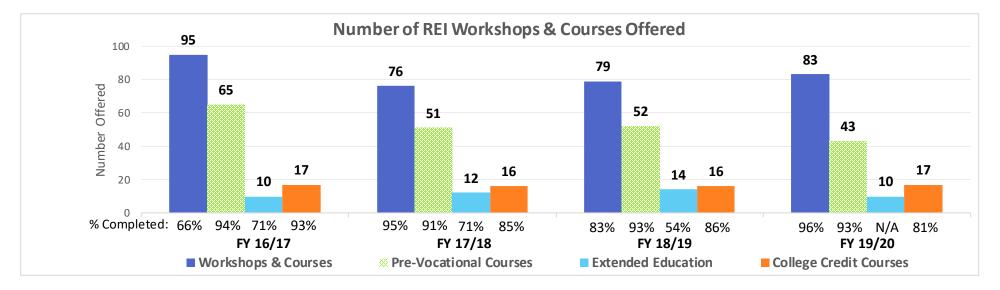
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PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	
FY 2020-21	\$1,046,663	
FY 2021-22	\$1,046,663	
FY 2022-23	\$1,046,663	

opportunities. A high percentage of students completed the REI workshops and classes between FY 2019-20 and FY 2017-18 (see "Pre-Vocational Courses" below). This increase in completion rates from FY 2017-18 is due to an administrative efficiency created when WET consolidated classes and workshops and staff were better able to track course completion rates. Additionally, compared to last fiscal year, in FY 2019-20, there was a decrease in the number of Extended Education courses offered due to several reasons (see "Extended Education" below), including:

- Extended Education courses meet more frequently over a long period of time, compared to other workshops and college courses in the REI curriculum.
- The Extended Education course model is an open entry and exit format. This creates a revolving door for students who may need courses on a short-term basis.
- The REI College Courses have a strict dropout policy due to the popularity of the courses being offered. This creates a higher level of commitment for those students to complete their courses, compared to Extended Education courses.

In addition, REI contracts with Saddleback College to offer a Mental Health Worker Certificate program that prepares students to enter the public mental health workforce. Students gain knowledge and skills in the areas of cultural competency, the Recovery Model, co-occurring disorders, early identification of mental health conditions and evidence-based practices to name a few. To receive certification, students must complete nine 3-unit courses and a 2-unit, 120-hour internship. In addition, REI/Saddleback College added courses in alcohol and drug studies that integrates theory and practical experience to develop the skills necessary to work with individuals living with substance use disorders. Students who complete all required courses also receive a certificate in Alcohol & Drug Studies (see "College Credit Course" below). During FY 2019-20, fewer students completed the certificate programs than the previous fiscal year due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Students were not able to complete the internship portion of the program, and many decided to postpone their certificate completion to later academic years.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In FY 2019-20, WET discontinued calculated Completion Rates for Extended Education courses. Since the Extended Education courses are structured in an open entry and exit format, there is no specific "Completion" date for these courses. Students can join or exit a course at any point during the semester, for any reason. Therefore, completion rates were not calculated for Extended Education courses.

# **Residency and Internship Programs**

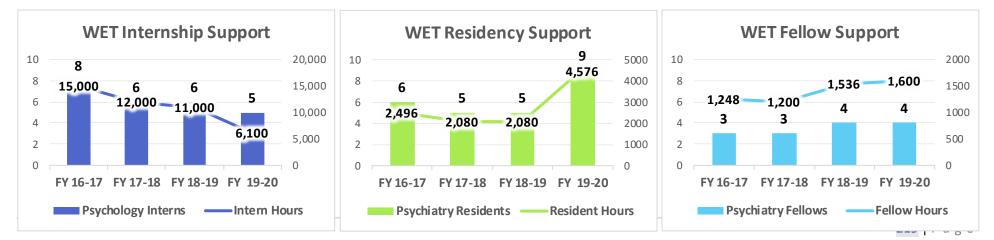
The Residencies and Internships program trains and supports individuals who aspire to work in the public mental health system. The California Psychology Internship Council (CAPIC) matches pre-doctoral candidates with a placement site based on a set of criteria. WET requests the same number of interns each year. However, CAPIC will match based on the number of students who have enrolled and site availability. All CAPIC students were placed in a behavioral health program during FY 2019-20, with three students being placed at WET's Neurobehavioral Testing Unit (NBTU) and two placed at Children Youth Behavioral Health (CYBH) sites. In FY 2018-19, two student interns were placed at WET's NBTU and four were placed at CYBH sites. Additionally, in FY 2017-18, four student interns were placed at WET's NBTU and two were placed at CYBH sites. All interns were supervised by a licensed psychologist.

PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	
FY 2020-21	\$170,000	
FY 2021-22	\$5,000	
FY 2022-23	\$170,000	

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/OUTCOMES**

In collaboration with the Psychiatry Department at the University of California-Irvine (UCI) School of Medicine, supervised trainings were provided in the program to teach the recovery philosophy; enhance cultural humility and understanding from the consumer and family perspectives; and recruit talented psychiatry residents and fellows into the public mental health system. The funded positions and training are one strategy the County uses to address the shortage of child and community psychiatrists working in community mental health. FY 2019-20 CAPIC students completed fewer clinical internship hours compared to previous years. This decrease was due to one student exiting the program early as well as the inability to conduct in-person testing due to the restrictions imposed because of the global pandemic of COVID-19.

In spring 2020, WET distributed an online survey to all FY 2019-20 CAPIC interns, as well as psychiatry residents and fellows to examine their experiences during the program. The two CAPIC interns who responded to the survey were very satisfied with their experience, were provided ample support and mentorship from their supervisor, and received professional development opportunities to refine their skills (e.g., hands on experience, working with clients, utilizing clinical skills, etc.). Similarly, all psychiatry resident and fellow interns who responded (n=9) were satisfied with their experiences during the program. The clinical supervisors were perceived as knowledgeable, supportive, and positive. All of the interns also felt they gained the skills necessary to perform their tasks in the field (e.g., hands on experience, working with clients, utilizing clinical skills, etc.).



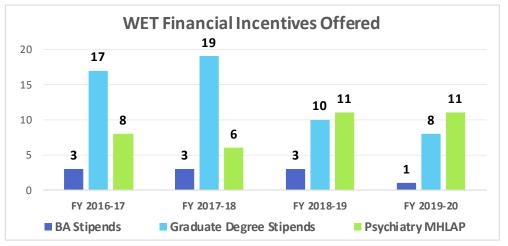
# **Financial Incentive Programs**

The Financial Incentives Program (FIP) seeks to expand a diverse bilingual and bicultural workforce by providing financial incentive stipends to BHS County employees seeking bachelor's (BA/BS) and master's (MA/MS) degrees, and to address the community psychiatrist shortage by offering loan repayment for psychiatrists working in the Orange County public mental health system. The WET office collaborates with numerous colleges and universities to offer stipends and encourage students to work for County or County-contracted agencies upon graduation. WET also offers the Orange County Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (OC-MHLAP), which offers loan assumption in exchange for working in the Orange County public mental health system. The pre-approved budget and number of eligible applicants determine the exact number of students/psychiatrists who are enrolled in FIP each year. FY 2018-19 showed a decline in the number of graduate student stipends awarded. Although the county still faces a shortage of community psychiatrists, the number participating in FY 2018-19 was nearly double that of FY 2017-18.

PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	
FY 2020-21	\$526,968	
FY 2021-22	\$646,968	
FY 2022-23	\$526,968	

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/OUTCOMES**

Similar to previous years, in FY 2019-20, over half of all those receiving BA/MA stipends self-identified as Mexican/Hispanic (70%), followed by Caucasian (20%), and Asian (10%) descent. The primary languages spoken were English (50%) and Spanish (50%). In FY 2018-19, over half of all those receiving BA/MA stipends self-identified as Mexican/Hispanic (64%), followed by Caucasian (24%) and Asian (12%) descent. The primary languages spoken were English (35%) and Spanish (35%). Roughly one-quarter said they spoke multiple languages (29%). In FY 2017-18, stipends were provided to 22 staff. More than half of staff self-identified as Mexican/Hispanic (54.6%), followed by Asian (27.2%) or Caucasian (18.2%) descent. While over one-third indicated their primary language was English (36.3%), a large proportion indicated they spoke more than one language (45.5%).



During FY 2019-20, WET conducted an online survey with all staff who participated in FIP during FY 2019-20. Out of the 20 staff enrolled in the program, nine responded to the online survey (45% response rate). Of those who responded, the majority of participants self-identified as female (63%) and were between the ages of 26-59 (89%). A large proportion indicated their racial or ethnic background as being either Mexican/Other Latino (67%), Caucasian/White (22%), or Asian (11%). All staff indicated they were employed with the County and worked at several behavioral health locations including OC ACCEPT, Community Counseling and Supportive Services, Outreach & Engagement, Clinical Evaluation Guidance Unit (CEGU), Children's Support and Parenting Program, Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), or Inpatient/Residential Services.

Staff were asked to identify their organizational roles prior to and after participating in FIP. Prior to enrolling in the FIP program, 89% of staff indicated they were direct services providers, while 11% identified as support staff. One (n = 1, 11%) staff indicated that after participating in the program they advanced to a new role of Administrative or Manager and the remaining participants were still in their same roles. In addition, staff were asked if they earned an advanced degree as a result of their participation in FIP. All staff said that FIP helped them to earn a higher educational degree or level of schooling, as well as assisted them with

achieving their educational goals (100%). More specifically, prior to participating in FIP, participants either had some college experience (11%) or earned a bachelor's degree (89%). After engaging in FIP, 44% of staff had advanced their education by earning a master's level degree.

The vast majority of staff said that FIP helped them to advance in their careers (89%). When asked to list all the ways FIP helped them, a large percentage stated the program helped them to advance their education (89%), invested in their abilities (78%), helped them develop new skills (78%), increased their earning potential (78%), and increased their awareness of cultural and linguistically diverse services (78%). Other ways in which FIP helped staff included networking with other professionals (67%), helped them increase motivation related to their job (67%), provided opportunities to develop leadership skills (56%), and helped them to step out of their comfort zone (44%).

In the future, staff would like to see specific changes made to FIP to improve its effectiveness. Specifically, staff would like to see more support provided during the program (44%), the establishment of a mentorship/transition program for after graduation (44%), more resources to help apply knowledge and skills in the workforce (22%), and a streamlining of the application process (11%). While staff had recommendations for program improvements, overall, all staff who responded to the survey were satisfied with their FIP experiences, felt they were treated with courtesy and respect by staff, and would recommend the program to their colleagues. The majority also felt the program was very or extremely effective in developing a bilingual/bicultural workforce (22% and 44%, respectively). The remaining responses indicated the program was somewhat effective (33%) in developing a bilingual/bicultural workforce.

# CAPITAL FACILITIES & TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS

The Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN) component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) was designed to enhance the existing public mental health services infrastructure. It provides resources for two types of infrastructure:

- 1. Capital facilities funding may be used to purchase, build or renovate land and/or facilities for the delivery of MHSA services to consumers and their families or used for MHSA administrative offices.
- 2. Technology funding may be used to modernize and transform clinical and administrative information systems and increase consumer and family empowerment by providing the tools for secure consumer and family access to health information.

CFTN projects are now funded through transfers from CSS as allowed by the Act and accompanying regulations.



# **Capital Facilities**

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPITAL FACILITIES (CF) FUNDS**

A county may use MHSA Capital Facility funds for the following types of projects:

- Acquire and build upon land that will be County-owned.
- Acquire buildings that will be County-owned.
- Construct buildings that will be County-owned.
- Renovate buildings that are County-owned.
- Renovate buildings that are privately-owned and dedicated, and used to provide MHSA services if certain provisions are met (i.e., renovations to benefit MHSA participants or MHSA administration's ability to provide services/programs in County's Three-Year Plan, costs are reasonable and consistent with what a prudent buyer would incur, a method for protecting the capital interest in the renovation is in place).
- Establish a capitalized repair and replacement reserve for buildings acquired or constructed with CF funds and/or the personnel cost directly associated with a CF project (i.e., project manager, with the reserve controlled, managed and disbursed by the County).

The former California Department of Mental Health (now Department of Health Care Services) outlined the following requirements for Capital Facilities funds:

- CF funds can only be used for those portions of land and buildings where MHSA programs, services and administrative supports are provided and must be consistent with the goals identified in the CSS and PEI components of the County's Three-Year Plan.
- Land acquired and built upon or construction/renovation of buildings using CF funds shall be used to provide MHSA programs, services and/or supports for a minimum of 20 years.
- All buildings through CF must comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including zoning and building codes and requirements; licensing requirements, where applicable; fire safety requirements; environmental reporting and requirements; hazardous materials requirements; the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), California Government Code Section 11135 and other applicable requirements.
- The County shall ensure that the property is updated to comply with applicable requirements, and maintained as necessary, and that appropriate fire, disaster and liability insurance coverage is maintained.
- Under limited circumstances counties may "lease (rent) to own" a building. The County must provide justification why "lease (rent) to own" is preferable to the outright purchase of the building and why the purchase of such property with MHSA CF funds is not feasible.

### **CURRENT CAPITAL FACILITIES PROJECTS**

### **Behavioral Health Training Services Renovations:**

Beginning in FY 2018-19, the OC Health Care Agency (HCA) began to divert CSS funds from WET to CFTN to cover capital expense renovations to a long-term leased space used for the Behavioral Health Training Center. WET offers and facilitates hundreds of trainings to the Orange County behavioral health workforce each year and has faced challenges in finding appropriate locations and workshops in which to provide them. This center can accommodate up to 200 people with dedicated parking and has the flexibility to provide multiple rooms for breakout sessions or smaller workshops as needed. This site will also be made available to the community for planning and meeting space. The total amount approved for the renovations will not exceed \$650,000 and will be transferred incrementally over the course of the 10-year lease.

PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Program Budget</b>	
FY 2020-21	\$12,519,749	
FY 2021-22	\$16,307,384	
FY 2022-23	\$8,966,158	

## **Technological Needs**

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF TECHNOLOGY FUNDS**

Any MHSA-funded technology project must meet certain requirements to be considered appropriate for this funding category:

- It must fit in with the state's long-term goal to develop an Integrated Information Systems Infrastructure where all counties have integrated information systems that can securely access and exchange information.
- It must be part of and support the County's overall plan to achieve an Integrated Information Systems Infrastructure through the implementation of an Electronic Health Record (EHR).

### CURRENT TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

#### HCA Electronic Health Record (EHR):

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is implementing a fully integrated EHR system that supports the goals of MHSA to promote well-being, recovery and resilience. It also aims to comply with the federal requirements for Meaningful Use which is a standard designed to benefit the individuals served. This is a large, ongoing project that has been divided into three phases spanning several years, and includes acquisition and implementation of software, technology infrastructure upgrades and services to develop and implement the overall system.

- 1. The first phase of the project plan enhanced the functionality of the BHS EHR (Integrated Records Information System or IRIS), and successful implementation at a pilot clinic. Enhancements included documentation software designed to help clinicians avoid common errors, as well as electronic prescription software to help psychiatrists manage participants' medications. Additional technical improvements to the EHR included document imaging (which included functionality such as electronic signature pads and the ability to scan documents), compliance monitoring, auditing and reporting for privacy and security, and enhanced disaster recovery. BHS also successfully implemented kiosks that provide individuals with a mental health condition and their family members with increased access to computers and the internet at several BHS County-operated outpatient clinics.
- 2. The second phase of the project allowed for expanded staff use of the EHR through technology infrastructure and software enhancements. A client portal was implemented and voice-activated documentation for staff with physical challenges was piloted at select locations. Overall, implementation of the EHR at the County-operated outpatient clinics has gone well and user acceptance has been extremely high.
- 3. The third phase will allow the County to interface securely with its contract providers and to participate, as appropriate, in consent-based Health Information Exchanges outside County Behavioral Health Services, including with the federal EHR Meaningful Use program. Phase 3 project costs will include, but not be limited to, software licenses, network infrastructure such as servers, storage and network monitoring appliances, other EHR and data warehouse upgrades, consolidation of data from multiple sources, internal human resources, external consultants and training. Additional funds are being requested for transfer in FY 2021-22 to support the migration of the HCA EHR to the cloud.

### **County Data Integration Project:**

\$1 million of the Three-Year Plan TN budget will fund a portion of the development and ongoing support for a System of Care Data Integration System. This system will facilitate appropriate, allowable data-sharing across County departments and with external stakeholders with the goal of delivering essential and critical services, including behavioral health care, to county residents in a more efficient and timely manner.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

# SPECIAL PROJECTS

Orange County Special Projects are projects that are unique in scale or scope and may involve multiple services, systems and/or agencies. These programs include:

- Help@Hand
- Behavioral Health System Transformation
- Potential INN Projects
- Whole Person Care





## Help@Hand (INN)

**Help@Hand** (formerly Tech Suite) is a statewide project comprised of 14 counties and cities that leverages interactive technology-based mental health solutions (i.e., internet-based and/or mobile applications) to help improve access to care and outcomes for people across the state. The project seeks to understand how technology is introduced and works within the public behavioral health system of care. Help@Hand aims to provide diverse populations with access to mobile applications ("apps") designed to educate users on the signs and symptoms of mental illness, improve early identification of emotional/behavioral destabilization, connect individuals seeking help in real time, and/or increase user access to mental health services when needed.

PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	
FY 2020-21	\$6,000,000	
FY 2021-22	\$3,100,000	
FY 2022-23	above carryover	

#### SERVICES

Orange County was approved to join this Innovation project in April 2018 and began project implementation planning immediately. The HCA originally applied as a four-year project and was recently approved by the MHSOAC for a one-year, no-cost extension. Thus, the project will end for Orange County in April 2023. The primary purpose of this project is to increase access to mental health services to underserved groups, with the goal of introducing a new practice or approach to the overall mental health system, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention.

Help@Hand consists of several main components of which participating counties have chosen to opt in or out, based on their local needs. Orange County was approved to implement all project components, which includes:

- Technology Apps (3):
  - o 24/7 Peer Chat, which will offer around-the-clock, anonymous Peer chat support to an individual
  - Therapy Avatar, which will offer virtual manualized evidence-based interventions delivered via an avatar in a simple, intuitive fashion (e.g., mindfulness exercises, cognitive behavioral or dialectical behavior interventions)
  - o Customized Wellness Coach, which will utilize passive sensory data to engage, educate and suggest behavioral activation strategies to users
- Marketing and Outreach
- Evaluation

Peers are integral to Help@Hand, and the vision of the Peer Role is to incorporate Peer input, expertise, knowledge and lived experience at all levels of the project, and to support the use of identified apps through Peer outreach and training. The Peer component of the project holds significant importance as it:

- Creates transparency around basic cautions, clarity about user choice, and highlights that technology does not replace in-person mental health services
- Provides clarity on the project definition of peers, roles, and serves as an example of a Peer staffing ladder
- Supports collaboration of Peer Leads across the state important to project learning, connection, and problem-solving
- Responds to county/city community stakeholder specific needs by developing digital mental health literacy curriculum that will support project learning and stakeholder's ability to make informed choices
- Trains the Peer Workforce to facilitate digital mental health literacy sessions that will keep learning at the local level and sustainable
- Trains project partners on Peer culture, experience, and history supporting better project integration
- Integrates consumer expertise and voice in evaluation thus enhancing the work
- Incorporates lived experience and perspective on how possible future technology can help the project be responsive to consumer needs

During FY 2019-20, Orange County continued its planning efforts to launch Mindstrong, a technology app that fits within the Customized Wellness Coach component. This app is a service that provides access to round-the-clock telehealth support augmented by a new form of digital mood and cognitive measurement. Mindstrong telehealth services are delivered by a team of licensed psychiatrists and licensed or supervised therapists who can help maintain well-being between appointments or after office hours. While telehealth services are an established behavioral health practice, the Mindstrong automatic notifications (i.e., biomarkers) are a new and emerging approach to care and derived from the touches, scrolls and taps a person makes throughout the day as they use their phone. These notifications may provide an early indication of changes in the moods and symptoms associated with an individual's condition that may help facilitate earlier access to care and support. The Health app and services will only be available to eligible participants within specific partnered programs within Orange County.

In preparation for the app launch, the project team visited the pilot site to learn about staffing, services and workflows. This allowed the staff to understand and better streamline how Mindstrong would integrate into daily operations. Project activities also focused on identifying eligibility criteria, developing implementation materials (i.e., referral tracking log, communication templates, brochures, OC Help@Hand website content) and drafting an informed consent form. The development of an informed consent form involved extensive conversations with Peers, Mindstrong and HCA Compliance. The Mindstrong pilot launched in May 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home orders, project staff focused their efforts in digitizing all content, including the development of an outreach video and plans for a digital informed consent. Project staff also partnered with a video production company for the digitization of the consent form and project materials.

In addition to preparing for local implementation, project staff also participated in collaborative activities and priorities. Details about the Help@Hand Collaborative activities during FY 2019-20 are available in the MHSA INN Annual Project Report.

### OUTCOMES

Help@Hand will examine the following learning objectives:

- Detect and acknowledge mental health symptoms sooner.
- Reduce stigma associated with mental illness by promoting wellness.
- Increase access to the appropriate level of support and care.
- Increase purpose, belonging and social connectedness of individuals served.
- Analyze and collect data to improve mental health needs assessment and service delivery.

Since the pilot launch in May, 5 participants were enrolled in Mindstrong services. Because outcome metrics take time to yield results after deployment and utilization of the technology, a formative evaluation will provide a look beyond performance outcomes to examine the progress of the project and offer suggestions along the way. Outcomes related to the Mindstrong pilot and the overall project formative evaluation will be reported in future Plan Updates and/or project reports.

### CHALLENGES, BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

The 14 participating cities/counties are at the forefront of innovation to understand how technology is introduced and works within the public behavioral health system of care. When faced with challenges or barriers, the collaborative offers the benefit of a shared learning experience that accelerates learning.

Throughout this process, the most significant lesson learned is that the primary focus of Help@Hand is not the implementation of apps, but rather the development of a sustainable digital mental health system of care for California (i.e., infrastructure building). As such, initial efforts should prioritize system preparation; user, program and agency readiness for change; and implementation planning. An effective work plan and checklist of pre-launch activities are essential to prioritize the necessary and required preconditions prior to the launch of an app (i.e., roadmap of involved parties and logical order/priorities for Information Technology (IT), data sharing, Compliance, clinical integration, etc.).

The initial planning phase should also include strategies for an effective communication and decision-making process. System readiness requires collaboration and ongoing communication with program managers and staff in programs where an app will be launched. It is critical to obtain feedback from clinicians and Peers early on to assess interestand/or readiness to use the app services. Equally as critical is communication with vendors, checking in to ensure information, messaging and shared vision is accurate. The public behavioral health system and the private industry have their own language and communication style. As a result, it is important to frequently define terms to ensure shared understanding. Furthermore, existing technology is not necessarily geared with the County mental health plan consumer in mind, so when exploring and procuring technology, it is important to be clear in including the type of technology the target population will likely have access to, as well as language capabilities.

With regard to the planning, development and implementation of apps, it is essential for this process to be streamlined and sustainable in the future. This includes the involvement of County Counsel, Compliance and IT teams throughout the process. Additional considerations include outlining a process for procuring and learning about new apps/vendors, creating a systematic process for testing apps, and addressing potential safety, risk and liability concerns. Project staff identified additional lessons learned that are highlighted in the <u>Orange County Spotlight</u>.

# **Behavioral Health System Transformation**(INN)

The **Behavioral Health System Transformation** (BHST) project is an INN project designed to create a system that can serve all Orange County residents, regardless of insurance status, type, or level of clinical need. Its primary purpose is to promote interagency and community collaboration related to mental health services, supports or outcomes, with the goal of introducing a new practice or approach to the overall mental health system, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention. Orange County's BHST project proposal was approved by the MHSOAC in May 2019 and local project start up began in October 2019.

### SERVICES

Unlike the majority of INN projects that tend to focus on new or modified approaches to service delivery, the BHST project will strive to transform the behavioral health system of care by identifying strategies to braid public and private funding; creating a value-based system; and improving navigation of and access to needed resources. Project activities are divided into two parts:

BHST Part 1, Performance and Value-Based Contracting, addresses the plan to create a value-based system that braids public and private funding. Key steps and activities include:

- Establishing community-defined values and metrics
- Identifying braiding strategies for public and private funding
- Aligning community-defined outcomes with legal, fiscal and regulatory requirements
- Developing new provider contract templates
- Providing technical assistance to assist providers

BHST Part 2, Digital Resource Navigator and Overall Project Evaluation, involves the development of a digital navigation tool, as well as the evaluation of the overall BHST project (i.e., Part 1 & digital resource navigator). The features, functionality and list of resources in the digital resource navigator will be developed through a participatory process that involves community members, including consumers, family members and behavioral health providers. Core features of the directory will include an optional social determinants survey, curated list of resources prioritized based on an individual's needs, and ability for providers to update resource information in real-time. Key steps and activities include:

- Identifying directory resources, features and functionality
- Directory development and testing
- Continuous review and refinement
- Project evaluation and lessons learned

Due to its focus on identifying methods to change processes and integrate policies across the public and private sectors, this project will utilize a formative evaluation. One of the key goals of a formative evaluation is to identify influences – both potential and real – on the progress and/or effectiveness of a project's implementation. Information is collected at all phases of execution and is used as part of a continuous feedback loop to improve the ultimate likelihood of successful project implementation.

PROPOSED BUDGETS FROM 3YP		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	Program Budget	
FY 2020-21	\$9,477,500	
FY 2021-22	\$5,355,250	
FY 2022-23	above carryover	

Through focus groups, interviews, observational studies, and surveys of stakeholders, subject matter experts and meeting participants, the evaluation will allow Orange County to identify successful and unsuccessful strategies employed throughout the various project activities, including inter-agency and inter-departmental meetings and workgroups. Similarly, the formative evaluation will determine whether Orange County is able to identify ways to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders successfully and elicit meaningful participation, guidance and feedback.

### OUTCOMES

The BHST project does not provide direct services, as a result, there are no outcomes to report. However, during FY 2029-20, BHST Part 1 and Part 2 made significant progress in their respective key steps and activities. A full report of all project activities can be found in the <u>MHSA INN Annual Project Report</u>.

# Potential INN Projects(INN)

The HCA will explore potential Innovation project ideas submitted through the HCA Idea Generation Website, as well as statewide project opportunities. Each idea considered viable after initial vetting will include a community planning process and must be approved by the MHSOAC before implementation. Project ideas that are most aligned with MHSA Community Program Planning Process results and/or most feasible, will be prioritized for exploration. The tables below provide a description and current status for each potential INN project idea.

Prioritized Ideas, listed in alphabetical order:

Potential Idea	Brief Description	Status
allcove	Integrated youth drop-in centers for ages 12 - 25.	Pending implementation and further review of Youth Drop-in Center grant
		Prioritized based on existing grant
Mobile Phones	Understand the technical capacity of LifeLine phones and/or service plans to support a variety of existing digital mental health apps and products. Develop a process for testing future mental health apps to determine whether they are usable and	requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and FY 20-21 CEM results
	acceptable to consumers using LifeLine phones.	Prioritized based on FY 20-21 CEM results
Psychiatric Advance Directives	Statewide collaborative that aims to enhance individual independence for people with needs with the goal of reducing recidivism in the criminal justice system and empowering clients.	determine whether to move forward with
		Prioritized based on multi-county INN project opportunity
Social Media	Participants at a high risk for mental health disorders will agree to have their smartphone social media data monitored and will take periodic surveys to assess their MH related behaviors and outcomes.	requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and
		Prioritized based on FY 20-21 CEM results
Stigma Reduction	Test competing models of stigma reduction campaigns to determine which approaches, strategies and/or techniques are more effective within different target populations. Identify, develop and test a method for measuring short-term and long-	requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and FY 20-21 CEM results
	term effects on mental-health-related stigma.	Prioritized based on FY 20-21 CEM results

### Potential ideas pending further exploration:

Potential Idea	Brief Description	Status
Mental Health Adult and Older Adult Residential Facilities	Create training curriculum for staff in Assisted Living Facility serving adults living with mental illness. Training would address recognizing early signs of mental illness, basic support techniques and knowledge of how to refer to basic, appropriate mental health resources.	requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and
Mental Health Participant Pet Boarding Services	Focus on creating a network of veterinarians, boarding programs, animal day care, and animal foster volunteers who would be available to outreach programs to immediately foster pets for day, overnight and up to 30 days for individuals ready to seek treatment and/or shelter. The program would also engage previously homeless individuals who have been housed in the past year or two, and train them to be animal foster sites.	requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and
Mental Health Participant Pet Veterinary Care	Veterinary care will be available for pets of homeless participants who are seeking shelter and treatment.	Pending further review of INN requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and FY 20-21 CEM results
Middle School Student Wellness Centers	Each Wellness Center will comprehensively address mental and physical health by placing a nurse, nutrition, outreach, mental health and drug intervention support within these sites.	-
Peer Intervention Journal	Proposes that Peer projects throughout the state be complied into a journal in order to share information.	Pending further review of INN requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and FY 20-21 CEM results
Psychiatry Clinical Extender Program	High school and medical students would be offered the opportunity to volunteer with clients within the Wellness Centers or other unlocked centers to gain experience and knowledge of working with this population. This could include advertising about careers in the behavioral health field.	requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and
Shelter Grade Housing	Proposes a design competition among local universities to design a shelter that promotes mental health and wellness.	Pending further review of INN requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and FY 20-21 CEM results
Shelter Living Skills Curriculum	Focus on developing a new shelter-specific-living-skills curriculum that incorporates group, individual, case management and daily assignments. Each participant will be given a needs assessment upon intake and will work with a peer group and individual support person to complete their daily goals.	requirements, fit with MHSA priorities and

	Development and testing of a new technology that will use a	Pending	further	review	of	INN
	wearable and connected system that combines a fitness and	requireme	ents, fit wit	h MHSA pi	rioritie	s and
Yours Children at risk of A DUD	health tracker, mobile phone app, and web portal with an	FY 20-21 (	CEM results			
Young Children at risk of ADHD	online community. The system can be used to deliver					
	interventions and monitor progress over time for parents of					
	children at risk for ADHD or related behavioral disorders.					

Proposed ideas that that will no longer be explored as a potential INN project:

Potential Idea	Brief Description	Status
Older Veterans Support Program	Identify where isolated veterans are and enroll them into an engaging socialization program that would refer to other collaborative partners for additional services.	•

# Whole Person Care Pilot (PEI)

Whole Person Care (WPC) is the coordination of physical, behavioral, health and social services in a person-centered approach with the goal of improving health and well-being through comprehensive, streamlined service delivery. WPC services are for Medi-Cal beneficiaries living with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) and struggling with homelessness.

BHS is leveraging a total of \$856,600 in MHSA funds per year for five years to draw down Whole Person Care Federal match dollars. Resulting in over \$30 million over five years, these dollars fund an array of health services for adults participating in WPC.

BHS is providing the following services through the WPC pilot, which is set to expire on December 31, 2020:

- The BHS Outreach and Engagement expansion team uses MHSA funds to identify individuals eligible for WPC and engage them into needed services (\$475,927 in MHSA per year).
- Housing Navigators address barriers that prevent BHS participants from making successful housing placements and work to increase the inventory of available units for homeless adults living with SPMI (funded by WPC).
- Peer Mentoring expansion provides housing and tenancy-sustaining services to help WPC participants be successful in their housing placements (\$380,673 in MHSA per year).
- Recuperative/Respite Care provides recuperative care beds for homeless adults who are recovering from an acute illness or injury, are no longer in need of acute care but are unable to sustain recovery if living on the street or other unsuitable place (funded by WPC).





### **EXHIBIT A: Budget Grids**

### FY 2021-22 Annual Update - Mental Health Services Act Expenditure Plan Funding Summary

County: Orange

Date: 4/28/2020

	MHSA Funding									
	Α	В	С	D	E	F				
	Community Services and Supports	Prevention and Early Intervention	Innovation	Workforce Education and Training	Capital Facilities and Technological Needs	Prudent Reserve				
Estimated FY2021-22 Funding										
1. Estimated Unspent Funds from Prior Fiscal Years	34,654,881	28,017,720	20 <mark>,</mark> 549,159	-	-	33,258,769				
2. Estimated New FY2021-22 Funding	158,352,053	39,751,693	10,587,336	-	-	-				
3. Transfer in FY2021-22	(21,527,368)	-		5,219,984	16,307,384	-				
4. Access Local Prudent Reserve in FY2021-22	-	-				-				
5. Estimated Available Funding for FY2021-22	171,479 <mark>,</mark> 566	67,769,413	31,136,495	5,219,984	16,307,384	33,258,769				
Estimated FY2021-22 Expenditures	(130,203,791)	(50,529,691)	(10,999,190)	(5,219,984)	(16,307,384)					
Estimated FY2021-22 Unspent Fund Balance	\$ 41,275,775	\$ 17,239,722	\$ 20,137,305	\$-	\$-	\$ 33,258,769				

Estimated Local Prudent Reserve Balance	
Estimated Local Prudent Reserve Balance on June 30, 2021	\$ 33,258,769
5. Contributions to the Local Prudent Reserve in FY 2021-22	-
6. Distributions from the Local Prudent Reserve in FY 2021-22	-
Estimated Local Prudent Reserve Balance on June 30, 2022	\$ 33,258,769

a/ Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5892(b), Counties may use a portion of their CSS funds for WET, CFTN, and the Local Prudent Reserve. The total amount of CSS funding used for this purpose shall not exceed 20% of the average amount of total MHSA funds allocated to that County for the previous five years.

*b/* Estimated expenditures for CSS/PEI for FY 21/22 are anticipated to be within funding limits avaiable but are budgeted at full-program's costs. Historical trends show actual expenditures to be under the annual budget due to various factors, such as unanticipated revenue offsets, or cost savings. The Financial Team monitors and projects the revenues and expenditures throughout the fiscal year to ensure the funds are not overspent. CSS expenditures are estimated at 82% and PEI expenditures are estimated at 90% of the budgeted amounts for each fiscal year.

c/ Per MHSUDS Info Notice No. 19-017 dated March 20, 2019, each county is now required to establish a Prudent Reserve that does not exceed 33 percent of the average Community Services and Supports (CSS) revenue received for the Local Mental Health Serices Fund in the preceding five years. Maximum Prudent Reserve amount for FY 2020-21 is capped at the average of 33% of the previous 5 FY's CSS allocation. Orange County's current Prudent Reserve amount is \$33,258,769 and this same amount is budgeted for FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23. Orange County's Prudent Reserve will be re-assessed in FY 2023-24 by using the actuals from FY 2018-19 through FY 2022-23.

d/ Estimated Unspent Fund Balances in CSS and PEI are allocated to support the Strategic Priorities identified in the three-year plan.

County: Orange

			Fiscal Year 2	021-22		
	Α	В	С	D	E	F
					Estimated	
Program Description	Estimated Total				Behavioral	
rogram Description	Mental Health	Estimated CSS	Estimated Medi-	Estimated 1991	Health	Estimated
	Expenditures	Funding	Cal FFP	Realignment	Subaccount	Other Fundin
Full Service Partnership (FSP Programs)						
1. Children's Full Service Partnership	13,197,468	11,554,575	1,642,893	-	-	-
2. Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Full Service Partnership	9,889,331	8,184,468	1,519,924	-	-	184,939
3. Adult Full Service Partnership	36,080,254	30,307,934	5,589,458	-	-	182,862
Adults	27,149,297	22,092,093	4,887,076	-	-	170,128
Assisted Outpatient Treatment Assessment & Linkage	5,430,957	4,715,841	702,382	-	-	12,734
Supportive services for clients in permanent housing	3,500,000	3,500,000	-	-	-	-
4. Older Adult Full Service Partnership	4,204,615	3,719,899	484,716	-	-	-
5. Program for Assertive Community Treatment	13,749,990	10,699,650	3,006,786	-	-	43,554
Non-FSP Programs Partially Categorized as FSP:						
Access and Linkage to Treatment Section:						
1. Multi-Service Center for Homeless Mentally Illness Adults	45,000	45,000	-	-	-	-
2. Open Access	1,505,114	1,300,000	199,317	-	-	5,797
3. CHS Jail to Community Re-Entry	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crisis & Crisis Prevention Section:						
4. Mobile Crisis Assessment Team	4,492,060	3,451,094	840,164	-	-	200,802
5. Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs)	2,086,366	1,500,000	586,366	-	-	-
6. In-Home Crisis Stabilization	1,583,370	1,229,836	337,790	-	-	15,744
7. Crisis Residential Services	5,281,435	4,597,008	752,021	-	-	40,395

County: Orange

		Fiscal Year 2021-22										
Program Description	Α	В	С	D	E Estimated Behavioral Health Subaccount	F						
	Estimated Total Mental Health Expenditures	Estimated CSS Funding	Estimated Medi Cal FFP	- Estimated 1991 Realignment		Estimated Other Funding						
OUTPATIENT TREATMENT: Clinic Expansion				g								
8. Children & Youth Expansion	-	-	-	-	-	-						
9. OC Children with Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders	1,014,887	500,000	500,000	-	-	14,887						
10. Outpatient Recovery	169,052	117,171	51,165	-	-	716						
11. Older Adult Services	177,129	130,088	46,686	-	-	355						
12. Services for the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program	-	-	-	-	-	-						
13. Telehealth/Virtual Behavioral Health Care	1,250,000	1,250,000										
Supportive Services Section:												
14. Peer Mentor and Parent Partner Support	-	-	-	-	-	-						
15. Wellness Centers	368,979	368,979	-	-	-	-						
16. Supported Employment	274,252	274,252	-	-	-	-						
17. Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Supportive Housing/Homelessness Section:												
18. Housing & Year Round Emergency Shelter	410,154	410,154	-	-	-	-						
19. Bridge Housing for the Homeless	1,300,000	1,300,000	-	-	-	-						
20. CSS Housing	267,035	267,035	-	-	-	-						
FSP Sub-Total	\$ 97,346,490	\$ 81,207,143	\$ 15,557,284	\$-	\$ -	\$ 690,051						

County: Orange

			<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	021-22		
	Α	В	С	D	E	F
					Estimated	
	Estimated Total				<b>Behavioral</b>	
Program Description	Mental Health	Estimated CSS	<b>Estimated Medi-</b>	Estimated 1991	Health	Estimated
	Expenditures	Funding	Cal FFP	Realignment	Subaccount	Other Funding
Non-FSP Programs Not Categorized as FSP:						
Access and Linkage to Treatment Section:						
1. Multi-Service Center for Homeless Mentally Illness Adults	855,000	855,000	-	-	-	-
2. Open Access	1,505,114	1,300,000	199,317	-	-	5,797
3. CHS Jail to Community Re-Entry	2,700,000	2,700,000	-	-	-	-
Crisis & Crisis Prevention Section:						
4. Mobile Crisis Assessment Team	6,786,742	5,684,764	952,773	-	-	149,205
5. Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs)	11,822,739	8,500,000	3,322,739	-	-	-
6. In-Home Crisis Stabilization	2,151,802	1,705,644	439,410	-	-	6,748
7. Crisis Residential Services	9,226,945	6,683,837	2,632,080	-	-	68,039
OUTPATIENT TREATMENT: Clinic Expansion						
8. Children & Youth Expansion	3,033,490	2,500,000	500,000	-	-	33,490
9. OC Children with Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders	1,014,887	500,000	500,000	-	-	14,887
10. Outpatient Recovery	8,283,534	5,741,360	2,507,080	-	-	35,094
11. Older Adult Services	2,775,018	2,038,047	731,412	-	-	5,559
12. Services for the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program	10,500,000	7,000,000	3,500,000	-	-	-
13. Telehealth/Virtual Behavioral Health Care	1,250,000	1,250,000				
Supportive Services Section:						
14. Peer Mentor and Parent Partner Support	4,249,888	4,249,888	-	-	-	-
15. Wellness Centers	2,985,372	2,985,372	-	-	-	-
16. Supported Employment	1,097,010	1,097,010	-	-	-	-
17. Transportation	1,100,000	1,100,000	-	-	-	-

County: Orange

		Fiscal Year 2021-22									
	Α		В	С	D	E	F				
Program Description	Estimated Mental H		Estimated CSS	Estimated Medi	Estimated 1991	Estimated Behavioral Health	Estimated				
	Expendi	tures	Funding	Cal FFP	Realignment	Subaccount	Other Funding				
Supportive Housing/Homelessness Section:											
18. Housing & Year Round Emergency Shelter		957,026	957,026	-	-	-	-				
19. Bridge Housing for the Homeless		700,000	700,000	-	-	-	-				
20. CSS Housing		89,011	89,011	-	-	-	-				
Sub-Total	\$ 73,0	083,577	\$ 57,636,959	\$ 15,284,812	\$-	\$-	\$ 318,818				
CSS Administration	19	,941,008	19,941,008	-	-	-					
Fotal CSS Program Estimated Expenditures	\$ 190,3	371,075	\$ 158,785,110	\$ 30,842,096	\$-	\$-	\$ 1,008,869				
FSP Programs as Percent of Total		51%									

### FY 2021-22 Annual Update - Mental Health Services Act Expenditure Plan Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Component Worksheet

County: Orange

	Fiscal Year 2021-22									
	Α	В	С	D	E	F				
Program Description	Estimated Total Mental Health Expenditures	Estimated PEI Funding	Estimated Medi-Cal FFP	Estimated 1991 Realignment	Estimated Behavioral Health Subaccount	Estimated Other Funding				
Prevention: Child, Youth and Parent Programs										
1. School Readiness	1,002,786	1,000,000				2,786				
2. Parent Education Services	1,456,018	1,450,000				6,018				
3. Children's Support & Parenting	1,018,474	1,000,000				18,474				
4. School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention & Support	2,131,970	2,128,589				3,381				
5. Violence Prevention Education	1,352,651	1,352,651				-				
6. Gang Prevention Services	412,299	403,100				9,199				
7. Family Support Services	282,649	282,000				649				
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & STIGMA REDUCTION CAMPAIGNS & EDUCATION										
8. Mental Health Community Educ. Events for Reducing Stigma & Discrimination	1,200,000	1,200,000				-				
9. Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness	13,130,213	13,118,412				11,801				
Behavioral Health Training Services	1,183,695	1,180,000				3,695				
School-Based Stress Management Services	-	-				-				
Early Childhood Mental Health Providers Training	1,000,000	1,000,000				-				
Mental Health & Well-Being Promotion for Diverse Communities	3,393,817	3,385,711				8,106				
K-12 School-Based Mental Health Services Expansion	2,312,500	2,312,500				-				
Services for TAY and Young Adults	580,000	580,000				-				
Statewide Projects	4,660,201	4,660,201				-				

### FY 2021-22 Annual Update - Mental Health Services Act Expenditure Plan Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Component Worksheet

County: Orange

		Fi	iscal Year	2021-22		
	Α	В	С	D	E	F
Program Description	Estimated Total Mental Health Expenditures	Estimated PEI Funding	Estimated Medi-Cal FFP	Estimated 1991 Realignment	Estimated Behavioral Health Subaccount	Estimated Other Funding
CRISIS PREVENTION & SUPPORT						
10. Warmline	2,000,000	2,000,000				-
11. Suicide Prevention Services	3,200,000	3,200,000				-
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES						
12. Transportation Assistance	200,000	200,000				-
ACCESS & LINKAGE TO TREATMENT (TX)						
13. OCLinks	4,000,000	4,000,000				-
14. BHS Outreach & Engagement (O&E)	3,129,668	3,129,668				-
OUTPATIENT TREATMENT - Early Intervention						
15. School-Based Mental Health Services	2,562,185	2,525,236				36,949
16. 1st Onset of Psychiatric Illness	1,527,178	1,450,000	50,000			27,178
17. OC Parent Wellness Program	3,826,748	3,738,072				88,676
18. Community Counseling & Supportive Services	2,591,559	2,536,136				55,423
19. Early Intervention Services for Older Adults	2,469,500	2,469,500				-
20. OC4VETS	2,402,316	2,400,000				2,316
PEI Administration	6,560,737	6,560,737				
Total PEI Program Estimated Expenditures	\$ 56,456,951	\$ 56,144,101	\$ 50,000	\$-	\$-	\$ 262,850

### FY 2021-22 Annual Update - Mental Health Services Act Expenditure Plan Innovations (INN) Component Worksheet

County: Orange

	Fiscal Year 2021-22									
	Α	В	С	D	E	F				
Program Description	Estimated Total Mental Health Expenditures	Estimated INN Funding	Estimated Medi-Cal FFP	Estimated 1991 Realignment	Estimated Behavioral Health Subaccount	Estimated Other Funding				
1. Contiuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families	745,000	745.000	-	_	-	_				
<b>2. Help @ Hand</b> (formally known as Mental Health Technology Suite)	3,100,000	3,100,000	-	-	-	_				
Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care	561,234									
3. Collaborative Network			-	-	-	-				
4. Behavioral Health System Transformation	5,355,250	5,355,250	-	-	-	-				
Subtotal Of All INN Programs	9,761,484	9,761,484	-	-	-	-				
INN Administration	1,237,706	1,237,706	-	-	-	-				
Total INN Program Estimated Expenditures	\$ 10,999,190	\$ 10,999,190	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-				

## FY 2021-22 Annual Update - Mental Health Services Act Expenditure Plan Workforce, Education and Training (WET) Component Worksheet

County: Orange

Date: 4/28/2021

	Fiscal Year 2021-22							
	Α	В	С	D	E	F		
Program Description	Estimated Total Mental Health Expenditures	Estimated WET Funding	Estimated Medi-Cal FFP	Estimated 1991 Realignment	Estimated Behavioral Health Subaccount	Estimated Other Funding		
1. Workforce Staffing Support	1,761,901	1,761,901	-	-	-	-		
2. Training and Technical Assistance	1,282,434	1,282,434	-	-	-	-		
3. Mental Health Career Pathways	1,046,663	1,046,663	-	-	-	-		
4. Residencies and Internships	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-		
5. Financial Incentives Programs	646,968 -	646,968 -	-	-	-	-		
Subtotal Of All WET Programs	4,742,966	4,742,966	-	-	-	-		
WET Administration	477,018	477,018	-	-	-	-		
Total WET Program Estimated Expenditures	\$ 5,219,984	\$ 5,219,984	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		

#### FY 2021-22 Annual Update - Mental Health Services Act Expenditure Plan Capital Facilities/Technological Needs (CFTN) Component Worksheet

County: Orange

Date: 4/28/2021

		Fiscal Year 2021-22					
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	
Program Description	Estimated Total Mental Health Expenditures	Estimated CFTN Funding	Estimated Medi Cal FFP	Estimated 1991 Realignment	Estimated Behavioral Health Subaccount	Estimated Other Funding	
Capital Facilities Projects							
1. Behavioral Health Training Facility	65,000	65,000	-	-	-	-	
Technological Needs Projects							
2. Electronic Health Record (E.H.R)	16,042,384	16,042,384	-	-	-	-	
CFTN Administration	200,000	200,000	-	-	-	-	
Total CFTN Program Estimated Expenditures	\$ 16,307,384	\$ 16,307,384	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	

## **EXHIBIT B: Maximum Prudent Reserve Calculation** and Prudent Reserve Assessment

The Prudent Reserve Calculation and Assessment are to be completed every five years. The next calculation and assessment will occur in FY 2023-24.

#### FY 2019-20 33% Maximum Prudent Reserve Calculations

Funding Year	Total MHSA Allocations July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2018
FY 13/14	\$99,072,771.39
FY 14/15	\$138,031,688.98
FY 15/16	\$115,045,914.79
FY 16/17	\$149,134,711.87
FY 17/18	\$161,768,522.68
5-yr Total	663,053,609.71
CSS portion of total allocation (76%)	503,920,743.38
5-yr Avg of CSS funds	100,784,148.68
Prudent Reserve Limit for FY 18/19 (33%)	33,258,769 .06

State of California Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PRUDENT RESERVE ASSESSMENT/REASSESSMENT

County/City:	County of Orange	
Fiscal Year:	2018/19	
Local Mental	l Health Director	
Name:	Jeffrey A. Nagel	
Telephone:	714-834-7024	
Email:	JNagel@OCHCA.com	

I hereby certify<sup>1</sup> under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the Prudent Reserve assessment/reassessment is accurate to the best of my knowledge and was completed in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 9, section 3420.20 (b).

Local Mental Health Director (PRINT NAME) Signature

4/25/19 Date

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## **EXHIBIT C: County Compliance Certification**

PLACEHOLDER -

TO BE SIGNED AND INCLUDED UPON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF THE PLAN

## **EXHIBIT D: County Fiscal Certification**

Enclosure 1

#### MHSA COUNTY FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY CERTIFICATION<sup>1</sup>

County/City: Orange

Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan
 Annual Update
 Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report

Local Mental Health Director	County Auditor-Controller / City Financial Officer		
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Local Mental Health Mailing Address:			
405 W. 5th Street, Suite 477 Santa Ana, CA 92701			

I hereby certify that the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan, Annual Update <u>or</u> Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report is true and correct and that the County has complied with all fiscal accountability requirements as required by law or as directed by the State Department of Health Care Services and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, and that all expenditures are consistent with the requirements of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), including Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) sections 5813.5, 5830, 5840, 5847, 5891, and 5892; and Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations eactions 3400 and 3410. I further certify that all expenditures are consistent with an approved plan or update and that MHSA funds will only be used for programs specified in the Mental Health Services Act. Other than funds placed in a reserve in accordance with an approved plan, any funds allocated to a county which are not spent for their authorized purpose within the time period specified in WIC section 5892(h), shall revert to the state to be deposited into the fund and available for counties in future years.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of this state that the foregoing and the attached update/revenue and expenditure report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey Nagel, PhD

Local Mental Health Director (PRINT)

I hereby certify that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2030, the County/City has maintained an interest-bearing local Mental Health Services (MHS) Fund (WIC 5892(f)); and that the County's/City's financial statements are audited annually by an independent auditor and the most recent audit report is dated 2339 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 30200, I further certify that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 30200, the State MHSA distributions were recorded as revenues in the local MHS Fund; that County/City MHSA expenditures and transfers out were appropriated by the Board of Supervisors and recorded in compliance with such appropriations; and that the County/City has complied with WIC section 5891(a), in that local MHS funds may not be loaned to a county general fund or any other county fund.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of this state that the foregoing, and if there is a revenue and expenditure report attached, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

CINDY WONT County Auditor Controller / City Financial Officer (PRINT)

4 22 2021 001 Signature

<sup>1</sup> Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5847(b)(9) and 5899(a) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan, Annual Update, and RER Certification (07/22/2013)

## APPENDIX I: Addressing the Fiscal Impact of COVID-19 on BHS November 2020

## ADDRESSING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON BHS

FINAL REVIEW OF PHASE | RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRATEGIES | -6

Presentation to the MHSA Steering Committee November 16, 2020

## ROADMAP FOR FEEDBACK AND PLANNING: FY 2020-21 MHSA ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE

• TODAY: Final review of Recommended Strategies 1-6

- Slide numbers from the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting provided here for your reference
- December 14: Innovation Updates
- January 25, 2021: Community Survey Results

Dates/Times may change

## GOAL AND RATIONALE FOR PHASE I STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### • GOAL:

 Close MHSA (CSS & PEI) budget gap due to projected fiscal impacts of COVID-19

### RATIONALE FOR PHASE I STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- · Look at strategies already in process and intentionally maximize cost saving impact
- Were unavoidable due to COVID
- Buy us time to see if we can avoid making higher impact reductions
- Do least harm



## PROJECTED FY 2022-23 ENDING BALANCES:\* PHASE I STRATEGIES Cells with updated amounts have been highlighted in yellow.

Projected FY 2022-23 Amounts	CSS	PEI
Ending Balances, without Adjustments	-\$71,007,389	-\$1,008,409
Adjustment: Prudent Reserve	+\$27,688,130	-
Adjustment: Savings from Right-Sizing Budgets	+\$2,666,337	-
Adjustment: Savings from Delayed Programs	+\$14,400,000	+\$1,036,000
Adjustment: Savings from Alternate Revenue	+\$11,571,099	-\$4,586,099
Adjustment: Projected Increased Medi-Cal	TBD	+\$2,092,000
Adjustment: Eliminate Program Funding, if needed	<del>+\$1,651,600</del>	+\$1,404,000
Ending Balances, with all Phase I Adjustments	-\$14,681,823	-\$1,062,508

\* Slide updated to reflect impact of keeping 5% in the Prudent Reserve (primarily PEI reserves) per recommendation from state fiscal consultant Mike Geiss, and the removal of savings originally based on eliminating program funding in Strategy 6 (on hold)

## STRATEGY 6 OVERVIEW: ELIMINATION OF PROGRAM FUNDING

• Reduces PEI budget by an estimated \$1,404,000 over three FYs (Oct 26: Slide 10)

PROGRAM	SERVICE LEVEL IMPACT (PEI)	TOTAL SAVINGS
Vacant Positions (PEI) (In progress) (Oct 26: Slide 11)	None; positions have remained vacant over several years with no impact on service levels	\$1,404,000
Potential End of PEI Expansions (On hold) (Oct 26: Slide 12)	On hold	-
Potential CSS Eliminations (On hold) (Oct 26: Slide 13)	On hold	-

## STRATEGY 2 OVERVIEW: RIGHT-SIZING PROGRAM BUDGETS

Reduces CSS budget by \$2,666,337 over three years

PROGRAMSERVICE LEVEL IMPACTTOTAL SAVINGSCSS/WETTransfer to OSHPD (Oct 26: Slide 19)<br/>(In progress, based on update from OSHPD)No impact on local programs\$166,337TAY FSP(Oct 26: Slide 20)No impact on #s served\$1,000,000TAY Crisis Residential(Oct 26: Slide 21-22)No impact on #s served\$1,500,000

(Oct 26: Slides 18-

## STRATEGY 3 OVERVIEW: DELAY START OF PROGRAMS - CSS

<ul> <li>Reduces CSS budget by \$14,400,000 over three years</li> </ul>		
SERVICE LEVEL IMPACT	TOTAL SAVINGS	
No impacts; using alternate funding	\$8,500,000	
Minimal; local delays initially resulted from DHCS delays in releasing guidelines; HCA now determining local provider	\$500,000	
	\$4,800,000	
<sup>)</sup> Minimal; reductions already occurring due to COVID and programs providing telehealth & telephonic services	\$600,000	
	SERVICE LEVEL IMPACT         No impacts; using alternate funding         Minimal; local delays initially resulted from DHCS delays in releasing guidelines; HCA now determining local provider interest in meeting DHCS' stipulations for COC CRP; non-COC crisis residential services continue to be available         No impacts; using alternate funding         No impacts; using alternate funding         Minimal; reductions already occurring due to COVID and	

## STRATEGY 3 OVERVIEW: DELAY START OF PROGRAMS - PEI

Reduces PEI budget by \$1,036,000 over one FY

(Oct 26: Slide 32)

PROGRAM	SERVICE LEVEL IMPACT	Total Savings
MH Community Events (In progress due to COVID) (Oct 26: Slide 33)	None due to this recommendation; these savings are a result of the impact of COVID	\$881,000
School-Based Stress Management (In progress due to retirement of subject matter expert [SME]) (Oct 26: Slide 34)	None due to this recommendation; these savings are a result of the SME's retirement	\$155,000

## STRATEGY 4 OVERVIEW: IDENTIFY ALTERNATE REVENUE

Reduces CSS budget by an estimated \$11,571,099 and increases PEI budget by an estimated \$4,586,099 over three years
 (Oct 26: Slide 36)

PROGRAM SAVIN	GS	SERVICE LEVEL IMPACT	TOTAL S CSS	AVINGS PEI *
ICS (In progress)	(Oct 26: Slide 37)	None; to be provided by CalOptima	\$3,600,000	-
BHS O&E (CSS/PEI) (In progress)	(Oct 26: Slide 38)	None	\$7,709,799	-\$4,684,799
Shift CSS position to (Still being explored)	<b>PEI</b> (Oct 26: Slide 40)	None	\$261,300	-\$261,300
OC Links (In progress)	(Oct 26: Slide 39)	None	-	\$360,000

\* PEI amounts reflect <u>net</u> added expenditures (not savings) after shifting some program costs being shifted from CSS to PEI and applying HMIOT and SABG savings.

## STRATEGY 5 OVERVIEW: INCREASE MEDI-CAL REVENUE

Reduces PEI budget by an estimated \$2,092,000 over three FYs; (Oct 26: Slide 4)
 CSS amount still to be determined

PROGRAM SAVINGS	SERVICE LEVEL IMPACT	TOTAL SAVINGS
OC CREW (Oct 26 (In progress) Slide 5)	None	\$612,000
School-Based MH Services (In progress) (Oct 26 Slide 6)	None	\$1,300,000
OC4Vets (Oct 26 (Still being explored) Slide 7)	None	\$180,000
CSS Programs (Oct 26 (In progress) Slide 8)	None	TBD



# APPENDIX II: Review of Proposed MHSA Component Budgets March 2021



## Agenda

#### **01. MHSA Revenue**

Review of MHSA revenue projections as of Feb 2021 and impact of change from Dec 2020 projections

## **02. CSS** 50 min

**04. PEI** 

50 min

Proposed PEI Budget Review

• Questions from the Public

Steering Committee Questions

- Proposed CSS Budget Review
- Steering Committee Questions
- Questions from the Public

#### **03. WET & CFTN** 50 min

- Proposed WET & CFTN Budgets Review
- Steering Committee Questions
- Questions from the Public

#### 05. Public Comments 15 min

• Members of the public may address the Steering Committee, although no action will be taken at this time. Comments will be limited to 2-3 minutes, based on the number of requests received

#### 06. SC Comments 15 min

• Members of the Steering Committee may make comments or ask questions

Times are approximate

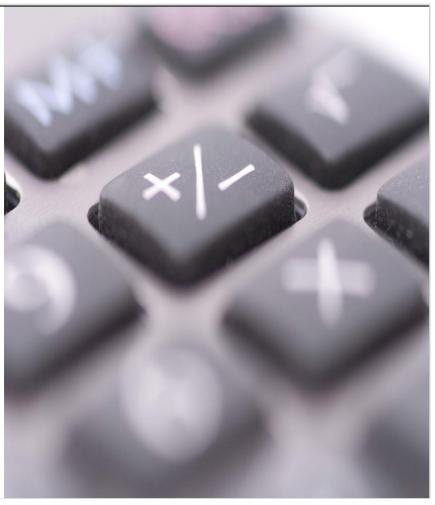
# **01 MHSA Revenue**

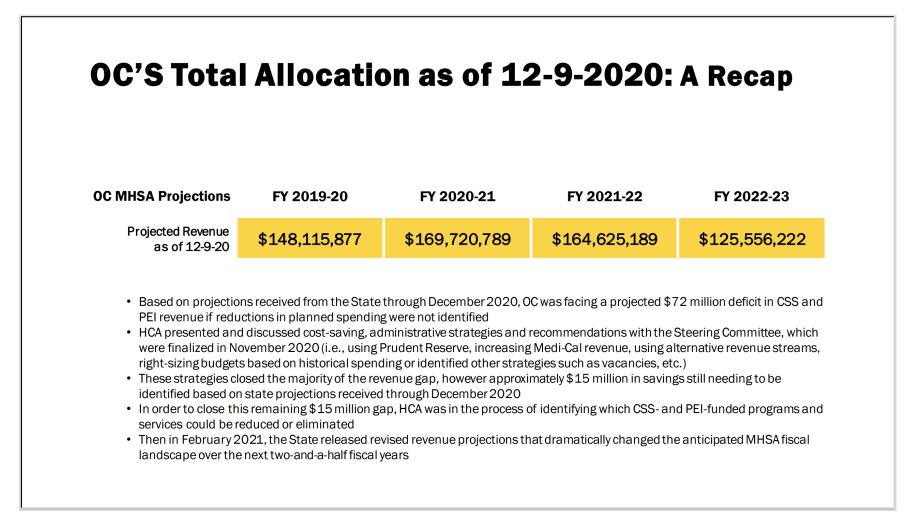
## **Fiscal Planning Recap**

Local MHSA budget planning conducted by HCA and reviewed with the MHSA Steering Committee during the end of 2020 were from State projections provided two months prior in December 2020.

State Fiscal Consultant Mike Geiss provided updated State MHSA projections in early February 2021.

There was a significant shift in the anticipated fiscal landscape with the February 2021 projections.





## Anticipated Increase in OC'S Total Allocation REVISED 2-4-2021

<b>OC MHSA Projections</b>	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Projected Revenue as of 12-9-20	\$148,115,877	\$169,720,789	\$164,625,189	\$125,556,222
Projected Revenue as of 2-4-21	\$148,115,877	\$197,365,228	\$207,556,427	\$174,199,724
Change from 12-9-20 to 2-4-21	N/A	+ \$27,644,439	+ \$42,934,238	+ \$48,643,502

• FY 2019-20 Revenue are actuals.

• Total projected MHSA revenue increase of \$119,222,179 through FY 22/23 (cumulative)

## Anticipated Increase in OC'S CSS Allocation REVISED 2-4-2021

OC CSS Projections	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Projected Revenue as of 12-9-20	\$112,568,067	\$128,987,800	\$125,115,114	\$95,422,728
Projected Revenue as of 2-4-21	\$112,568,067	\$149,997,573	\$157,742,884	\$132,391,790
Change from 12-9-20 to 2-4-21	N/A	+ \$21,009,773	+ \$32,627,740	+ \$36,969,062

• FY 2019-20 Revenue are actuals.

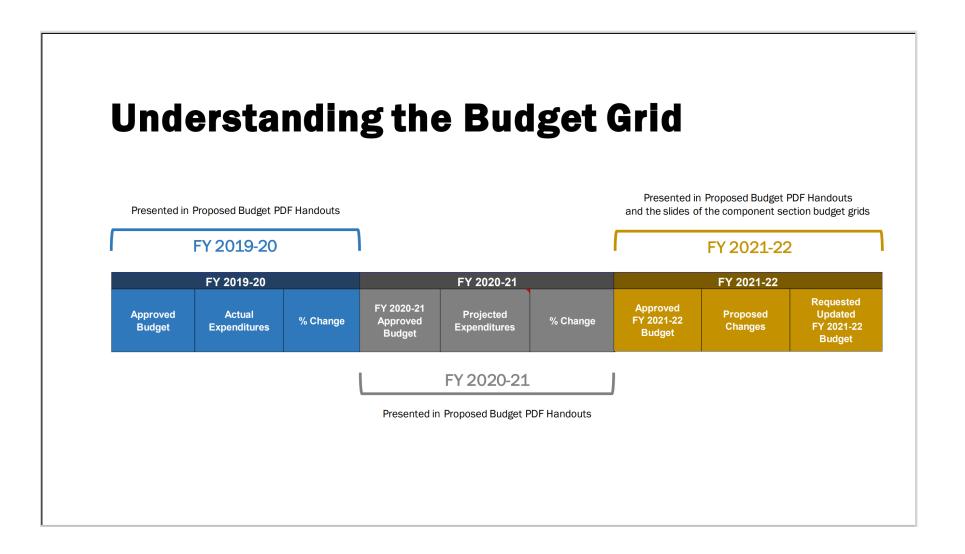
• Total projected CSS revenue increase of \$90,606,575 through FY 22/23 (cumulative)

## Anticipated Increase in OC'S PEI Allocation REVISED 2-4-2021

<b>OC PEI Projections</b>	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Projected Revenue as of 12-9-20	\$28,142,017	\$32,246,950	\$31,278,786	\$23,855,682
Projected Revenue as of 2-4-21	\$28,142,017	\$37,499,393	\$39,435,721	\$33,097,947
Change from 12-9-20 to 2-4-21	N/A	+ \$5,252,443	+ \$8,156,935	+ \$9,242,265

• FY 2019-20 Revenue are actuals.

• Total projected PEI revenue increase of \$22,651,643 through FY 22/23 (cumulative)



# **02 CSS Budget**

# **CSS Current Balances**

#### Orange County MHSA CSS Budget Analysis for Three-Year Plan

Fiscal Years: 2020-21 through 2022-23

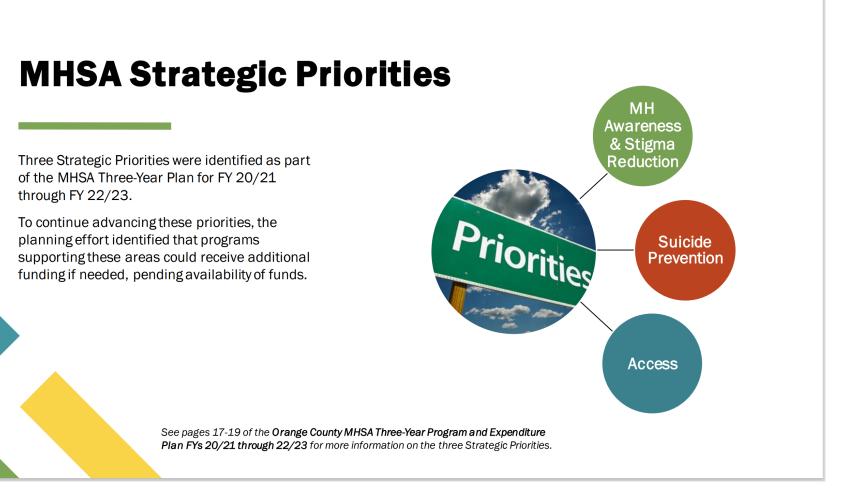
Purpose: To provide projected CSS balances for 3-year planning Updated as of 3/12/2021

#### **Current Balances for Planning**

CSS FY 2019-20	
Beginning Balance	\$55,747,255
Actual Revenue (inc. interest)	\$114,583,988
Actual Expenditures	-\$152,779,182
Actual WET Transfer	-\$3,823,525
Actual CFTN Transfer	-\$14,799,492
Shift from Prudent Reserve	\$22,906,915
Ending Balance	\$21,835,959

	ec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Projections as of 2/18/2
Projected Beginning Balance	\$21,835,959	\$21,835,95
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$128,900,000	\$150,989,44
Carryover CFTN Remaining Balanc		ş
	Approved Budget from Three-Year Plan	
	-\$155,088,175	-\$122,038,37
Approved WET Tran		-\$5,038,92
Approved CFTN Tran		-\$11,093,22
Projected Ending Balance	-\$23,088,599	\$34,654,88
CSS FY 2021-22 D	ec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 82% spending for CS
Projected Beginning Balance	\$34,654,881	\$34,654,88
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$125,724,313	\$158,352,05
	Proposed Budget Presented 3/15/21	
	-\$153,620,111	-\$125,968,49
Proposed WET Tran	sfer -\$5,219,584	-\$5,219,98
Proposed CFTN Tran	sfer -\$16,307,384	-\$16,307,38
Projected Ending Balance	-\$14,767,885	\$45,511,07
CSS FY 2022-23 D	ec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 82% spending for CS
Projected Beginning Balance	\$45,511,075	\$45,511,07
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$95,922,728	\$133,000,95
	Approved Budget from Three-Year Plan	
	-\$165,320,336	-\$135,562,67
Approved WET Tran	sfer -\$5,296,662	-\$5,296,66
Approved CFTN Tran	sfer -\$8,966,158	-\$8,966,15
Projected Ending Balance	-\$38,149,353	\$28,686,53
Projected Unspent CSS funds at th	e end of three-year plan ending FY 22/23	\$28,686,53
Projects / programs to receive	available unspent funds:	
- Operating Reserve		
- Operating Reserve		
- Expansion of Crisis Services (	Suicide Prevention)	

# Projected Unspent CSS funds at the end of three-year plan ending FY 22/23 \$28,686,539 Projects / programs to receive available unspent funds: • • Operating Reserve • • Expansion of Crisis Services (Suicide Prevention) • • Transportation Assistance Program (Access) • • Increase cultural & linguistic responsiveness (Access)



CSS FY 2019-20	
Beginning Balance	\$55,747,255
Actual Revenue (inc. interest)	\$114,583,988
Actual Expenditures	-\$152,779,182
Actual WET Transfer	-\$3,823,525
Actual CFTN Transfer	-\$14,799,492
Shift from Prudent Reserve	\$22,906,915
Ending Balance	\$21,835,959

CSS FY 2020-21 D	ec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Projections as of 2/18/21
Projected Beginning Balance	\$21,835,959	\$21,835,959
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$128,900,000	\$150,989,449
Carryover CFTN Remaining Balance	e \$0	\$0
	-\$155,088,175	-\$122,038,378
Approved WET Tran	sfer -\$6,216,634	-\$5,038,928
Approved CFTN Tran	sfer -\$12,519,749	-\$11,093,221
Projected Ending Balance	-\$23,088,599	\$34,654,881

CSS FY 2021-22	Dec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 82% spending for CSS
Projected Beginning Balance	\$34,654,881	\$34,654,881
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest	) \$125,724,313	\$158,352,053
	Proposed Budget Presented 3/15/21	
	-\$153,620,111	-\$125,968,491
Proposed WET Tra	ansfer -\$5,219,584	-\$5,219,984
Proposed CFTN Tra	ansfer -\$16,307,384	-\$16,307,384
Projected Ending Balance	-\$14,767,885	\$45,511,075

CSS FY 2022-23	Dec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 82% spending for CSS
Projected Beginning Balance	\$45,511,075	\$45,511,075
Projected Revenue (inc. Interes	t) \$95,922,728	\$133,000,959
	Approved Budget from Three-Year Plan	
	-\$165,320,336	-\$135,562,676
Approved WET T	ansfer -\$5,296,662	-\$5,296,662
Approved CFTN T	ansfer -\$8,966,158	-\$8,966,158
Projected Ending Balance	-\$38,149,353	\$28,686,539

#### Projected Unspent CSS funds at the end of three-year plan ending FY 22/23 Projects / programs to receive available unspent funds:

- Operating Reserve
- Expansion of Crisis Services (Suicide Prevention)
- Transportation Assistance Program (Access)
- Increase cultural & linguistic responsiveness (Access)

\$28,686,539

# CSS SECTION 1: Access & Linkage to Treatment

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Link individuals to the appropriate level of care.

### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are living with SMI or SPMI. Tailored to meet the needs of specialized, unserved populations (*i.e.*, homeless, community re-entry)

#### **CSS-Funded Programs**

Multi-Service Center for Homeless Adults Living
 with Mental Illness

#### PEI-Funded Programs

- OC Links
- BHS Outreach & Engagement

- Open Access
- CHS Jail to Community Outreach

# CSS SECTION 1: Access & Linkage to Treatment

SECTION Programs	Approved <b>FY 21/22</b>	Proposed Changes	Requested FY 21/22	
BHS Outreach & Engagement (O&E)	\$2,569,933	(\$2,569,933)	\$0	
Multi-Service Center for Homeless Adults Living with Mental Illness	\$900,000	-	\$900,000	
Open Access	\$2,300,000	\$300,000	\$2,600,000	
Correctional Health Services: Jail to Community Re-Entry Program	\$2,700,000	-	\$2,700,000	
Access & Linkage to Treatment	\$8,469,933	(\$2,269,933)	\$6,200,000	
Net reduction of \$2.3m, resulting from CSS portion of BHS 0&E being shifted to PEI and the Substance Abuse Block Grant.				

Net reduction of \$2.3m, resulting from CSS portion of BHS 0&E being shifted to PEI and the Substance Abuse Block Grant. There will be no reduction in BHS 0&E services. Open Access right-sized by increasing budget by \$300k due to overexpenditures in FY 20/21.

# CSS SECTION 2: Crisis Prevention & Support

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Support individuals experiencing a BH emergency by providing access to clinical support or by facilitating admission to a psychiatric hospital

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are experiencing a behavioral health emergency

#### **CSS-Funded Programs**

- Mobile Crisis Assessment
- Crisis Stabilization Units
- In-Home Crisis Stabilization
- Crisis Residential Services

PEI-Funded Programs

- Warmline
- Suicide Prevention Services

# CSS SECTION 2: Crisis Prevention & Support

SECTION Programs	Approved <b>FY 21/22</b>	Proposed Changes	Requested FY 21/22	
Mobile Crisis Assessment	\$9,135,858	-	\$9,135,858	
Crisis Stabilization Units	\$10,000,000	-	\$10,000,000	
In-Home Crisis Stabilization	\$2,935,480	-	\$2, 935,480	
Crisis Residential Services	\$11,280,845	(\$265,000)	\$11,015,845	
<b>Crisis Prevention &amp; Support</b>	\$33,352,183	(\$265,000)	\$33,087,183	
Net reduction in CSS Section 2 of \$265k, resulting from keeping CYBH-operated TAY CRS at 6 beds (-\$500k) and				

increasing AOABH-operated CRS budget by \$235k due to increased lease costs

### CSS SECTION 3: Outpatient Treatment

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Provide outpatient clinical interventions and other services designed to promote recovery and resilience

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are experiencing mental health symptoms or living with SED/SMI

#### **CSS-Funded Programs**

- Full Service Partnership Programs
- Program for Assertive Community Treatment
- Clinic Expansion

- Early Intervention
  - Child, Youth & Parent Focused Programs:
    - School-Based MH Services
    - First Onset of Psychiatric Illness (OC CREW)
    - OC Parent Wellness Program
  - Other Specialized Programs:
    - Community Counseling & Supportive Services
    - El Services for Older Adults
    - OC4Vets

### CSS SECTION 3: Outpatient Treatment

SECTION 3 SUBTOTALS	Approved <b>FY 21/22</b>	Proposed Changes	Requested FY 21/22
3a. Full Service Partnership Programs & PACT	\$64,366,526	(\$1,900,000)	\$62,466,526
3b. Clinic Expansion Programs	\$24,523,666	(\$5,997,000)	\$18,526,666
Outpatient Treatment	\$88,890,192	(\$7,897,000)	\$80,993,192

Net reduction in CSS Section 3 of \$7.9m, resulting from right-sizing, savings during program start up and using alternate funding:

• \$2m reduction in FSP (\$500k right-sizing of CYBH-operated TAY FSP budget; \$1.5m reduction in AOABH-operated FSP due to savings resulting from planned pilot ramp up of FSP serving residents of Permanent Supportive Housing and alternate revenue in FY 21-22

- \$500k decrease due to Budgeting LCAP-match under Children & Youth Clinic Services at FY 20/21's start-up level rather than at full
  implementation level due to delays resulting from COVID-19
- Right-sizing Outpatient Recovery services by \$300k due to on-going savings from vacant positions

• One-year, \$1m reduction in the Services for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program to account for extended start up needed due to DHCS' lengthy Mental Health Program Approval process

• \$4.2m reductions from transitioning Integrated Community Services to CalOptima and canceling Telehealth/Virtual BH Care program

• \$100k increase in PACT to fund after-hours coverage and increased flexible funding

### CSS SECTION 4: Supportive Services

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Provide a broad array of supports generally designed to augment / expand upon an individual's gains made in other treatment programs

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are experiencing mental health symptoms or living with SED/SMI

#### **CSS-Funded Programs**

- Peer Mentor & Parent Partner Program
- Transportation Assistance

- Wellness Centers
- Supported Employment
- Transportation Program

# CSS SECTION 4: Supportive Services

	Approved FY 21/22	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>	
Supportive Services	\$10,775,501	(\$700,000)	\$10,075,501	
Net reduction in CSS Section 4 of \$700k, resulting from retiring the Children & Youth Mentoring Program (\$500k annual savings beginning FY 21-22), and one-year reduction of \$200k in Transportation Services due to decreased need for services resulting from COVID-19				

# CSS SECTION 5: Supportive Housing & Homeless Services

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<u> Vho Are They For?</u>			
ndividuals living with a SMI who are	homeless or at risk o	ofhomelessness	
<b>CSS-Funded Programs</b>			
CSS-Funded Programs Housing & Year-Round Emergency She	lter • Bridge Housi	ng for the Homeless	CSS Housing
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# **CSS Subtotals**

SECTION SUBTOTALS	Approved FY 21/22	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>
Access & Linkage to Treatment	\$8,469,933	(\$2,269,933)	\$6,200,000
Crisis Prevention & Support	\$33,352,183	(\$265,000)	\$33,087,183
Outpatient Treatment	\$88,890,192	(7,897,000)	\$80,993,192
Supportive Services	\$10,775,501	(\$700,000)	\$10,075,501
Supportive Housing & Homeless Services	\$3,669,668	\$53,558	\$3,723,226
CSS Admin	\$19,469,693	\$71,315	\$19,541,008
TOTAL CSS	\$164,627,171	(\$11,007,060)	\$153,620,111

Net increase of \$71k to admin resulting from 1) keeping admin costs level with FY 20/21 admin budget (\$830k reduction and 2) adding \$901k to cover costs related to transitioning multiple CSS programs into the OC Navigator (part of the BH System Transformation INN Project) and developing functionality to increase productivity and operational efficiency of multiple CSS programs.

# 02 CFTN & WET Budgets

# CSS Transfer: Workforce Education & Training

	Approved FY 21/22	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>
Workforce Education & Training (WET)	\$5,219,985	-	\$5,219,985

### CSS Transfer: Capital Facilities & Technological Needs

	Approved <b>FY 21/22</b>	Proposed Changes	Requested FY 21/22	
Capital Facilities & Technological Needs (CFTN)		\$7,466,632	\$16,307,384	
Net increase of \$7.5M, resulting from carrying over unspent funds FY 20/21, adding funds to transition HCA EHR to the cloud, and integrating approved digital solutions with the HCA EHR				

Maintain level funding

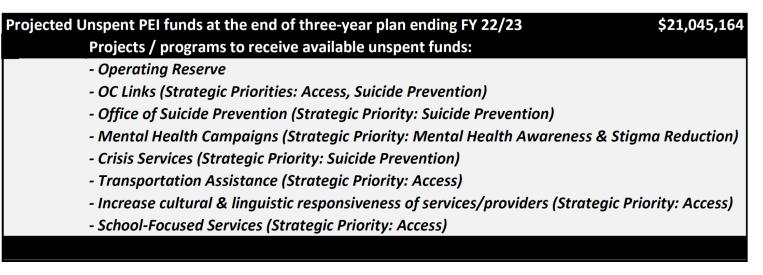
# 03 PEI Budget

#### **PEI Current Balances**

Orange County MHSA PEI Budget Analysis for Three-Year Plan

Fiscal Years: 2020-21 through 2022-23 Purpose: To provide projected PEI balances for 3-year planning Updated as of 3/12/2021

Current Balances for Pla	inning	
PEI FY 2019-20		
Beginning Balance	\$41,309,501	
Actual Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$29,262,641	
Actual Expenditures	-\$39,790,578	
Shift from Prudent Reserve to meet 339	6 Max. Req. \$3,412,864 \$34,194,428	
Ending Balance	\$34,194,428	
FY 2020-21 Dec 2	020 Projections Used for Planning	Projections as of 2/18/21
Projected Beginning Balance	\$34,194,428	\$34,194,428
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$32,220,000	\$37,977,619
Ar	proved Budget from Three-Year Plan	
	-\$47,061,483	-\$44,154,327
Projected Ending Balance	\$19,352,945	\$28,017,720
FY 2021-22 Dec 2	020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 90% spending
Projected Beginning Balance	528,017,720	\$28,017,720
Projected Beginning Balance Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$34,800,000	\$39,751,693
Projected Revende (inc. interest)	Proposed Budget Presented 3/15/21	\$35,731,055
	-\$47,878,768	-\$43,090,891
Projected Ending Balance	\$14,938,952	\$24,678,522
FY 2022-23 Dec 2	020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 90% spending
Projected Beginning Balance	\$24,678,522	\$24,678,522
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$34,800,000	\$33,255,933
Ar	proved Budget from Three-Year Plan	
	-\$40,988,101	-\$36,889,293
Projected Ending Balance	\$18,490,421	\$21,045,164
Projected Unspent PEI funds at the end	of three year plan anding EV 22/22	\$21,045,164
	ive available unspent funds:	\$21,043,104
- Operating Reserve	we available anspent rands.	
	es: Access, Suicide Prevention)	
	n (Strategic Priority: Suicide Preventio	n)
	(Strategic Priority: Mental Health Aw	
- Crisis Services (Strategic Pi		
- Transportation Assistance		
	tic responsiveness of services/provider	s (Strategic Priority: Access)
- School-Focused Services (S		



PEI FY 2019-20	
Beginning Balance	\$41,309,501
Actual Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$29,262,641
Actual Expenditures	-\$39,790,578
Shift from Prudent Reserve to meet 33% Max. Req.	\$3,412,864
Ending Balance	\$34,194,428

FY 2020-21	Dec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Projections as of 2/18/21
Projected Beginning Balance	\$34,194,428	\$34,194,428
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest)	\$32,220,000	\$37,977,619
	Approved Budget from Three-Year Plan	
	-\$47,061,483	-\$44,154,327
Projected Ending Balance	\$19,352,945	\$28,017,720

FY 2021-22	Dec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 90% spending
Projected Beginning Balance	\$28,017,720	\$28,017,720
Projected Revenue (inc. Interest	\$34,800,000	\$39,751,693
	Proposed Budget Presented 3/15/21	
	-\$47,878,768	-\$43,090,891
Projected Ending Balance	\$14,938,952	\$24,678,522
FY 2022-23	Dec 2020 Projections Used for Planning	Est. 90% spending
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Projected Beginning Balance	\$24,678,522	\$24,678,522
Projected Beginning Balance Projected Revenue (inc. Interest		\$24,678,522 \$33,255,933
	\$34,800,000	

#### Projected Unspent PEI funds at the end of three-year plan ending FY 22/23 Projects / programs to receive available unspent funds:

#### \$21,045,164

- Operating Reserve
- OC Links (Strategic Priorities: Access, Suicide Prevention)
- Office of Suicide Prevention (Strategic Priority: Suicide Prevention)
- Mental Health Campaigns (Strategic Priority: Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction)
- Crisis Services (Strategic Priority: Suicide Prevention)
- Transportation Assistance (Strategic Priority: Access)
- Increase cultural & linguistic responsiveness of services/providers (Strategic Priority: Access)
- School-Focused Services (Strategic Priority: Access)

## PEI SECTION 1: Prevention

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Strive to prevent the development of serious emotional or behavioral disorders or mental illness

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are at-risk of developing a serios mental health condition

- Child, Youth & Parent Programs:
  - School Readiness
  - Parent Education Services
  - Children's Support & Parenting Program
  - School-Based BH Interventions & Support
  - Violence Prevention Education
  - Gang Prevention Services
- Family Support Services

### PEI SECTION 1: Prevention

SECTION Programs	Approved <b>FY 21/22</b>	Proposed Changes	Requested FY 21/22
1a. Child, Youth & Parent Programs	\$9,529,110	(\$2,514,770)	\$7,014,340
1b. Family Support Services	\$282,000	\$0	\$282,000
Prevention	\$9,811,110	(\$2,514,770)	\$7,296,340

Net reduction in PEI Section 1 of \$2.5m, resulting from:

• Scheduled end of three-year, time-limited expansion to School-Based BH Interventions & Support (\$1.6m)

- Savings from Children's Support and Parenting Program staff vacancies and re-deployments to other programs with need for increased support (-\$700k)
- Reducing School Readiness program budget by \$600k due to non-renewal of one provider's contract. Transfer of ~ \$385k of this \$600k to Parent Education Services to increase this provider's capacity to serve families with children ages 0-8 (same age range served by School Readiness provider)

### PEI SECTION 2: Mental Health Campaigns & Education

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Strengthen the resilience and wellbeing of a community as a whole by providing information, training and skill-building around mental health

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages

- Mental Health Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma & Discrimination
- Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Health

### PEI SECTION 2: Mental Health Campaigns & Education

SECTION Programs	Approved <b>FY 21/22</b>	Proposed Changes	Requested FY 21/22
MH Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma & Discrimination	\$881,000	\$0	\$881,000
Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness	\$11,491,945	(\$1,054,533)	\$10,437,412
MH Campaigns & Education	\$12,372,945	(\$1,054,533)	\$11,318,412

Net reduction in PEI Section 2 of ~\$1m, resulting from:

 Reduction of ~\$880k in local mental health campaigns leveraging Statewide PEI Projects social marketing campaigns (i.e., Know The Signs, Mental Health Matters (formerly known as Each Mind Matters). Funding can/will be reinstated when COVID-19-related restrictions on large gatherings are lifted

• Elimination of funding for Subject Matter Expert providing School-Based Stress Management Services training because expert retired and mindfulness trainings for students, parents and teachers/school staff are currently being provided by the Behavioral Health Training Collaborative.

# PEI SECTION 3: Crisis Prevention & Support

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Support individuals experiencing a BH emergency by providing access to clinical support or by facilitating admission to a psychiatric hospital

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are experiencing a behavioral health emergency

#### CSS-Funded Programs

- Mobile Crisis Assessment
- Crisis Stabilization Units
- In-Home Crisis Stabilization
- Crisis Residential Services

- Warmline
- Suicide Prevention Services

# PEI SECTION 3: Crisis Prevention & Support

	Approved FY 21/22	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>
<b>Crisis Prevention &amp; Support</b>	\$2,316,667	\$392,000	\$2,708,667
Net increase in PEI Section 3 of \$392k, resulting f expanded to 24/7 using CARES Act funding in 202			

### PEI SECTION 4: Supportive Services

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Provide a broad array of supports generally designed to augment/expand upon an individual's gains made in other treatment programs

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are experiencing mental health symptoms or living with SED/SMI

**CSS-Funded Programs** 

#### **PEI-Funded Programs**

- Peer Mentor & Parent Partner Program
- Wellness Centers
- Supported Employment
- Transportation Program

Transportation Assistance

# PEI SECTION 4: Supportive Services

	Approved FY 21/22	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>
Supportive Services (Transportation)	\$500,000	(\$300,000)	\$200,000

Net decrease in PEI Section 4 of \$300k, resulting from delay in transportation services start up that was originally planned for FY 20/21. Due to COVID-19, budget for FY 21/22 has been reduced to reflect anticipated expenditures as program starts up and potential impact of COVID-19 on service demand during Q1 of FY 21/22.

## PEI SECTION 5: Access & Linkage to Treatment

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Link individuals to the appropriate level of care.

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are living with SMI or SPMI. Tailored to meet the needs of specialized, unserved populations (*i.e.*, homeless, community re-entry)

#### CSS-Funded Programs

• Multi-Service Center for Homeless Adults Living with Mental Illness

#### • Open Access

• CHS Jail to Community Outreach

- OC Links
- BHS Outreach & Engagement

### PEI SECTION 5: Access & Linkage to Treatment

SECTION Programs	Approved <b>FY 21/22</b>	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>
OCLinks	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,200,000
BHS Outreach & Engagement (O&E)	\$2,232,523	\$897,145	\$3,129,668
Access & Linkage to Treatment	\$3,232,523	\$2,097,145	\$5,329,668

Net increase in PEI Section 5 of \$2.1m, resulting from:

• Expanding OC Links hours/staffing to become a 24/7 program

• Net transfer amount to absorb CSS BHS O&E costs, after accounting for the right-sizing of PEI's O&E expenditures and the use of alternative funding (i.e., Substance Abuse Block Grant)

# PEI SECTION 6: Outpatient Treatment – Early Intervention

#### What Do These Programs Do?

Provide outpatient clinical interventions and other services designed to promote recovery and resilience

#### Who Are They For?

Individuals of all ages who are experiencing mental health symptoms or living with SED/SMI

CSS-Funded Programs

- Full Service Partnership Programs
- Program for Assertive Community Treatment
- Clinic Expansion

- Early Intervention
  - Child, Youth & Family Focused Programs:
    - School-Based MH Services
    - First Onset of Psychiatric Illness (OC CREW)
    - OC Parent Wellness Program
  - Other Specialized Programs:
    - Community Counseling & Supportive Services
    - El Services for Older Adults
    - OC4Vets

## PEI SECTION 6: Outpatient Treatment

	Approved FY 21/22	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>
Outpatient Treatment	\$15,168,944	(\$704,000)	\$14,464,944
Net decrease in PEI Section 6 of ~\$700k, resultin Mental Health Services (\$500k) and First Onset o			

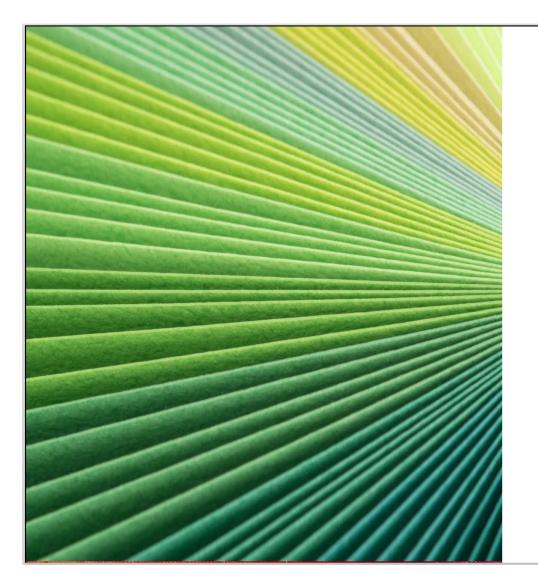
# **PEI Subtotals**

SECTION SUBTOTALS	Approved FY 21/22	Proposed Changes	Requested <b>FY 21/22</b>	
Prevention	\$9,811,110	(\$2,514,770)	\$7,296,340	
MH Campaigns & Education	\$12,372,945	(\$1,054,533)	\$11,318,412	
<b>Crisis Prevention &amp; Support</b>	\$2,316,667	\$392,000	\$2,708,667	
Supportive Services	\$500,000	(\$300,000)	\$200,000	
Access & Linkage to Treatment	\$3,232,523	\$2,097,145	\$5,329,668	
Outpatient Treatment	\$15,168,944	(\$704,000)	\$14,464,944	
PEI Admin	\$5,884,737	\$676,000	\$6,560,737	
TOTAL PEI	\$49,286,926	(\$1,408,158)	\$47,878,768	

Net increase of ~\$600k resulting from funds to cover costs related to transitioning multiple CSS programs into the OC Navigator (part of the BH System Transformation INN Project) and developing functionality to increase productivity and operational efficiency of multiple PEI programs.

# **04 Public Comment**

# **05 Steering Committee Comments**



# Thank you

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BHS Outreach & Engagement (O&E) (all ages) (pg 76, FY 2019-20 MHSA Annual Plan Update)	2,569,933	2,059,798	80%	2,569,933	1,183,361	46%	2,569,933	(2,569,933)		FY 20/21: Partially shifted CSS O&E budget to PEI, resulting in a \$1.4M decrease. FY 21/22: Fully shifted CSS budget to PEI (see SC PPT 11-16-20)	Keep the budget same level for the lease cost as program will need to relocate in FY20/21.
Multi-Service Center for Homeless Mentally Illness Adults	900,000	713,465	79%	900,000	798,446	89%	900,000		900,000		
Open Access (pg 82, FY 2019-20 Plan)				2,300,000	2,585,397	112%	2,300,000	300,000	2,600,000	FY 21/22: Right-sizing budget due to over-expenditures in FY 20/21.	Open Access previously part of Recovery Center program. Programs separated beginning FY 20/21, with level funding.
Correctional Health Services: Jail to Community Re-Entry Program (JCRP) (gg 80, FY 2019-20 Plan)	2,600,000	1,290,624	50%	2,200,000	1,364,941	62%	2,700,000		2,700,000	-	Program approved for 28 FTEs and has been diligently trying to hire despite on-going hiring challenges. As of mid-January 2020, program has filled 17 FTEs, and antipcates being being fully staffed by FY 22:23. Budget request for the Three-Year Plan are based on estimated increases in costs due to continual filling of remaining 11 vacancies over each Fiscal Year.
SUBTOTAL Access & Linkage to Tx	6,069,933	4,063,887	67%	7,969,933	5,932,145	74%	8,469,933	(2,269,933)	6,200,000		

Mobile Crisis Assessment											1
(pg 99, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)	8,835,858	8,691,031	98%	9,135,858	9,375,708	103%	9,135,858	-	9,135,858		
portion of "Mobile Crisis Assessment" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 0-17 years	2,864,032	2,859,992	100%	3,164,032	3,541,991	112%	3,164,032	-	3,164,032	FY 20/21: Higher expenditures due to impact of lower Medi-Cal revenue being generated due to COVID.	Beginning FY 2020-21, increase budget back up to approved FY 2018-19 budget to support efforts to improve response time.
portion of "Mobile Crisis Assessment" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older	5,971,826	5,831,039	98%	5,971,826	5,833,717	98%	5,971,826		5,971,826		Budget for new lease cost at 4000 Metropolitan.
Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) (pg 103)	4,150,000	2,667,339	64%	6,700,000	5,055,061	75%	10,000,000		<i>, ,</i>	FY 21/22: Difference in approved budget from FY 20/21 to FY 21/22 reflect the fact that CSU's were in start up during FY 20/21 and will be fully operational in FY 21/22.	Requesting to add one new CSU in FY20/21 at Anita Wellness Campus. The total amount will support 2 CSUs (1 at College Hospital in Costa Mesa serving 18+ and 1 at Anita Wellness Campus serving 13+). Budget reflects partial funding for Anita CSU in FY 2020-21.
In-Home Crisis Stabilization	2,585,480	2,203,200	85%	2,935,480	2,458,206	84%	2,935,480	-	2,935,480		
ontion of "In-Home Crisis Stabilization" budget	1,085,480	1, 196, 727	110%	1,435,480	1,220,451	85%	1,435,480	-	1,435,480		Requesting an annual increase of \$350,000 beginning FY 2020-21. Children's provider is currently serving 700 clients, which is 300 over the contracted number of 400 clients.
operated by CYBH for individuals ages 0-17 years portion of "In-Home Crisis Stabilization" budget operated by ACABH for individuals ages 18 and older	1,500,000	1,006,472	67%	1,500,000	1,237,755	83%	1,500,000		1,500,000		Program launched in FY 2018-19. Propose to keep funding at approved budget level as program is still fully ramping up.
Crisis Residential Services (CRS)	7,730,845	6,417,083	83%	9,030,845	7,855,863	87%	11,280,845	(265,000)	11,015,845		
Crisis Residential Services (CRS) (pg 107) portion of "Crisis Residential Services" budget operated by CYBH for Individuals ages 0-17 years	2,988,248	3, 173, 955	106%	3,488,248	2,811,455	81%	4,988,248		, ,	EY 20/21: Reduction of \$500K resulting from CCRP not being implemented until FY 21/22 (see SC PPT 11-15- 20). Timing of most recert projections indicating an increase in future MHSA revenue occurred too late for RFP to be released and CCRP contract(s) to be awarded prior to July 1, 2021	Track 1. Existing Crisis Residential Services - current budget for this program is 52,988,248 and will remain level for the next 3 fiscal years. Track 2. Crisis Children's Residential (New State Mandated Service as part of Continuum of Care reform)Program is requesting to add \$500,000 for FY 2020-21 which will be carried forward to FY 2021-22, in FP3 2021-22, Program is requesting a additional increase of \$15 million to fully implement the program, which will be carried forward to FY 2022-33. Timelines are estimated as HCA still waiting for final guidelines to be released by DHCS. Waymakers:
portion of "Crisis Residential Services" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 18-25 years	1,491,368	1,367,932	92%	1,541,368	1,449,598	94%	1,541,368	(500,000)		FY 21/22: Savings of \$500K resulting from keeping CYBH TAY CRP at 6 beds and not continuing with 6 SRP beds that were consistently undentilized (see SC PPT 1 16-20). No loss of services due to continued availability o CRP beds that serve 16-25 year olds operated by CYBH and AOABH.	\$50k increase beginning FY 2020-21 to cover increased lease costs.
portion of "Crisis Residential Services" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older	3,251,229	1,875,196	58%	4,001,229	3,594,810	90%	4,751,229	235,000		FY 21/22: Additional annual cost of \$235,000 to be added for Anita lease.	\$1.5M increase due to adding new 15-bed facility at Anita Wellness Campus beginning FY 20/21. Budget reflects partial funding for Anita CSU in FY 2020-21. Program is creating beds for Older Adults, due to high MediCat reimbursement by provider, no additional CSS funding was needed to increase capacity to serve for Olde Adults.
SUBTOTAL Crisis Prevention & Support	23,302,183	19,978,653	86%	27,802,183	24,744,838	89%	33,352,183	(265,000)	33,087,183	As part of the MHSA Strategic Priority of "Suicide Pri section to meet program and/or Strategic Priority Nee	evention," available funding may be added to one or more of the programs in this

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Children's FSP Program (pg 173)	11,054,575	10,147,015	92%	11,054,575	8,811,278	80%	11,054,575	-	11,054,575		
Transitional Age Youth (TAY) FSP Program (pg 173)	8,184,468	6,879,791	84%	8,184,468	6,242,645	76%	8,184,468	(500,000)	7,684,468	EY 21/22: Reduction of (\$500,000) based on average historical data of \$7.7M expenditures versus the \$8.2M originally budgeted (see SC PPT on 11-16-20).	Approved/requested budgets are to cover the contracted maximum obligations for services. Annual CSS expenditures vary based on MediCal billing. I-Ab sworking with providers to increase MediCal billing, and as less CSS funds are needed, CSS budgets will be adjusted accordingly. Adult budgets is also less lease costs due to one program being housed temporarily at another FSP clinic.
Adult FSP Program (pg 173)	31,607,934	20,501,165	65%	31,307,934	25,212,009	81%	31,307,934	(1,500,000)	29,807,934		
portion of "Adult FSP" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older being assessed for Assisted Outpatient Treatment FSP eligibility (gg 117)	5,015,841	4,316,911	86%	4,715,841	4,248,907	90%	4,715,841		4,715,841		FY 20-21 reduction of \$300K based on the current year FY 19-20 projection and prior year's actuals.
portion of "Adult FSP" budget operated by AOABH for indiduals ages 18 and older residing in Permanent Supportive Housing (pg 165)	5,000,000		0%	5,000,000	1,300,000	26%	5,000,000	(1,500,000)	3,500,000	FY 20/21 savings of \$3.7M and FY 21/22 savings of \$1.5M due to 1) planned pilot ramp up of FSP serving residents of Permanent Supportive Housing and 2) use of alternate revenue identified during these FYs (see SC PPT 11-16-20).	Program will specifically support clients who are living with SPMI and in permanent supportive housing.
Dider Adult FSP Program (pg 173)	2,683,249	2,232,677	83%	3,219,899	2,582,548	80%	3,219,899		3,219,899		Increase to serve 30 additional clients for a total of 180 clients.
Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT; county-operated FSP; pg 191)	10,799,650	8,592,847	80%	10,599,650	8,945,653	84%	10,599,650	100,000	10,699,650		
portion of "PACT" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 0-21	1,100,000	758,096	69%	1,100,000	836,269	76%	1, 100,000	100,000	1,200,000	FY 21-22: Increase of \$100,000 to fund after-hours on- call coverage and expanded flexible spending used to support people on their recovery journeys (i.e., housing assistance, tution payment, tutoring, childcare, etc.) in	Program launched in FY 2018-19. Propose to keep funding at approved budget level as program is still fully ramping up and looking for additional ways to increase crisis responsiveness, which will result in additional costs.
portion of "PACT" budget operated by ACABH for individuals ages 18 and older	9,028,018	7,319,157	81%	8,528,018	7,526,664	88%	8,528,018		8,528,018	line with FSP program requirements. Program has been operating with a part-line psychiatrist and other staffing vacancies which resulted in savings. However when program is fully staffed, additional funds will be needed to cover 24/7 on-call and flexible funding for clients.	Right-sized budget while retaining funds for 6 FTEs that will be transferred (4 from ICS program) beginning in FV 20-21, and looking for additional ways to increase crisis responsiveness, which will result in additional costs.
Children & Youth Clinic Services (og 151, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)	500,000	372,324	74%	2,500,000	76,311	3%	3,000,000	(500,000)		LCAP match to support student outpatient services. Due to the impact of COVID-19, none of these expansions occurred in FY 20/21 and funds were not expended. FY 21/22: An additional \$500,000 was planned to be added for LCAP match to support student outpatient services, bringing the total for this service to \$1 million in FY 21/22. Because program start-up did not begin in FY 21/22. Because program start-up did not begin in FY 21/22. Part and the start-up year and keep intoning for LCAP match at \$500 000 (i.e. resulting in \$500k tudget reduction in FY 21/22). // In addition, \$12 1000 is in the process of being added to FY 21/22.	Existing Outpatient Services ((immerly Youth Core Services) Current budget is 5500.000 which will remain level for the next 574. Proposing to evaporal services to all eligible youth living with SED/SMI (and not just youth edgine for State Pathways to Well-Being program, as described in the last. There-Ver Flah). // Beining FY 2020- 211 s15 million annually is requested to implement mental health services to support the State-manded program Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC). Funds would also provide mental health services for youth referred by Social Services Agency who are in foster care and/or al-risk of foster care involvement, as well as for youth screened in primary care settings through the ACES Aware Initiative. At full implementation, the numbers of youth referred by three sources is estimated to be up to an addinoral 500 youth. // in support of the Access and Suicide Prevention Priorities, also proposing adding SSO(k for Janing with school-districis/COE on expanding outpatient treatment for school-aged youth experiencing SED and ther families. Planning will include levering capacity. Planning will also include establishing data-sharing metrics and service capacity. Planning will also include establishing data-sharing metrics and service capacity. Planning will also include establishing data-sharing wetters and service support student of strillion annuality for LCAP match to support student outpatient featment, with confuned drawing down of Medical. Tre/LCAES/SISA-sterfered services will continue at \$1.5 million and Existing Outpatient Services will continue at \$500k annuality. Services provided may be clinic- or field-based depending on the needs of the childiyouth/mainty.// STRTP costs have been moved to the Residential Treatment category.
C Children with Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders (pg 157, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)	600,000	1,169,080	195%	1,000,000	799,269	80%	1,000,000		1,000,000		\$400,000 increase was moved from the corresponding Children's FSP contract to adjust for the budget increase of this contract.

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Outpatient Recovery (formerly known as Recovery Clinics / Centers) (pg 161, FY 2019-20 Plan)	8,458,531	7,994,409	95%	6,158,531	5,689,666	92%	6,158,531	(300,000)	5,858,531	FY 21/22: Right-sizing budget with additional savings from vacant positions	Separated Open Access' \$2.3M budget from Recovery Center's budget and moved to Access & Linkage to Treatment Section; level funding for program.
Older Adult Services (pg 169, FY 2019-20 Plan)	1,668,135	1,607,796	96%	2,168,135	1,568,686	72%	2,168,135		2,168,135	FY 20/21: Savings resutling from eligible expenditures being funded with CARES Act.	Increasing to right-size budget, incorporating increased lease costs at 4000 Metropolitan.
Services for the Short-Term Therapeutic Residential Program (STRTP) (pg 154. FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)	4,870,000	2,527,478	52%	6,500,000	2,732,948	42%	8,000,000	(1,000,000)		As part of the MHSA Strategic Priority to "Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services," available funding may be added if demand for services exceeds currently projected budget.	previously embedded within the former Youth Core Services program, and increase the annual budget by \$130,000 to grint-size the annual budget since those funds had been previously transferred to CFTN for capital renovations to bring an office serving MHSA clients up to code, thus bringing current annual STRTP budget to S5 million. Also requesting an increase of \$1.5 million in FY 2020-21 to cover the increasing numer of providers signing onto this State-mandated program, as well as the increasing costs of these intensive services, bringing total requested FY 2020-21 budget to \$5 million. Beginning FY 2021-22. Add another increase of \$1.5 million to cover additional providers and high cost of these intensive services, bringing total on-going annual budget to \$6 million.
RETIRED: Integrated Community Services (pg 165, FY 2019-20 Plan)	1,648,000	1,654,589	100%	1,197,000	4,265	0%	1,197,000	(1,197,000)	•	FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 annual savings of \$1.2M resulting from program being transitioned to CalOptima at end of FY 19/20 (see SC PPT 11-16-20).	J 4 County FTEs will move to PACT in FY 20-21 because program will no longer provide county-operated services within the Community Health Clinic.
CANCELED Telehealth/Virtual Behavioral Health Care (pg 172)	-			2,500,000	-	0%	3,000,000	(3,000,000)		FY 2012 I savings of \$2.0 M and FY 21/22 savings of \$3M due to rapid expansion of telehearth services across multiple programs in response to COVID-19 using other revenue sources (see SC PPT 11-16-20).	Proposed expansion using tele- & virtual behavioral health options to promote access to services, alreviate high caseloadis in outpatient clinics, and provide the option for increased telepsychiatry services. HCA will monitor service demand/capacity and program expenditures, and transfer CSS carryover funds should service demand/expenditures and transfer CSS carryover funds should service demand/expenditures and transfer CSS carryover funds be identified. Steering Committee should the need for additional CSS carryover funds be identified.
RETIRED: Adolescent Co-Occurring MH & SUD Residential Treatment	-	6,328	0%			0%					Program continuing through non-MHSA funds.
RETIRED: Adult Co-Occurring MH & SUD Residential Treatment	500,000		0%	-		N/A					Program will be at Anita Campus and funded through non-MHSA funds.
SUBTOTAL ALL Outpatient Treatment	82,574,542	63,685,499	77%	86,390,192	62,665,278	73%	88,890,192	(7,897,000)	80,993,192		

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	RETIRING: Mentoring for Children and Youth	500,000	492,268	98%	500,000	488,489	98%	500,000	(500,000)		FY 21/22: Savings of \$500K resulting from contract	
	(pg 210, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)										ending 6/30/2021 and not being renewed. It is anticipated	
											that these supportive services will continue to be provided, at least in part, through the "Peer Mentor and	
											Parent Partner Support" program.	
	Peer Mentor and Parent Partner	4,249,888	3,739,043	88%	4,249,888	3,990,109	94%	4,249,888			As noted above, this program will allow for continued	FY 2019-20 are partial expenditures due to vacancies for positions added when
()	Support										support of children, youth and their parents following the	program expanded in FY 2018-19 mid-year. Hiring for FTEs is nearing completion, thus
	(all ages; pg 201, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)										discontinuation of "Mentoring for Children and Youth"	requesting to keep budget level.
lĕ											program.	
Ŕ	Wellness Centers	3,254,351	3,247,607	100%	3,354,351	3,333,217	99%	3,354,351		3,354,351		Adjusted per contract agreements and facility maintenance/ improvements at Wellness
Ξ	(pg 205, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)											Center Central.
<i>w</i>	Our and a set of Franciscus and	1.371.262	1,147,774	84%	1.371.262	1.298.548	95%	1.371.262		1.371.262		
	Supported Employment	1,371,262	1,147,774	84%	1,3/1,202	1,298,548	95%	1,3/1,202		1,3/1,202		
Ε	(pg 228, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)											
iα.	Transportation Program	900,000	965,862	107%	1,150,000	560,000	49%	1,300,000	(200.000)	1 100 000	FY 20/21 savings of \$600K and FY 21/22 savings of	Requesting to add \$250K starting FY 20/21 to increase transportation assistance, which
0	(pg 226, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)	,	,		.,,	,		.,,	(,,		\$200K resulting from decreased tranportation usage	includes right-sizing rides for adults 18+ and beginning transportation assistance to
6	(bg 220, 11 2010 20 million 1 mill)										during COVID-19 pandemic (see SC PPT 11-16-20).	families with young minors. Increase budget by another \$150k beginning FY 21/22 as
5												expansion for families is fully implemented. HCA will monitor service demand/capacity
S											As part of the MHSA Strategic Priority to "Improve	and program expenditures, and transfer CSS carryover funds should service
											Access to Behavioral Health Services," available CSS funds may be added during FY 21/22 if demand for	demand/expenditures exceed the current proposed budget. HCA will update the Steering Committee should the need for additional CSS carryover funds be identified.
											transportation services exceeds current proposed budget.	steering committee should the need for additional CSS carryover funds be identified.
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	SUBTOTAL Supportive Services	10,275,501	9,592,554	93%	10,625,501	9,670,363	91%	10,775,501	(700,000)	10,075,501		
	COBTOTIAL Oupportive Services	10,210,001	5,052,004	50 /0	10,023,301	3,010,303		10,110,001	(700,000)	10,013,001		

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	Housing & Year Round Emergency Shelter (pg 231, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan; formerly known as Snorf-Term Housing Services)	1,367,180	224,279	16%	1,367,180	609,000	45%	1,367,180		, ,	AOABH Housing and Supportive Services has worked closely with the Office of Coordination to allocate beds and streamline the admission process for AOABH clients at Kamer and Yale. This will increase access, utilization and spending at both shelters, thus it is anticipated that the full budget will be spent in FY 21/22 and right-sizing o budget not recomended at this time.	,
ORTIVE	Bridge Housing for Homeless (pg 233)	2,000,000	1,573,174	79%	2,000,000	1,983,567	99%	2,000,000		2,000,000		
SUPP	CSS Housing includes MOU with OCCR and funds for development of permanent supportive housing; (pg 235)	30,772,577	30,729,723	100%	293,678	293,678	100%	302,488	53,558	356,046		Combines OCCR Housing MOU & PSH Funds into single budget line
	SUBTOTAL Supportive Housing/Homelessness	34,139,757	32,527,176	95%	3,660,858	2,886,245	79%	3,669,668	53,558	3,723,226		

Subtotal Of All CSS Programs	156,361,916	129,847,769	83%	136,448,667	105,898,869	78%	145,157,477	(11,078,375)	134,079,102		
Administrative Costs	17,833,503	18,108,124	102%	18,639,508	16,139,508	87%	19,469,693	71,315		EV 2021 Expenditures were lower than originally budgeted due to shift in sart to support the CVDL-19 response (i.e., Disaster Response), and hours worked were paid for through CARES Act. EV 21/22: Initially adjusted admin budget to remain level with FY 2021 budget (i.e., reduction of 5830), f85 from approved FY 21/22 admin budget. This reduction was due to 1) increased Medi-Cal generation and 2) shift in BYS decision to deploy sarveys in-house through marketing firm, rather than oversampling on the CHS, oclifis data become available - 18 months after collection). Shift away from CHS resulted in -5230k in sarvings annually. After leveling FY 21/22 budget to FY 2021 amount, added 5901.5k to cover costs related to the BH System Transformation INR rejoct. These funds will also be used to begin development of automated and operational efficiency of multipe programs (k.e. electronic bed load for CSU. CRS) etc., dashoards and generated reports, integration with HCA EHR, etc.)	
Total MHSA/CSS Funds Requested	174,195,419	147,955,892	85%	155,088,175	122,038,377	79%	164,627,171	(11,007,060)	153,620,111		

CSS TRANSFERS TO OTHER COMPONENTS SECT	SS TRANSFERS TO OTHER COMPONENTS SECTION											
to WET	5,085,282	3,823,525	75%	6,216,634	5,038,928	81%	5,219,984	-	5,219,984			
to CFTN	28,787,797	14,799,492	51%	12,519,749	11,093,221	89%	8,840,752	7,466,632		See CFTN worksheet for explanation of proposed increase to FY 21/22 transfer from CSS.		
to Prudent Reserve	-	-		-			-					
Subtotal CSS Transfers Section	33,873,080	18,623,017	55%	18,736,383	16,132,149	86%	14,060,736	7,466,632	21,527,368			

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	Child, Youth and Parent Programs											
	School Readiness (pg 46)	1,600,000	1,512,277	95%	1,600,000	1,559,275	97%	1,600,000	(600,000)		FY 21/22: budget reduced due to one of the provider contracts not being renewed. Dollars were shifted over to the remaining contract provider to allow the remaining provider to increase their capacity units of services. In addition, a remaining \$600K will be redistributed to the Early Childhood Mental Health Provider Training and to the Parent Education Services program budgets. Both programs will utilize these additional dollars to expand their capacity units of services specifically targeting families with young children.	FY 18/19 and FY 19/20 budgets included carryover funds for 5- year School Readiness expansion. Expansion started FY18/19 and ends FY 22/23. Annual Carryover Amount=\$600.000 and full 5-Yr Carryover Obligation=\$2,700,000 (FY 18/19 is partial year funding)
	Parent Education Services (pg 216)	1,064,770	1,014,342		1,064,770	1,040,189	98%	1,064,770	385,230	.,,	FY 21/22: budget to increase to support community needs. Using Savings from School Readiness Program for services supporting families with children including 0- 8 age group.	
Prevention	Children's Support & Parenting Program (pg 213)	1,700,000	1,535,716	90%	1,700,000	662,799	39%	1,700,000	(700,000)	,,	FY 20/21 and FY 21/22: Savings due to not filling vacant positions because the pandemic resulted in reduced services, and most program staff had/have been temporily redeployed to other programs in need. Additional savings in FY 21/22 anticipated as program structure and services are further evaluated.	
Preve	School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention & Support (pg 52)	3,408,589	3,319,122	97%	3,408,589	2,968,841	87%	3,408,589	(1,600,000)		FY 21/22: budget reduced due to ending of carryover expansion in FY 20/21.	FY 18/19 and FY 19/20 budgets included carryover funds for 3- year expansion. Expansion started FY18/19 and ends FY 20/21. Annual Carryover Amount=51.60,000 and full 3-yr Obligation=\$4,000,000 (FY 18/19 is partial year funding)
	Violence Prevention Education (pg 57)	1,352,651	1,189,779	88%	1,352,651	1,300,325	96%	1,352,651	-	1,352,651		FY 18/19 and FY 19/20 budgets included carryover funds for adding a 5- yr Active Shooter Contract. Contracts started FY18/19 and ends FY 22/23. Annual Carryover Amount=\$247,000 and full 5-yr Carryover Obligation=\$1,235,000
	Gang Prevention Services (pg 67)	403,100	326,534	81%	403,100	368,486	91%	403,100	-	403,100		FY 19/20: PEI CPP: Priority #7 Budget Includes carryover funds for 3-yr expansion. Expansion starts FY1920, and ends FY2122. Annual Carryover Amount=\$150,000 and full 3-yr Carryover Obligation=\$450,000
	Subtotal: Child, Youth and Parent	\$ 9,529,110	\$ 8,897,769	93%	\$ 9,529,110	\$ 7,899,915	83%	\$ 9,529,110	\$ (2,514,770)	\$ 7,014,340		
	Family Support Services (pg 219)	282,000	277,169	98%	282,000	279,996	99%	282,000	-	282,000		
	SUBTOTAL Prevention	\$ 9,811,110	\$ 9,174,938	94%	\$ 9,811,110	\$ 8,179,911	83%	\$ 9,811,110	\$ (2,514,770)	\$ 7,296,340		

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	Mental Health Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma and Discrimination (pg 33, FY 2019-20 MHSA Plan)	881,000	394,728	45%	881,000	486,272	55%	881,000	-	881,000	FY 19/20, PEI CPP: Priority #8           PYs total 58814 and represent the full FY 19/20. Seme of FV Budget includes carryover funds for 3-yr expansion. Expansion 19/20 funds spent in FY 20/21 due to events begin stars FY19/20 and ends FY 21/22. Annual Carryover protection of CVDI-19. So spent from FY 20/21's budget (see SC PPT 11-16-20).
	Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness (pg 38)	\$ 6,965,711	\$ 6,323,170	91%	\$ 9,491,945	\$ 9,707,167	102%	\$ 11,491,945	(1,054,533)	\$ 10,437,412	
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS & STIGMA REDUCTION CAMPAIGNS & EDUCATION	portion of "Outreech for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by Behavioral Health Training Services (BHT3) Office through former Behavioral Health Community Training & Technical Assistance	700,000	781,709	112%	700,000	1.092,658	156%	700,000	480,000	1,180,000	EV_2122: Budget increased as a result of transforming Crisis       EV_2122: Flic CPP: Priority #9         Intervention Training (CT) from CSNVET and transitoning       Budget includes carryover funds for 3-yr expansion. Expansion         "School-Based Stress Management" to the BHTS-operated       Budget includes carryover funds for 3-yr expansion. Expansion         Recognition of Early Signs of Mentul aliness. CT; with its       Amount=\$500,000 and full 3-yr Carryover Obligation=\$1,500,000         Recognition of Early Signs of Mentul aliness. CT; with its       Amount=\$500,000 and full 3-yr Carryover Obligation=\$1,500,000         PEI-funded program, jand School-Based Stress       Management is being retird as a stand-alione program.         * Since January 2020; the Behavioral Health       Training         Collaborative / RESET completed 14 mindfulness training site and more was careed. Ready Ste Resiling and more was careed. Ready Ste Ste Resiling and more was careed. Ready Ste Resiling and works and more was careed. Ready Ste Resiling and the ste priority and the ste priority and ste raining and and more was careed. Ready Ste Resiling and the ste priority and the ste priority and the ste priority and the ste priority and the ste priority.         Birrs, through is training colaborative, will continue to provide these tye
	portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former School-Based Stress Management Services	155,000	118,071	76%	155,000	36,929	24%	155,000	(155,000)		<u>FY 20/21</u> Following the retirement of the subject matter expert providing these trainings, funding for this stand-alone provider is being discontinued. Mindfulness training services are also being provided by BHTS, as referenced in the row immediately above (see SC PFT 11-16-20). Trus, discontinuing the funding on this row will not impact the availability of these types of trainings.
	portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former Early Childhood Mental Health Providers Training	400,000	-	0%	829,533	800,639	97%	829,533	170,467	1,000,000	FY 21/22: budget increased due to shift of savings from the FY 19/20: PEI CPP: Priority #3 School Readiness program to increase capacity/ units of services to the same target population within this program. Program starts FY19/20 and ends FY 21/22. Full 3-yr Carryover Obligation=\$2,000,000
AWAREN	portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former Outreach & Engagement Collaborative / Mental Health and Wellbeing for Diverse Communities	3,385,711	3,264,899	96%	3,385,711	3,365,121	99%	3,385,711	-	3,385,711	FY 19/20: PEI CPP: Priority #6 Budget includes carryover Funds for 3- yr O&E Collaborative expansion. Expansion starts FY19/20 and ends FY 21/22. Full Annual Amount=\$666,667 3-yr Obligation=\$2,000,000
EALTH	portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget from former K-12 School-Based Mental Health Services Expansion	925,000	246,602	27%	2,312,500	2,005,127	87%	2,312,500	-	2,312,500	FY 19/20: PEI CPP: Phonty #2 Budget Includes carryover funds for 3-yr expansion. Expansion starts FY19/20 and ends FY21/22. Annual Carryover Amount= \$2,312,500 and full apy Carryover Obligation=\$5,550,000
IENTAL HE	portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former Services for TAY and Young Adults	500,000	1,052,688	211%	1,250,000	457,492	37%	1,250,000	(670,000)	580,000	FY 20/21 expenditures and FY 21/22 budget shifted from         FY 19/20: FPI CPP: Priority #1           "Services for TAY and Young Adults" to "Statewide Projects" Budget includes carryover funds for 3 yrs of these services.         Budget includes carryover funds for 3 yrs of these services.           row below due to loveraging of CalMHSA Statewide Project         Program stars FY19120 and ends FY 21/22. Annual Carryover campaigns.           S0.000.00.         S0.0000.
2	portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former Statewide Projects (includes local mental health campaigns)	900,000	859,201	95%	859,201	1,949,201	227%	2,859,201	(880,000)	1,979,201	FY 20/21 expenses and FY 21/22 budget moved from "Services for TAY and Young Adults" program above to Statewide Projects (CalMHSA) include Each Mind Matters (gree ribbon), Know the Signs, Cognito, Directing Changed Walk in Our Statewide Projects and the service of the servic
SUBTO	DTAL MH Awareness & Stigma Reduction	\$ 7,846,711	\$ 6,717,898	86%	\$ 10,372,945	\$ 10,193,439	98%	\$ 12,372,945	(1,054,533)	\$ 11,318,412	As part of the MHSA Strategic Priority of "increase MH Awareness," available funding may be added to one or mo of the programs in this section to meet program and/or Strategic Priority Needs, drawing upon feedback received during community engagement meetings.

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ITION &	Warmline (pg 89)	536,566	536,566	100%	1,116,667	1,142,825	102%	1,116,667	392,000	.,,	FY 21/22: Increase due to expanding program to 24/7 operations and to increased lease costs. The cost to staff program 24/7 is an additional \$332K a year, and there is an increased lease cost of \$60K annually.	Budget right-sized to meet increasing call volume. The Crisis Prevention Hotline and Survivior Survices will be combined into a single, expanded Suicide Prevention Program in the Three-Year Plan.
IS PREVEN	Suicide Prevention Services (includes Crisis Prevention Hotline and Survivor Support Services (pg 92)	736,226	738,572	100%	1,200,000	1,118,887	93%	1,200,000	-	1,200,000		Per identified need, HCA will monitor service demand/capacity and program expenditures, and transfer PEL carryover funds should service demand/expenditures exceed the current right- sized budget. HCA will update the Steering Committe should the need for additional PEL carryover funds be identified.
CRIS	SUBTOTAL Crisis Prevention & Support	\$ 1,272,792	\$ 1,275,138	100%	\$ 2,316,667	\$ 2,261,712	98%	\$ 2,316,667	\$ 392,000		As part of the MHSA Strategic Priority of "Suicide Pri the programs in this section to meet program and/or	evention," available funding may be added to one or more of Strategic Priority Needs.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	ansportation Assistance			150,000	-	0%	500,000	(300,000)		FY 21/22: O&E has identified need for transportation services, and budget is temporarily reduced to account for anticipated, on-going impact of COVID-19. Budget to be restored to full amount in FY 22/23 when hereform service levels are expected to increase/return to pre- COVID levels.	To address one of the identified needs (i.e., challenges with accessing behavioral health services), carryover PEI funds will be used to provide transportation assistance for enrolled PEI clients. Planning, particularly with regard to meeting the specialized transportation needs of families with young children and older adults, procurement and porgram ramp-up will occur in PY 2020-21; with full implementation anticipated beginning in FY 2022-12; ALCA will montor service demand/ capacity and program expenditures, and transfer PEI carryover funds should service demand/expenditures exceed the proposed budgets. HCA will update the Steering Commite should the need for additional PEI carryover funds be identified.
	SUBTOTAL Supportive Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$-	0%	\$ 500,000	\$ (300,000)	\$ 200,000		

ATMENT	OCLinks (pg 73)	1,000,000	764,437	76%	1,000,000	1,225,911	123%	1,000,000	1,200,000	, ,	EY 20121 and EY 21/22: HCA had initially proposed budget reduction (see Per SC PPT 11-16-20) but due to Board Directive for HCA to create a 24/7 Behavioral Health Line, budget was increased by \$1.2M in <u>FY 21/22</u> for 24/7 expansion including orisis calls and dispatch.
AGE TO TRE (TX)											As part of the MHSA Strategic Priorities to "Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services" and "Suicide Preventon," available funding may be added to develop Infrastructure for program to serve as the BHS Access Line and dispatch service for mobile crisis assessment.
CESS & LINH	BHS Outreach & Engagement (O&E) (pg 76)	2,232,523	1,413,983	63%	2,232,523	2,984,254	134%	2,232,523	897,145		FY 20/21: Shifted \$1,544,933 in program costs to PEI         FY 19/20: Additional funds are per 11/23/18 Board directive to add new positions (n=12 FTEs); 5 FTEs filled as of Dec 2019 ocsts to PEI (see SC PPT 11-16-20). However, due to savings from vacant positions, net increase to PEI budget
AC	SUBTOTAL Access & Linkage to Tx	\$ 3,232,523	\$ 2,178,420	67%	\$ 3,232,523	\$ 4,210,165	130%	\$ 3,232,523	\$ 2,097,145	\$ 5,329,668	

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Child, Youth and Parent Programs											
School-Based Mental Health Services (pg 120)	2,315,236	2,670,658	115%	2,525,236	2,283,915	90%	2,525,236	(500,000)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	FY 2122: Decrease in PEI budget due to savings resulting from generation of Medi-Cal revenue (see SC PPT 11-62.0) will begin in FY 21/22 As part of the MHSA Strategic Priority to "Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services," available funding may be added if demand for services exceeds currently projected budget.	
1st Onset of Psychiatric Illness (OC CREW) (pg 123)	1,500,000	1,188,697	79%	1,500,000	1,070,176	71%	1,500,000	(204,000)		FY 20/21 and FY 21/22:Decrease in PEI budget due to savings resulting from generation of Medi-Cal revenue (see SC PPT 11-16-20)	
OC Parent Wellness Program (pg 128)	3,488,072	3,867,428	111%	3,738,072	3,505,149	94%	3,738,072	-	3,738,072		New legislation effective Jan 2018 requires perinatal screening for all new mothers. BHS will continue to monitor program referrals and may return with amendment for increased funds if needed. Connect the Tots and Stress Free Families will be combined with OC Parent Wellness Program. The merge will allow for greater administrative efficiences and no decrease in services.
RETIRED PROGRAM:School Based Behav. Health Intervention & Support - Early Intervention (pg 99)	440,000	123,714	28%	-							Contract Expires at the end of FY 19/20. Not Renewing
Subtotal Child, Youth and Parent	\$ 7,743,308	\$ 7,850,497	101%	\$ 7,763,308	\$ 6,859,240	88%	\$ 7,763,308	(704,000)	\$ 7,059,308		
Community Counseling & Supportive Services includes LGBTIQ+ services (pg 116) Early Intervention Services for Older	2,536,136	2,168,378	85%	2,536,136	2,042,950	81%	2,536,136	-	2,536,136		Community Counseling & Supportive Services and OC ACCEPT will be merged into a single, expanded counseling program in the Three-Year Plan. The merge will allow for greater administrative efficiencies and no loss of services or specialization in providing culturally responsive and appropriate services for the LGBTQ community.
Early Intervention Services for Older Adults includes older adults from diverse cultural/ racial/ethnic backgrounds (pg 134)	2,469,500	2,442,007	99%	2,469,500	2,469,499	100%	2,469,500	-	2,469,500		FY 19/20: PEI CPP: Priority #5 Budget includes carryover funds for 3-yr expansion. Expansion starts FY19/20 and ends FY21/22. Annual Carryover Amount=\$1,000,000 and full 3-yr Carryover Obligation=\$3,000,000
OC4VETS includes, college students, court-involved, and military-connected families (formerly called Early Intervention Servies for Veterans; pg 137)	2,695,957	2,255,425	84%	2,695,957	2,204,269	82%	2,400,000	-	2,400,000		FY 19/20: Budget includes carryover funds to keep OC4Vets at level funding for 2 yrs. Carryover funds applied in FY 19/20 and FY 20/21. Annual Carryover Annount=\$295,957 and full 2-yr Carryover Obligation=\$591,914.
portion of OC4Vets budget from former Behavioral Health Srvcs for Military Families (pg 141)	1,000,000	808,205	81%	1,000,000	920,057	92%	1,000,000	-	1,000,000		FY 19/20: PEI CPP: Priority #4 Budget Includes carryover funds for 3- yr funding of BHS Military Families innovation program that is ending. PEI funding starts FY19/20 and ends FY 21/22. Annual Amount= \$1,000,000 and full 3-yr Obligation=\$3,000,000.
SUBTOTAL ALL Outpatient Treatment	\$ 15,444,901	\$ 14,716,308	95%	\$ 15,464,901	\$ 13,575,958	88%	\$ 15,168,944	(704,000)	\$ 14,464,944		

Subtotal All PEI Programs	\$ 37,608,037	\$ 34,062,701	91%	\$ 41,348,146	\$ 38,421,185	93%	\$ 43,402,189	(2,084,158)	\$ 41,318,031		
Administrative Costs	5,882,150	5,727,876	97%	5,713,337	5,733,142	100%	5,884,737	676,000		FY 21/22: \$600k added to admin to cover costs related to transitioning programs' various resources and referrats databases into the OC Navigator, the digital resource navigator tool being developed as part of the BH System meet actual expenditures. These shifts will be reflecte	nifted to
GRAND TOTAL PEI	\$ 43,490,187	\$ 39,790,577	91%	\$ 47,061,483	\$ 44,154,327	94%	\$ 49,286,926	(1,408,158)		Transformation INN Project. These funds will also be used to begin development of automated and electronic features designed to increase productivity and operational efficiency of multiple programs (i.e, enhanced chaf functions with public; dashboards and generated reports; integration with HCA EHR, etc.).	- Guor

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Workforce Staffing Support	1,140,000	1,596,733	140%	1,710,584	1,373,599	80%	1,761,902	-	1,761,902	FY 20/21: Expenditures were lower than originally budgeted due to shift in activity to support the COVID-19 response, i.e., staff were redeployed to Disaster Response and hours worked were paid for through CARES Act. FY 21/22: Keeping Workforce Staffing budget at current approved level.	Right Sized budget based off of historic data
Training and Technical Assistance	1,573,000	1,296,551	82%	1,223,390	956,398	78%	1,232,434	50,000	1,282,434	FY 21/22: Increase to cover additional funding for Mental Health First Aid, presenter fees for hosted trainings, trainings, and staff time based on historic spending level from FY 19/20.	Increased budget due to increase in training as well as additonal costs for BH Training Facility.
Mental Health Career Pathways	927,000	869,871	94%	1,046,663	947,252	91%	1,046,663	•	1,046,663		Expansion of REI contract. Adding new curriculum courses for Peer Specialists
Residencies and Internships	238,381	169,362	71%	170,000	28,479	17%	170,000	(165,000)	5,000	FY 21/22: Decrease because Psychological Testing Program closed down starting Nov20	Right Sized budget based off of historic data
Financial Incentives Programs	654,225	266,098	41%	526,968	426,968	81%	526,968	120,000	646,968		Right Sized budget based off of historic data
WET Statewide Five-Year Plan with CalMHSA	-	-	0%	1,071,050	904,713	84%	-	-		FY 20/21: Savings of \$166,337 due to updated OC Contribution amounts as identified in SC PPT 11- 16-20	
Subtotal Of WET Programs	\$ 4,532,606	\$ 4,198,615	93%	5,748,655	4,637,409	81%	4737967	5000	\$4,742,967		
Administrative Costs	552,676	471,835	85%	467,979	401,519	86%	482,018	(5,000)	477,018	FY 21/22: Right sizing due to historic spending levels.	Methodology for budgeting Admin Costs changed from using a flat 18% rate to using actuals from Previous year and adding a 3% inflation rate.
Total MHSA/WET Funds Requested	\$ 5,085,282	\$ 4,670,450	92%	\$ 6,216,634	\$ 5,038,928	81%	\$ 5,219,985	\$ -	\$ 5,219,985		

1) All WET programs are now funded by CSS funds

		FY 2019-20			FY 2020-21			FY 2021-22				
CF-TN Updated March 12, 2021	FY 2019-20 Approved Budget	Actual Expenditures	% Change	FY 2020-21 Approved Budget	Projected Expenditures	% Change	Approved FY 2021-22 Budget	Proposed Changes	Requested Updated FY 2021-22 Budget	FY 20/21 Budget Reduction and FY21/22 Plan Update Notes	Original 3 Yr Plan Notes	
Capital Facilities Projects												
Wellness Campus	16,600,000	16,600,000	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Youth Core Services Building Upgrades	130,000	-	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Crisis Stabilization Unit Renovations	850,000	850,000	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Behavioral Health Training Facility	65,000	12,544	19%	65,000	21,504	33%	65,000	-	65,000		Capital Facility Costs for BH Training facility will be for 10 years Started FY 18/19 ends FY 27/28	
SUBTOTAL Capital Facilities	17,645,000	17,462,544	99%	65,000	21,504	33%	65,000	-	65,000		,	
Technological Needs Projects Electronic Health Record (E.H.R.)	10,815,504	5,493,602	51%	12,154,749	10,905,564	90%	8,466,752			EY 21/22: Proposed increase includes carrying over unspent funds from FY 20/21 and adding §6. million to be used for: transitioning EHR from on- premises/ local management to cloud-based management to improve accessibility and functioning of the EHR for both county and county- contracted providers and integrating approved digital solutions with the EHR to exchange information, which will help to increase workforce efficiency. Funds will also be used to hire consultants to project manage the IT projects to ensure timely completion and execution of deliverables.	Funds are to continue the work of consolidating data from multiple sources into the EHR, as well as integrating with Contract Providers' health information exchange. EHR project costs will include, but not be limited to: software licenses, network infrastructure such as servers, storage and network monitoring appliances, and internal human resources and external consultants. Adding \$1M budget for Data Integration System. These funds support the development and ongoing support for a System of Care Data Integration System designed to cordinate appropri data sharing across county departments and external stakeholders. Data integration will aid in providing essential an critical services that include mental health care to county residents in a more efficient and timely manner.	
Administrative Costs	327,293	214,795	66%	300,000	166,153	55%	309,000	(109,000)	200,000		Beginning FY 18/19, methodology for budgeting Admin Costs changed from using a flat 18% rate to using actuals from Previous year and adding a 3% inflation rate.	
SUBTOTAL Technological Needs	11,142,797	5,708,397	51%	12,454,749	11,071,717	89%	8,775,752	7,466,632	16,242,384			
Total MHSA/CFTN Funds Requested	\$ 28,787,797	\$23,170,941	80%	\$12,519,749	\$11,093,221	89%	\$ 8,840,752	\$ 7,466,632	\$ 16,307,384			

In the event costs of approved CF or TN projects are lower than originally anticipated, remaining funds may be used to fund future CF or TN projects.
 HCA and CEO Budget will monitor any carryover balances to ensure that all funds transferred to CFTN are spent within the 10-year reversion timeframe.
 Project funds approved for a specific project within one FY of a Three-Year Plan may be used to cover that project's costs during a different FY within the Three-Year plan depending on the project's implementation timeline.

# **APPENDIX III: PEI Regulations and Legislation**

In Fall 2016, after receiving input from a number of community stakeholders statewide, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) voted to approve a new set of regulations governing PEI and Innovation programs. The regulations, which were amended in July 2018, define and/or delineate the following for both components:

- Reporting requirements, including expenditure reports, program and evaluation reports to be submitted to the MHSOAC, etc.
- Program evaluation guidelines, including that evaluations are culturally competent and, depending on the type of program, measure one of more the following:
  - For PEI: reduction in prolonged suffering; changes in attitudes, knowledge or behaviors; number of referrals and linkages; duration of untreated mental illness; timeliness of access to care; etc. Relevant outcomes are described within the program descriptions contained in this Plan.
  - For INN: the intended mental health outcomes of the project as they relate to the risk of, manifestation of, and/or recovery from mental illness; improvement of the mental health system; the primary purpose of the project (described below); the impact of any new and/or changed elements as compared to established mental health practices.
- Reporting guidelines for program/project changes, including:
  - For PEI, substantial changes to a Program, Strategy or target population; the resulting impact on the intended outcomes and evaluation; and stakeholder involvement in those changes.
  - For INN: substantial changes to the primary purpose and/or to the practice/ approach the project is piloting; increases in the originally approved Innovation budget; and/or a decision to terminate the project prior to the planned end date due to unforeseen legal, ethical or other risk-related reasons.

#### **PEI Regulations**

In addition, the MHSOAC and, most recently, Senate Bill (SB) 1004, implemented several regulations specific to PEI programs:

- General requirements for services, including the age ranges to be served, minimum percent funding allocated to programs serving children and TAY, etc.
- General component requirements, including the minimum number and type of PEI programs that each County shall include in its plan, etc., which are described in more detail below.
- Strategies for program design and implementation, including that programs help create access and linkage to treatment, improve timely access to mental health services, and be non-stigmatizing and non-discriminatory, etc., which is described in more detail below.
- Use of effective methods in bringing about intended program outcomes, including evidence-based practices, promising practices, and/or communityand/or practice-based standards, etc., which are described within each program description.

#### MHSOAC-Required PEI Programs

Per the Regulations, counties not classified as small must include at least one PEI program in each of five category types, and have the option of offering a sixth type. Orange County offers all six types, with some combining two types into one program as permitted by the regulations. The required programs, along with their accompanying Orange County PEI programs, are listed in the table at the end of this section.

- Stigma and Discrimination Reduction: Activities to reduce negative feelings, attitudes, beliefs, stereotypes and/or discrimination related to having a mental illness or seeking services, and to increase acceptance, dignity and inclusion.
- Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness: Process of engaging, encouraging, educating and/or training and learning from potential responders about ways to recognize and respond effectively to early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental illness.
- **Prevention**: Activities that reduce risk factors for developing a potentially serious mental illness and to build protective factors with the goal or promoting mental health.
- **Early Intervention**: Treatment/services that promote recovery and functioning for a mental illness early in its emergence.
- Access and Linkage to Treatment: Activities to connect individuals with SED/SMI to medically necessary care and treatment as early in the onset of these conditions as practicable.
- Suicide Prevention (optional): Activities that aim to prevent suicide as a consequence of mental illness.

#### **MHSOAC-Required PEI Service Strategies**

In addition to including the above program types, every PEI program must include the following strategies:

- Improve Timely Access to Mental Health Services for Underserved Populations: Strategies designed to overcome barriers and improve timely access to services for underserved populations.
- Access and Linkage to Treatment: Activities to connect individuals with SED/SMI to medically necessary care and treatment as early in the onset of these conditions as practicable.
- Non-stigmatizing and non-discriminatory: Strategies to reduce and circumvent stigma, including self-stigma, and discrimination related to being diagnosed with a mental illness, having a mental illness or seeking mental health services, and making services accessible, welcoming and positive.

Orange County is continuing to bring its PEI program descriptions, data collection and reporting into compliance with the new Regulations, particularly with regard to:

- Assessment of the duration an individual's mental illness remained untreated.
- Collection of the full demographic categories in County-operated programs as the electronic health record still needs to be modified.
- Process to un-duplicate demographic data counts when complete personally identifying information is not available in/across programs within a fiscal year.
- Length of time from when (1) a written referral to a higher level of mental health service is provided to individuals living with serious mental illness/serious emotional disturbance and (2) when that person attends the first appointment.
- Collection of all data elements required for Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness programs.

To address the above issues, the County continues to work on modifying its own Electronic Health Record and on developing and coordinating standardized data collection procedures across County-operated and County-contracted programs, and will report on its progress in these and other areas in future Annual Plan Updates. Other required PEI Report elements are contained within this Plan Update (i.e., demographic information is on the following pages, service strategies are described in each service area section).

#### Senate Bill 1004 and PEI Priorities

Senate Bill (SB) 1004, passed in 2018, establishes priorities for the use of PEI funds that are in addition to the MHSOAC PEI regulations. These priorities are as follows:

- Childhood trauma prevention and early intervention as defined in Section 5840.6(d) to deal with the early origins of mental health needs.
- Early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention, and mood disorder and suicide prevention programing as defined in Section 5840.6(d).
- Youth outreach and engagement strategies as defined in Section 5840.6(d) that target secondary school and TAY, with a priority on developing partnerships with colleges/universities.
- Culturally competent and linguistically appropriate prevention and intervention as defined in Section 5840.6(d).
- Strategies targeting mental health needs of older adults.
- Other programs the commission identifies, with stakeholder participation, that are proven effective in achieving, and are reflective of, the goals stated in Section 5840 (as of March 2020, the Commission has not identified additional priorities).

A series of tables below summarizes the information a County is required to report in its PEI Component of the Three-Year Plan, per SB 1004:

- The specific PEI Priorities addressed in the Plan,
- An estimate of the share of PEI funding allocated to each priority, and
- If the County has determined to pursue alternative or an additional priority to those listed above, a description of how it made this determination through its stakeholder process and identify the metric(s) used to assess the program's effectiveness.

An explanation of how stakeholder input contributed to the priorities and allocations is provided in the section describing the 2019 Community Planning Process for the Three-Year Plan, as well as in Appendix IV describing the 2018 Community Planning Process.

A required by SB 1004, the table below provides an estimated share of the annual projected PEI <u>component</u> budget allocated to each of the PEI Priorities by FY. In addition, subsequent tables show the estimated share of <u>individual program</u> budgets allocated to each of the PEI Priorities, which were used to calculate the estimated shares for the annual projected component budget. Please note, these estimates may change if there are changes in the projected annual allocations, program expenditures and/or budgets, or PEI priorities.

	Estimated Share by SB 1004 Priority										
Projected (Proj.) Annual PEI Component Budget by FY	Childhood Trauma	Early Psychosis/ Mood	Secondary School/TAY	Culturally/ Linguistically Competent	Older Adults	Other					
FY 2020-21 Proj. PEI Budget = \$47,061,483	\$17,631,930	\$8,026,047	\$7,411,580	\$6,988,942	\$6,698,569	\$304,415					
(Est. % of annual PEI Budget)	(37%)	(17%)	(16%)	(15%)	(14%)	(<1%)					
FY 2021-22 Proj. PEI Allocation = \$49,286,926	\$18,091,164	\$8,453,942	\$7,838,421	\$7,243,166	\$7,001,185	\$659,047					
(Est. % of annual PEI Budget)	(37%)	(17%)	(16%)	(15%)	(14%)	(<1%)					
FY 2022-23 Proj. PEI Allocation = \$40,988,101	\$14,083,058	\$8,420,174	\$6,079,610	\$6,051,959	\$5,689,481	\$663,818					
(Est. % of annual PEI Budget)	(34%)	(21%)	(15%)	(15%)	(14%)	(<2%)					

#### Estimated Share of Annual PEI Program Budget Assigned to SB 1004 Priority, by MHSOAC PEI Program Categories

\* This is a new program to the PEI Component and metrics will be developed once the scope of work and services is determined.

	Estimated Share by SB 1004 Priority								
MHSOAC-Required PEI Program	Childhood Trauma	Early Psychosis/ Mood	Secondary School/TAY	Culturally/ Linguistically Competent	Older Adults	Other			
ACCESS AND LINKAGE TO TREATMENT									
OCLinks	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%				
BHS Outreach & Engagement			70%		30%				

MHSOAC-Optional PEI Program		Estin	nated Share b	y SB 1004 Prio	rity	
Names in <i>italics</i> reflect separate programs that are being consolidated into the <b>BOLD</b> program name in the Three-Year Plan. Future Plan Updates will report on the <b>BOLD</b> program name only.	Childhood Trauma	Early Psychosis/ Mood	Secondary School/TAY	Culturally/ Linguistically Competent	Older Adults	Other
SUICIDE PREVENTION						
Warmline	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	
Suicide Prevention Services	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	

MHSOAC-Required PEI Programs	Estimated Share by SB 1004 Priority									
Names in <i>italics</i> reflect separate programs that are being consolidated into the <b>BOLD</b> program name in the Three-Year Plan. Future Plan Updates will report on the <b>BOLD</b> program name only.	Childhood Trauma	Early Psychosis/ Mood	Secondary School/TAY	Culturally/ Linguistically Competent	Older Adults	Other				
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS										
Community Counseling & Supportive Services		85%		15%						
School-Based Mental Health Services		100%								
Early Intervention Services for Older Adults					100%					
OC Parent Wellness Program	35%	65%								
First Onset of Psychiatric Illness (OC CREW)		50%	50%							
OC4Vets	20%	5%	5%	50%	20%					

MHSOAC-Required PEI Programs		Estin	nated Share b	y SB 1004 Prio	rity	
Names in <i>italics</i> reflect separate programs that are being consolidated into the <b>BOLD</b> program name in the Three-Year Plan. Future Plan Updates will report on the <b>BOLD</b> program name only.	Childhood Trauma	Early Psychosis/ Mood	Secondary School/TAY	Culturally/ Linguistically Competent	Older Adults	Other
STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION REDUCTION PROGRAM						
MH Community Educ. Events for Reducing Stigma & Discrimination	25%		25%	25%	25%	
OUTREACH FOR INCREASING RECOGNITION OF EARLY SIGNS OF MENT	ALILLNESS PRO	OGRAM				
Beh. Health Community Training & Technical Assistance	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	
Early Childhood Mental Health Providers Training	100%					
MH & Well-Being Promotion for Diverse Communities	25%		25%	25%	25%	
Services for TAY and Young Adults		5%	70%	25%		
K-12 School-Based MH Services Expansion	50%		25%	25%		
Statewide Projects	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	
PREVENTION PROGRAM		•	•	·		•
School Readiness	100%					
School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention & Support	100%					
Violence Prevention Education	100%					
Gang Prevention Services	100%					
Parent Education Services	100%					
Family SupportServices	25%		25%	25%	25%	
Children's Support & Parenting	100%					
Transportation Assistance*						100%*

#### Other Recent California Legislation Affecting PEI Programming

In addition to the MHSOAC Regulations and SB 1004, California has recently passed a number of bills that either directly affect PEI or align with PEI's general goals and purpose. These include:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 2246 (Pupil Suicide Prevention Policies), effective the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, requires schools serving students in grades 7-12 to adopt policy on pupil suicide including prevention, intervention and postvention.
- SB 972 (Pupil and Student Health: Identification cards: Suicide Prevention Hotline), effective July 1, 2019, requires schools serving students in grades 7-12 to issue student identification cards that have the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on the card.
- AB 293 (Maternal Mental Health Screening and Supports), effective July 1, 2019, requires obstetricians to confirm that screenings for maternal depression has occurred or to screen women directly, at least once during the pregnancy or the postpartum period. It also requires private and public health plans and health insurers to create maternal health programs.
- AB 3032 (Hospital Maternal Mental Health), effective Jan 1, 2020, requires hospitals to provide maternal mental health training to clinical staff who work with pregnant and postpartum women, and to educate woman and families about the signs and symptoms of maternal mental health disorders as well as local treatment options.

#### MHSOAC-Required Demographic Fields for PEI-Funded Programs

#### School Readiness

MHSOAC PEI	Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC P	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	1	961	644		American Indian/Alaska Native	9	8	14
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	44	73	63		Asian	118	176	142
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	733	841	767		Black/African American	11	40	29
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	16	5	23	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	4	4	2
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	KACE	White	100	333	261
·						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	15	20	9		Decline/Unknown	0	24	30
	English	229	834	699		Other	8	1,426	0
	Farsi	1	22	8					
PRIMARY	Korean	2	0	0		Hispanic/Latino	558	1,408	1,107
LANGUGE	Spanish	459	885	691	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	18	0
	Vietnamese	96	43	27	ETHNICHT	More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	27	18		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	5	62	42					
						Male	124	888	687
	Gay or Lesbian	0	6	5	GENDER	Female	694	987	790
	Heterosexual	0	1,487	1,369	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	20	21
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	3	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	78	41
	Decline/Unknown	0	173	113	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	1,576	1,443
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	38	20
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	5	7
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	1,295	1,468
					514105	Decline/Unknown	0	69	22

#### Parent Education Services

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	1	98	99		American Indian/Alaska Native	9	21	36
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	44	1,524	1,424		Asian	118	323	329
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	733	46	44		Black/African American	11	43	44
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	16	154	0	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	4	12	5
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	KACE	White	100	259	264
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	15	59	48		Decline/Unknown	0	106	0
	English	229	483	536		Other	8	1,759	0
	Farsi	1	11	15					
PRIMARY	Korean	2	68	0		Hispanic/Latino	558	1,748	1,024
LANGUGE	Spanish	459	921	731	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	11	0
	Vietnamese	96	131	98		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	5	44	152					
						Male	124	350	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	2	0	GENDER	Female	694	1,276	0
	Heterosexual	0	1,170	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	192	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	12	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	2	0		Disability "Yes"	0	263	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	586	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	1,412	0
	Other	0	5	0		Decline/Unknown	0	203	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	21	0
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	1,499	0
						Decline/Unknown	0	304	0

## Children's Support & Parenting Program

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	133	295	281		American Indian/Alaska Native	6	15	0
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	54	60	56		American maian/Alaska Narive	20	32	25
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	265	499	463		Black/African American	10	12	3
AGE GROUP	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	4	21	13		Native Hawaiian/Pl	1	2	0
-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0	0	0	RACE	White	59	0	19
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	0	0	•			-		
-		3	2	0		Decline/Unknown	7	6	0
-	English	288	364	299	_	Other	29	747	16
DDIALADY	Farsi	2	1	0					
PRIMARY	Korean	0	0	0		Hispanic/Latino	324	743	736
LANGUGE	Spanish	136	475	487	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	51	4	0
_	Vietnamese	1	10	15		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
_	Decline/Unknown	8	12	0		Decline/Unknown	6	0	0
	Other	18	13	8					
						Male	0	328	0
	Gay or Lesbian	6	6	0	GENDER	Female	0	542	0
	Heterosexual	376	726	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	4	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	5	7	0		Other	0	1	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	1	1	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	4	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	58	128	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	4	3	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	40	5	5
						Veteran "No"	345	639	606
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	69	62	6

## School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention & Support

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC P	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	5,819	11,651	18,851		American Indian/Alaska Native	90	695	0
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	206	179	176		Asian	409	1,573	4,170
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	0	91	130		Black/African American	9	304	559
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	0	2	4	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	14	260	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	1	0	KACE	White	792	5,267	8,857
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	14	51	0		Decline/Unknown	569	1,326	0
	English	5,341	8,500	12,630		Other	0	7,174	284
	Farsi	5	4	2					
PRIMARY	Korean	29	14	205		Hispanic/Latino	2,492	7,115	3,558
LANGUGE	Spanish	492	2,932	4,143	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	59	0
	Vietnamese	159	84	0		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	63	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	80	263	1,198				-	-
						Male	3,133	1,287	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	42	0	GENDER	Female	3,004	1,249	0
	Heterosexual	0	1,951	0	Gender	Decline/Unknown	0	92	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	118	0		Other	0	9	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	39	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	6	0		Disability "Yes"	0	496	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	445	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	1,952	0
	Other	0	27	0		Decline/Unknown	0	223	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	1	0
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	85	0

#### Violence Prevention Education

MHSOAC PE	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	7,486	9,375	6,413		American Indian/Alaska Native	180	526	321
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	1,579	1,060	468		Asian	1,143	2,879	1,831
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	1,341	1,896	1,325		Black/African American	173	454	20
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	66	137	62	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	51	242	162
	Decline/Unknown	0	393	0	RACE	White	1,656	2,295	1,597
			-			Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	45	52	46		Decline/Unknown	0	1,202	0
	English	5,642	7,707	5,103		Other	834	7,335	0
	Farsi	41	52	45					
PRIMARY	Korean	180	212	78		Hispanic/Latino	5,281	6,918	4,563
LANGUGE	Spanish	3,102	3,121	2,122	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	417	0
	Vietnamese	159	640	382		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	498	0	312					
						Male	0	5,464	3,549
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	0	6,704	4,500
	Heterosexual	0	0	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	688	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	5	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	0	0
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	0	0
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0

#### Gang Prevention Services

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	427	441	431		American Indian/Alaska Native	0	3	8
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	18	3	426		Asian	10	12	6
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	407	431	1		Black/African American	16	16	19
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	2	7	4	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	22	7	8
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	KACE	White	42	31	43
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	English	345	535	560		Other	2	1,203	0
	Farsi	0	0	2					
PRIMARY	Korean	0	0	0		Hispanic/Latino	762	1,203	793
LANGUGE	Spanish	509	344	293	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	0
	Vietnamese	0	1	1		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	0	2	0					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						Male	0	0	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	0	0	0
	Heterosexual	0	0	0	Gender	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	2	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	0	0
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	0	0
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0

## Family Support Services

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	192	1	0		American Indian/Alaska Native	9	15	6
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	191	36	24		Asian	69	51	46
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	361	320	257		Black/African American	13	24	3
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	154	143	105	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	4	4	9
	Decline/Unknown	0	106	0	KACE	White	332	331	214
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	4	0	1		Decline/Unknown	0	85	0
	English	509	483	345		Other	19	135	0
	Farsi	3	5	2					
PRIMARY	Korean	3	0	2		Hispanic/Latino	56	124	112
LANGUGE	Spanish	56	51	24	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	54	11	0
	Vietnamese	4	1	1	ETHNICHT	More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	56	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	20	13	14			-		
			-			Male	0	139	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	5	0	GENDER	Female	0	207	0
	Heterosexual	0	231	0	Gender	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	4	0		Other	0	1	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	1	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	3	0		Disability "Yes"	0	260	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	367	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	156	0
	Other	0	1	0		Decline/Unknown	0	276	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	13	0
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	265	0
					314105	Decline/Unknown	0	332	0

## Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	28,663	4,130	3,719		American Indian/Alaska Native	94	258	371
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	22,043	2,165	1,639		Asian	19,876	1,877	1,438
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	65,560	1,492	2,336		Black/African American	2,368	335	334
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	14,195	766	485	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	115	39	120
	Decline/Unknown	0	775	33	RACE	White	27,392	2,588	2,696
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	31	44	280		Decline/Unknown	0	733	917
	English	74,104	5,964	5,101		Other	8,832	3,015	236
	Farsi	7,077	492	372		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
PRIMARY	Korean	2,980	72	93		Hispanic/Latino	609	4,379	4,106
LANGUGE	Spanish	39,717	1,273	1,322	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	14,433	0	0
	Vietnamese	2,957	95	86		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	1,078	338		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	4,307	378	389					
						Male	0	1,081	1,561
	Gay or Lesbian	0	33	0	GENDER	Female	0	2,412	2,535
	Heterosexual	0	2,263	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	304	263
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	56	0		Other	0	20	12
	Questioning	0	16	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	7	0		Disability "Yes"	0	572	852
	Decline/Unknown	0	2,701	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	2,088	2,637
	Other	0	9	0		Decline/Unknown	0	2,516	917
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	36	46
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	2,336	3,241
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	2,404	880

#### Warmline

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	44	28,270	73		American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	305
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	2,184	57	2,427		Asian	0	0	6,009
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	22,360	1,808	38,832		Black/African American	0	0	13,209
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	8,908	9,721	16,213	DACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	2,491	0	RACE	White	0	0	0
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	6	6	127		Decline/Unknown	0	0	8,684
	English	37,028	23,049	49,960		Other	0	0	0
	Farsi	2	6	244					
PRIMARY	Korean	0	1	117		Hispanic/Latino	0	0	4,664
LANGUGE	Spanish	137	133	1,664	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	0
	Vietnamese	4	0	775		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	18	23	3,234			-		
						Male	0	8,569	20,450
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	1,519	GENDER	Female	0	14,480	35,799
	Heterosexual	0	0	46,257	Gender	Decline/Unknown	0	339	701
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	3,732		Other	0	0	17
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	820					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	22		Disability "Yes"	0	1,302	6,045
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	3,599	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	6,363	13,501
	Other	0	560	322		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	0	2,578
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	0	47,688
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	0	7.039

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## Suicide Prevention Services (Crisis Prevention Hotline)

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	0	663	712		American Indian/Alaska Native	34	21	21
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	2,737	2,923	2,932		Asian	350	1,219	987
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	2,415	3,108	3,181		Black/African American	252	241	233
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	298	483	517	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	32	60	38
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	KACE	White	2,261	2,654	2,649
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	English	10,970	0	13,613		Other	323	2,082	0
	Farsi	0	0	0					
PRIMARY	Korean	4	11	5		Hispanic/Latino	1,600	1,796	1,507
LANGUGE	Spanish	630	370	197	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	286	0
	Vietnamese	3	2	2		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	0	2	1					
						Male	0	4,172	4,660
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	0	5,313	4,749
	Heterosexual	0	0	0	Gender	Decline/Unknown	0	184	633
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	0	0
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	0	0
					JIAIUS	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0

## Suicide Prevention Services (Survivor Support Services)

MHSOAC PEI	Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	10	7	12		American Indian/Alaska Native	1	5	4
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	16	8	11		Asian	19	14	25
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	96	76	83		Black/African American	0	2	6
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	25	25	21	DACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	1	4	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	RACE	White	74	77	70
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	1	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	11	0
	English	122	116	119		Other	8	39	0
	Farsi	2	1	2					
PRIMARY	Korean	4	2	0		Hispanic/Latino	17	37	58
LANGUGE	Spanish	17	13	25	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	2	0
	Vietnamese	0	0	1	ETHNICHT	More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	2	0	5					
						Male	43	30	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	2	0	GENDER	Female	105	100	0
	Heterosexual	0	87	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	9	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	2	0		Other	0	0	0
	Questioning	0	1	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	30	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	1	0
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	95	0
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	33	0

#### OC Links

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	15	25	19		American Indian/Alaska Native	89	91	62
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	1,666	1,658	1,282		Asian	1,168	1,165	728
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	10,357	10,570	7,046		Black/African American	540	511	297
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	1,900	1,856	1,345	DACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	35	42	25
	Decline/Unknown	3,571	4,019	3,600	RACE	White	6,833	6,497	4,584
				-		Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	6	9	3		Decline/Unknown	3,587	4,222	3,429
	English	15,507	15,820	11,684		Other	5,257	5,600	4,167
	Farsi	92	152	114					
PRIMARY	Korean	93	82	38		Hispanic/Latino	5,257	5,600	4,167
LANGUGE	Spanish	1,522	1,774	1,297	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1,426	1,273	715
	Vietnamese	234	225	116		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	6	1	1		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	49	65	39					
			-			Male	0	0	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	0	0	0
	Heterosexual	0	0	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	10	12	9
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	13	19	12		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	44	25	57
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	0	0
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0

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#### BHS Outreach & Engagement (O&E)

MHSOAC PEI	Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC P	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	138	116	127		American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	50
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	1,628	1,234	952		Asian	3,615	2,602	5,000
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	25,303	24,388	29,108		Black/African American	3,460	2,772	2,741
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	5,839	6,164	8,873	DACE	Native Hawaiian/Pl	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	3,936	216	501	RACE	White	15,001	15,473	19,968
		36,844	32,118	39,561		Multi-Race	0	8	17
	Arabic	8	0	5		Decline/Unknown	4,394	1,882	493
	English	30,027	24,719	32,187		Other	198	10,937	5,377
	Farsi	56	63	37					
PRIMARY	Korean	14	9	7		Hispanic/Latino	10,176	10,814	2,895
LANGUGE	Spanish	3,624	4,196	2,433	FTUNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	1,171
	Vietnamese	2,719	1,906	4,466	ETHNICITY	More than one ethnicity	0	0	17
	Decline/Unknown	327	27	15		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	69	100	31					
		36,844	31,020	39,181		Male	0	0	99
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	6	GENDER	Female	0	0	113
	Heterosexual	0	0	219	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	0	31
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	8		Other	0	0	0
	Questioning	0	0	1					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	1,555
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	10	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	54
	Other	0	0	109		Decline/Unknown	0	0	7
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	0	369
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	0	206
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#### School-Based Mental Health Services

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	1,580	2,675	2,381		American Indian/Alaska Native	29	38	36
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	247	287	197		Asian	129	191	167
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	144	0	0		Black/African American	16	36	34
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	3	0	0	DACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	8	12	11
	Decline/Unknown	0	1	4	RACE	White	291	463	326
						Multi-Race	0	0	94
	Arabic	3	8	3		Decline/Unknown	0	66	79
	English	1,535	2,543	2,234		Other	175	1,452	18
	Farsi	3	1	2					
PRIMARY	Korean	6	3	1		Hispanic/Latino	1,298	2,046	1,814
LANGUGE	Spanish	346	346	290	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	0	0
	Vietnamese	24	5	2	ETHNICHT	More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	10	24		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	56	47	23					
						Male	693	1,573	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	668	1,379	0
	Heterosexual	69	0	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	6	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	2	0	0		Other	0	4	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	1	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	6	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	2	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	3	213
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	2,435	2,145
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	274	221

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MHSOAC PEI	Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PE	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	32	16	20		American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	59	56	35		Asian	14	13	14
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	0	1	0		Black/African American	2	2	1
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	0	0	0	DACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	1	1	1
	Decline/Unknown	91	0	0	RACE	White	21	16	6
			-			Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	91	1	0
	English	69	54	43		Other	9	49	6
	Farsi	0	0	0	-				
PRIMARY	Korean	3	3	2		Hispanic/Latino	44	33	27
LANGUGE	Spanish	16	13	7	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	26	16	0
	Vietnamese	1	1	1	ETHNICHT	More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	2	2	2					
·						Male	0	0	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	0	0	0
	Heterosexual	1	0	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	1	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	8	7
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	2	54	43
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	11	5

## OC Parent Wellness Program

MHSOAC PE	Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	9	17	4		American Indian/Alaska Native	1	0	1
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	179	287	164		Asian	36	38	52
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	460	377	572		Black/African American	8	15	18
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	6	5	6	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	11	5	8
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	KACE	White	84	71	131
						Multi-Race	0	1	0
	Arabic	4	6	3		Decline/Unknown	2	3	5
	English	330	344	448		Other	11	419	12
	Farsi	2	3	1					
PRIMARY	Korean	1	2	1		Hispanic/Latino	503	507	519
LANGUGE	Spanish	295	304	274	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	20	18	0
	Vietnamese	12	11	9	ETHNICIT	More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	10	16	10					
						Male	16	27	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	132	659	0
	Heterosexual	48	0	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	1	0	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	1	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	41	3	54
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	449	610	670
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	26	22

## Community Counseling & Supportive Services

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	50	29	40		American Indian/Alaska Native	9	4	0
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	136	100	118		Asian	42	30	44
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	403	347	313		Black/African American	12	8	7
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	24	20	22	DACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	3	3	3
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	RACE	White	91	75	100
			-			Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	29	24	24		Decline/Unknown	9	14	10
	English	281	229	247		Other	41	283	15
	Farsi	3	1	1		·			
PRIMARY	Korean	1	0	0		Hispanic/Latino	392	316	314
LANGUGE	Spanish	278	214	201	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	39	1	0
	Vietnamese	7	5	2		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	14	8	18					
						Male	56	151	32
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	44	329	22
	Heterosexual	26	0	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	3	3	2
SEXUAL	Bisexual	1	0	0		Other	3	2	5
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	9	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	4	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	58	10	52
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	507	399	400
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	2	44	41

## Early Intervention Services for Older Adults

MHSOAC PEI	Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PI	El Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	0	0	0		American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	5
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	0	0	0		Asian	234	126	391
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	3	3	6		Black/African American	7	12	14
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	598	506	938	DACE	Native Hawaiian/Pl	1	0	1
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	RACE	White	193	179	303
			-			Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	35	27	51		Decline/Unknown	0	0	4
	English	127	152	268		Other	8	114	2
	Farsi	52	30	56					
PRIMARY	Korean	31	25	104		Hispanic/Latino	154	114	0
LANGUGE	Spanish	138	100	204	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	242	0	0
	Vietnamese	119	98	136		More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	2		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	99	73	134					
						Male	0	126	283
	Gay or Lesbian	0	3	0	GENDER	Female	0	378	662
	Heterosexual	0	298	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	0	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	1	0					
	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	1,193	1,927
	Decline/Unknown	0	58	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	34	135
	Other	0	1	0		Decline/Unknown	0	5	22
					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	0	14	49
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	470	875
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	7	21

#### OC4Vets

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC F	El Demographic Categories	F
	Age 0-15 (Child)	0	0	193		American Indian/Alaska Native	
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	13	35	73		Asian	
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	95	146	395		Black/African American	
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	10	18	53	DACE	Native Hawaiian/Pl	Γ
	Decline/Unknown	0	1	8	RACE	White	Γ
						Multi-Race	Γ
	Arabic	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	
	English	114	185	693		Other	
	Farsi	0	0	0	-		
PRIMARY	Korean	0	0	0		Hispanic/Latino	
LANGUGE	Spanish	1	4	9	ETUNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	
	Vietnamese	0	2	5	ETHNICITY	More than one ethnicity	
	Decline/Unknown	0	8	14		Decline/Unknown	
	Other	0	1	1			
						Male	
	Gay or Lesbian	0	1	3	GENDER	Female	
	Heterosexual	7	75	538	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	4	5		Other	
	Questioning	0	0	0			
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	3		Disability "Yes"	
	Decline/Unknown	54	2	172	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	
	Other	0	0	1		Decline/Unknown	
		-	-		-		_
						Veteran "Yes"	

VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	101	163	369
STATUS	Veteran "No"	10	9	338
STATUS	Decline/Unknown	6	28	15

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FY 17-18 FY 18-19 FY 19-20

#### Alcohol & Drug Prevention

MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	MHSOAC PE	I Demographic Categories	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
	Age 0-15 (Child)	1,874	1,989	1,463		American Indian/Alaska Native	52	0	10
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	310	437	215		Asian	185	317	187
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	1	0	0		Black/African American	57	60	29
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	0	0	0	RACE	Native Hawaiian/PI	15	19	7
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	KACE	White	818	812	525
						Multi-Race	0	0	0
	Arabic	7	5	8		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	English	2,021	2,195	1,492		Other	163	1,125	94
	Farsi	11	7	14					
PRIMARY	Korean	4	12	2		Hispanic/Latino	847	1,125	772
LANGUGE	Spanish	86	145	124	ETHNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	202	0	0
	Vietnamese	1	13	12	ETHINICITT	More than one ethnicity	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	24	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	38	25	19					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		-				Male	0	1,388	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	0	1,015	0
	Heterosexual	0	0	0	Gender	Decline/Unknown	0	19	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	2	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
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					VETERAN	Veteran "Yes"	245	1	191
					STATUS	Veteran "No"	1,723	1,873	1,300
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	190	265	181

# **APPENDIX IV: INN Regulations**

The MHSOAC also established regulations specific to Innovation projects, including:

- A County may expend Innovation funds on a specific project only after receiving approval from the MHSOAC.
- Innovation projects must do one of the following:
  - Introduce a mental health practice or approach that is new to the overall mental health system, including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention.
  - Make a change to an existing practice in the field of mental health, including but not limited to, application to a new population.
  - Apply to the mental health system a promising community-driven practice or approach that has been successful in non-mental health contexts or settings.
- Innovation projects must select one of the following purposes:
  - o Increase access to mental health services to underserved groups.
  - Increase the quality of mental health services, including measureable outcomes.
  - Promote interagency and community collaboration related to mental health services or supports or outcomes.
  - Increase access to mental health services.

These elements are described in each INN project description contained within this Plan.

MHSOAC Demographic information for active INN projects that enroll participants are on the following pages.

## Continuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families

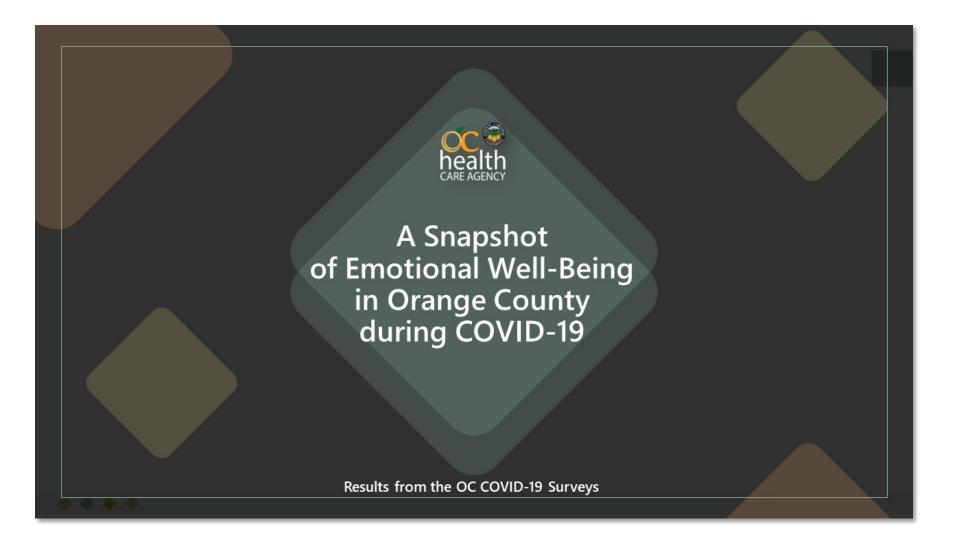
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	Age 0-15 (Child)	0	68	0		American Indian/Alaska Native	0	1	0
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	0	20	0		Asian	0	7	0
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	0	47	0		Black/African American	0	17	0
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	0	4	0	DAGE	Native Hawaiian/Pl	0	0	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	2	0	RACE	White	0	60	0
						Multi-Race	0	13	0
	Arabic	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	6	0
	English	0	132	0		Other	0	1	0
	Farsi	0	0	0	-				
PRIMARY	Korean	0	0	0		Hispanic/Latino	0	50	0
LANGUGE	Spanish	0	8	0	FTUNICITY	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0	42	0
	Vietnamese	0	1	0	ETHNICITY	More than one ethnicity	0	4	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	45	0
	Other	0	0	0					
						Male	0	65	0
	Gay or Lesbian	0	0	0	GENDER	Female	0	42	0
	Heterosexual	0	138	0	GENDER	Decline/Unknown	0	4	0
SEXUAL	Bisexual	0	0	0		Other	0	45	0
ORIENTATION	Questioning	0	0	0					
ORIENTATION	Queer	0	0	0		Disability "Yes"	0	22	0
	Decline/Unknown	0	3	0	DISABILITY	Disability "No"	0	105	0
	Other	0	0	0		Decline/Unknown	0	15	0
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					STATUS	Veteran "No"	0	120	0
					STATUS	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0

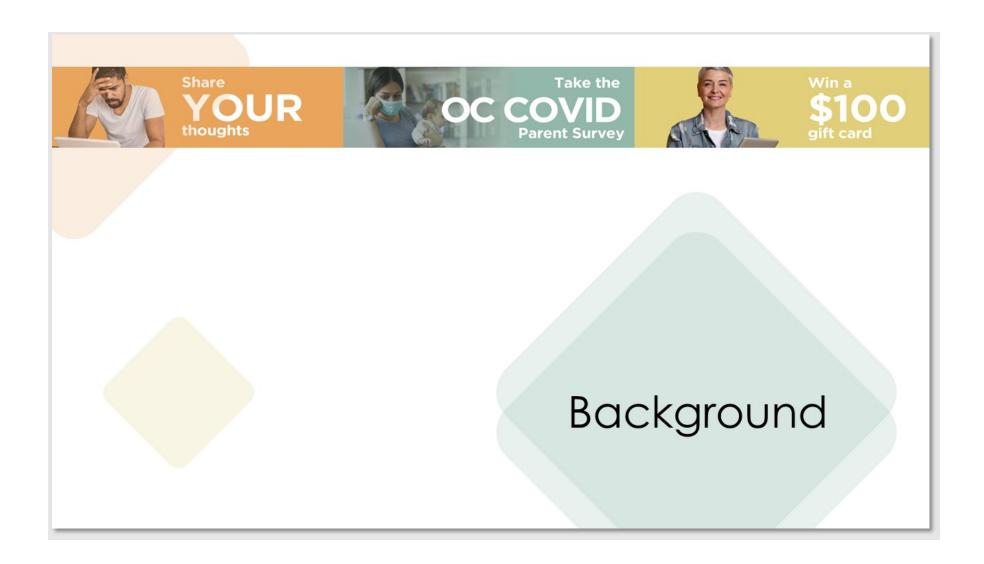
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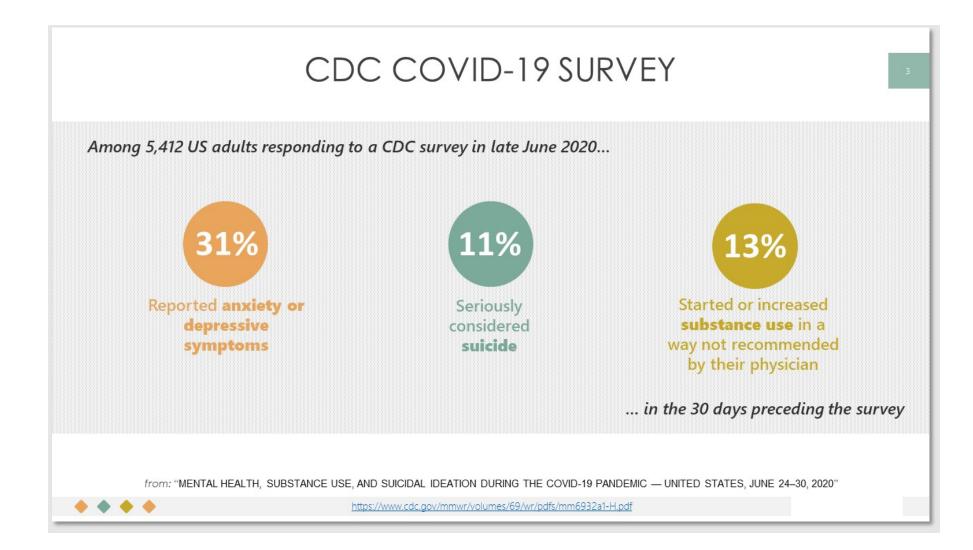
	Enrolled in Mindstrong									
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	Age 0-15 (Child)	0	0	0						
	Age 16-25 (TAY)	0	0	1						
AGE GROUP	Age 26-59 (Adult)	0	0	5						
	Age 60+ (Older Adult)	0	0	1						
	Mean Age:	0	0	29						

GENDER	Male	0	0	2
	Female	0	0	5
	Decline/Unknown	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0

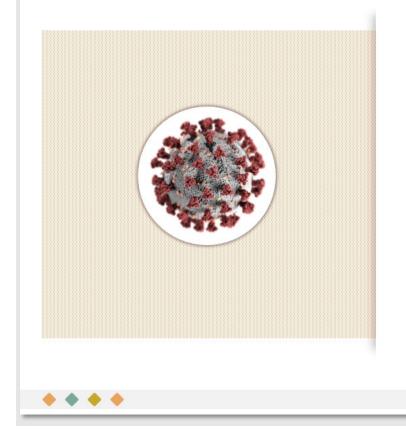
# APPENDIX V: A Snapshot of Emotional Well-Bring in Orange County during COVID-19







## OC COVID-19 SURVEYS: WHY?



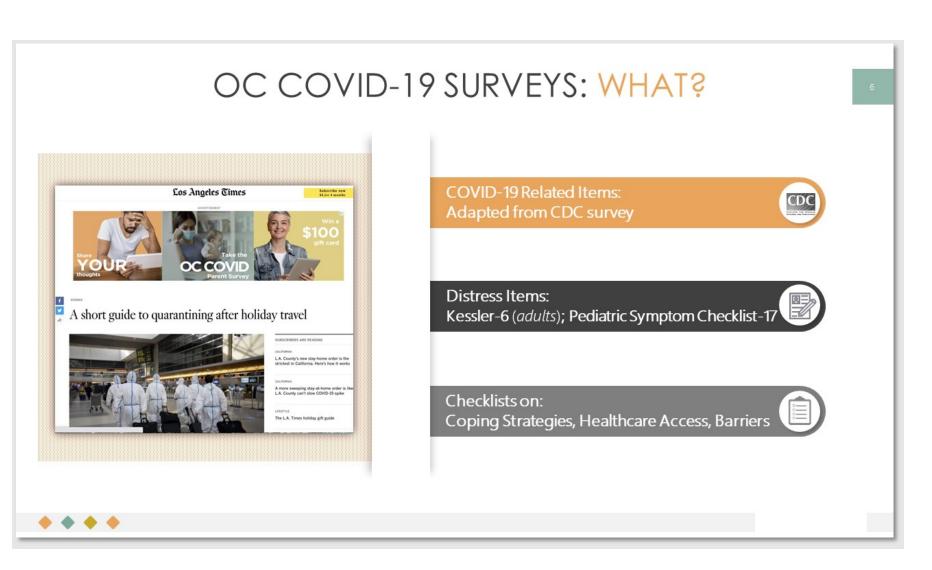
Assess emotional well-being of OC residents during COVID-19 pandemic (Nov–Dec 2020)

Assist the HCA in anticipating the potential impact of the pandemic on mental health

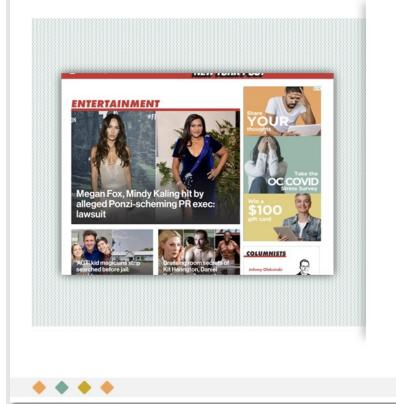
Help improve responsiveness of county behavioral health services





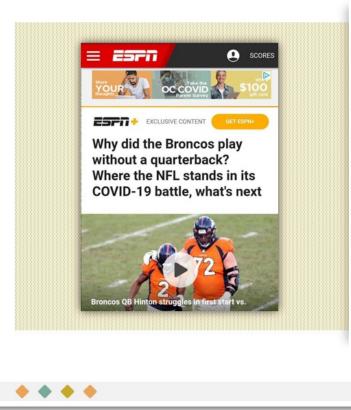


## OC COVID-19 SURVEYS: WHO?



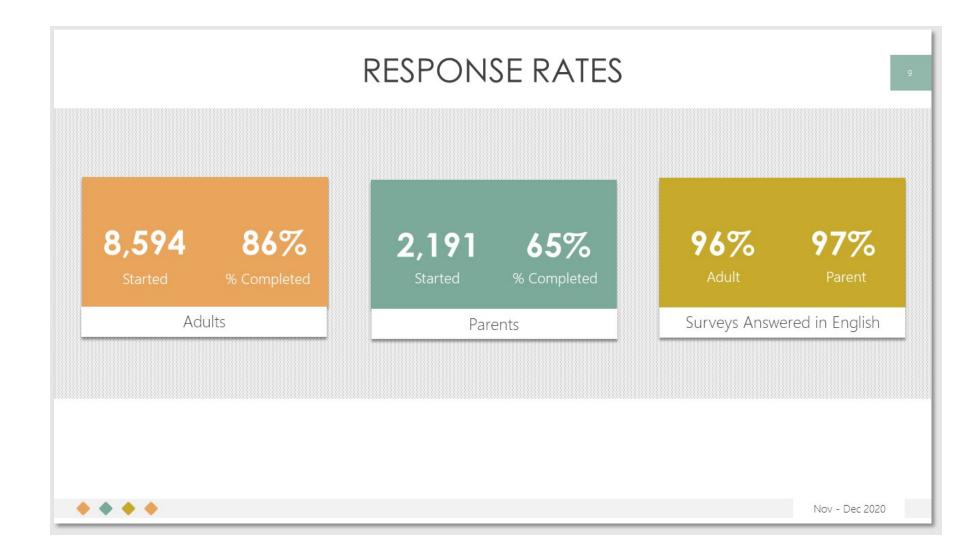


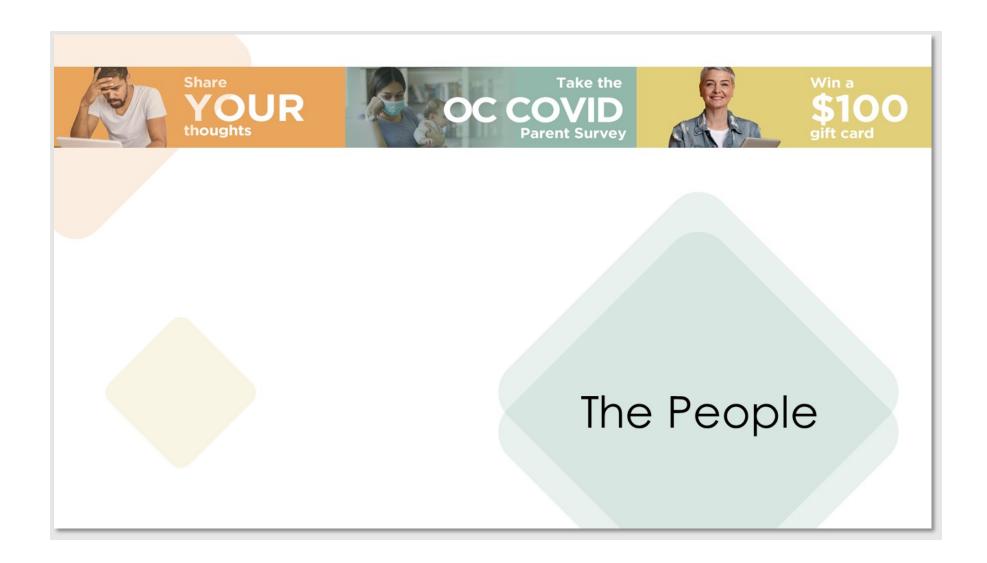
## OC COVID-19 SURVEYS: HOW?



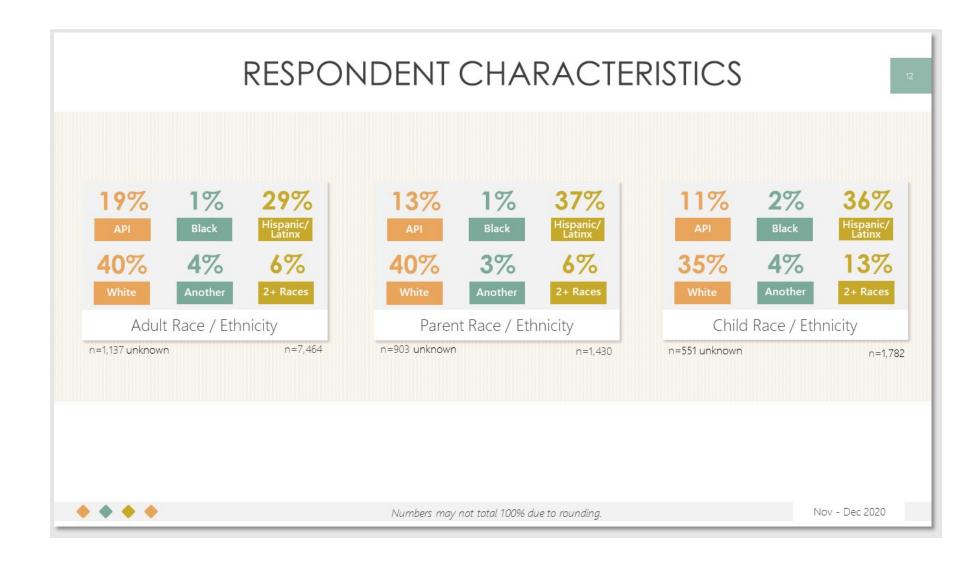


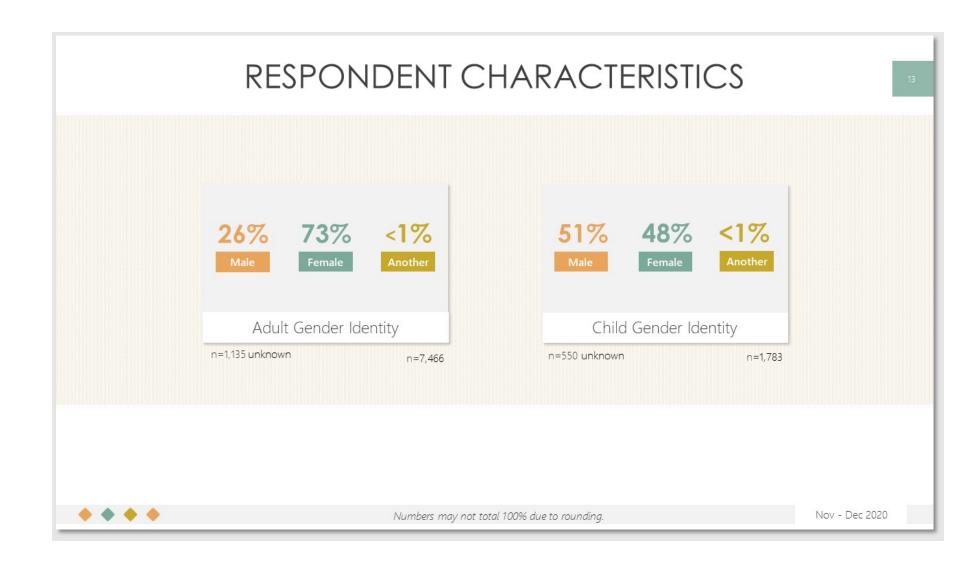
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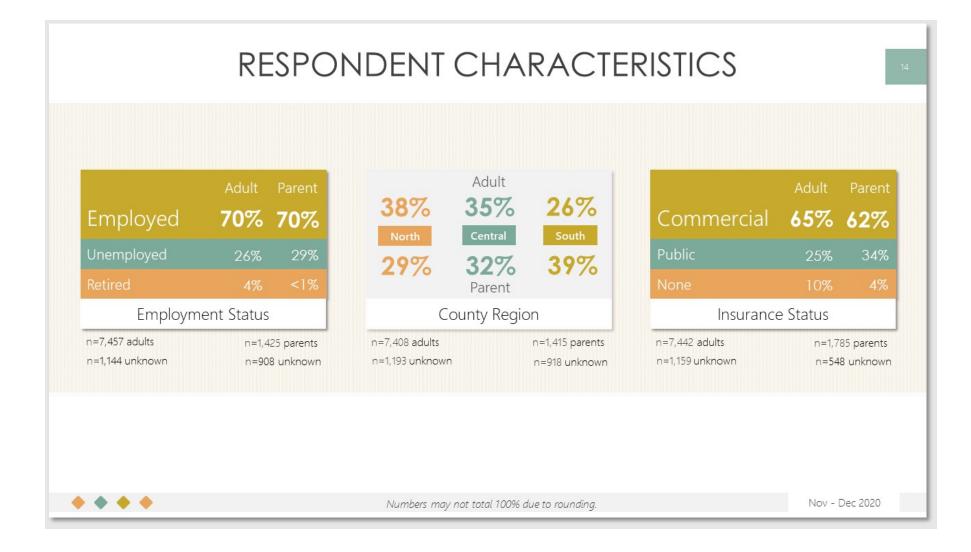


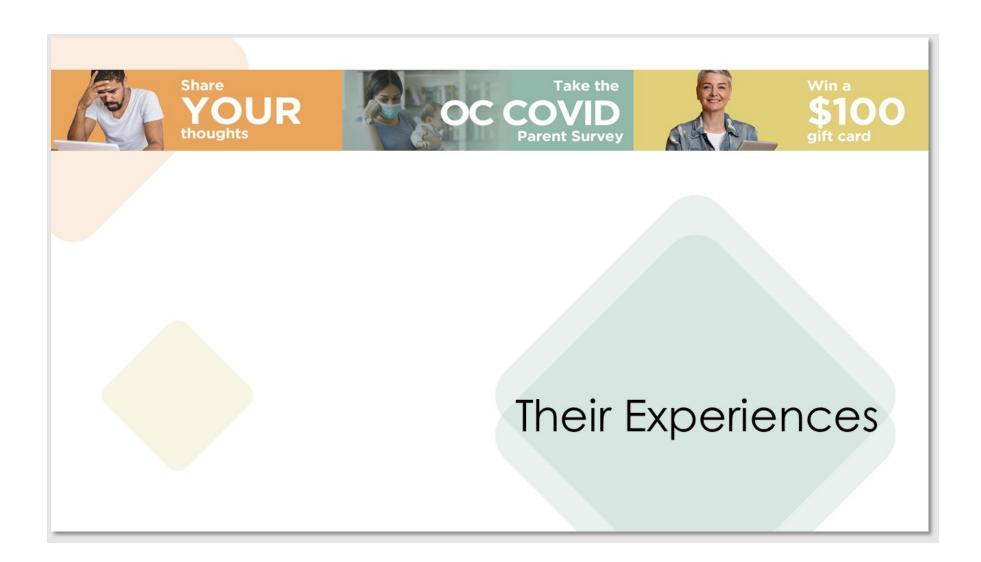


### **RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS** 18-25 years 23% 4-6 years 32% 35% 41% 24% 53% 21% 26-44 years 7-9 years 17% 17% 45-59 years 60+ years 7% 13-17 years 31% Age of Child Included in Survey Age of Adult # Children in Parent's Household n=1.110 unknown n=7,491 n=268 unknown n=570 unknown n=1,763 n=2,056 Nov - Dec 2020 Numbers may not total 100% due to rounding.

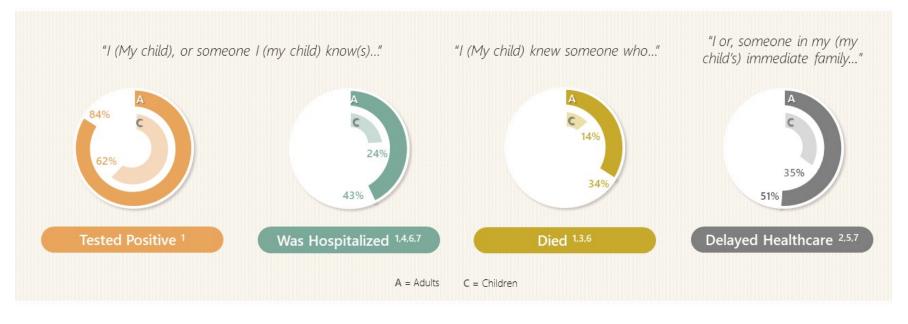








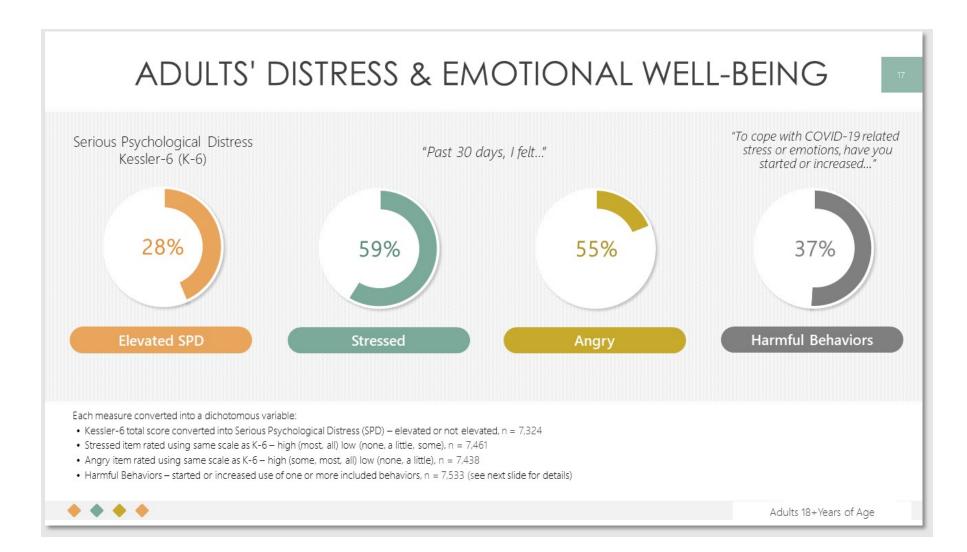
### **EXPERIENCES WITH COVID-19**



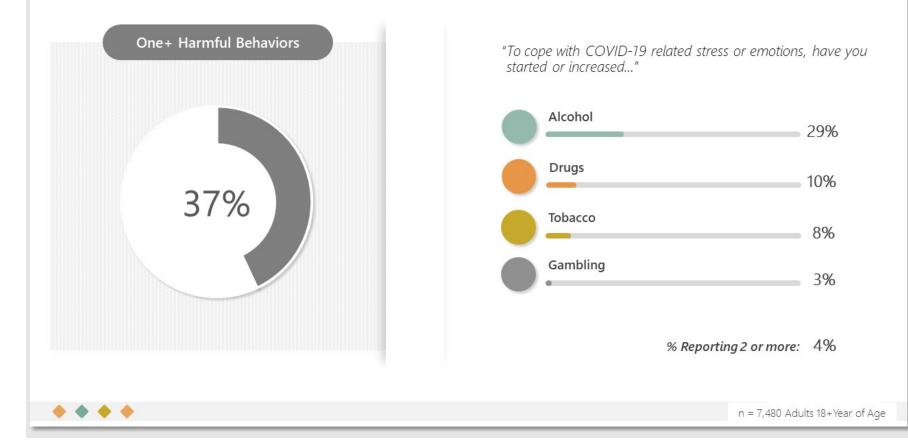
<sup>1</sup> Hispanic Adults, Children > Those from other racial/ethnic backgrounds <sup>2</sup> White Adults, Children > Those from other racial/ethnic backgrounds <sup>3</sup> Adults w/ No Insurance > Public or Commercial Insurance

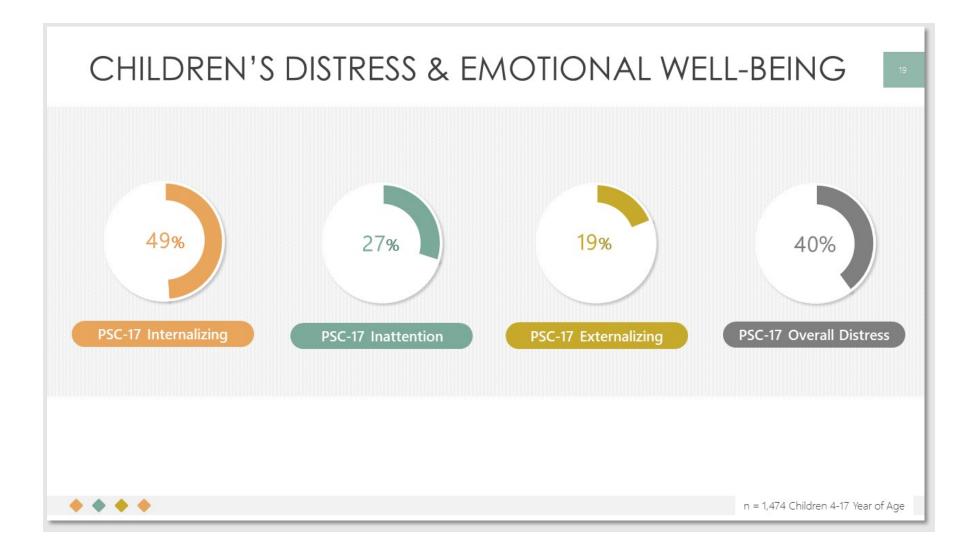
<sup>4</sup> Children w/ Public Insurance > No or Commercial Insurance <sup>7</sup> Parents of 13-17 year olds > Parents of younger children <sup>5</sup> Adults in South County > Adults in North, Central County <sup>6</sup> Children in North County > Children in Central, South County

n = 8,322 Adults 18+Year of Age /n = 1,728 Children

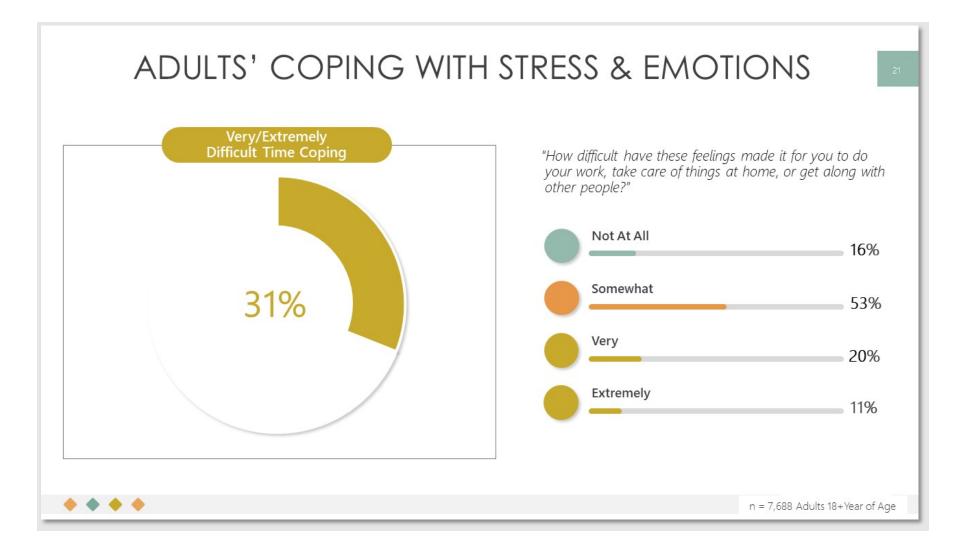


## ADULTS' ONSET / INCREASE IN HARMFUL BEHAVIOR

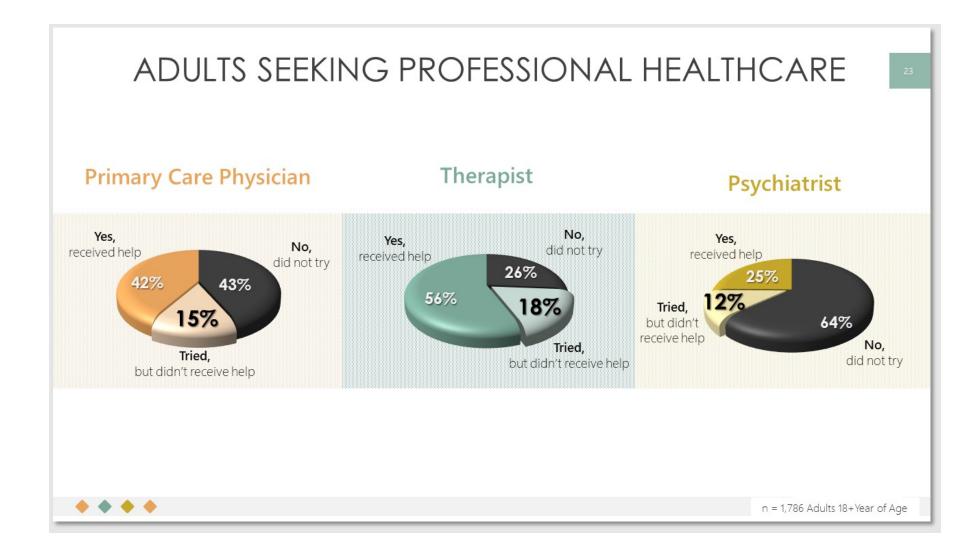




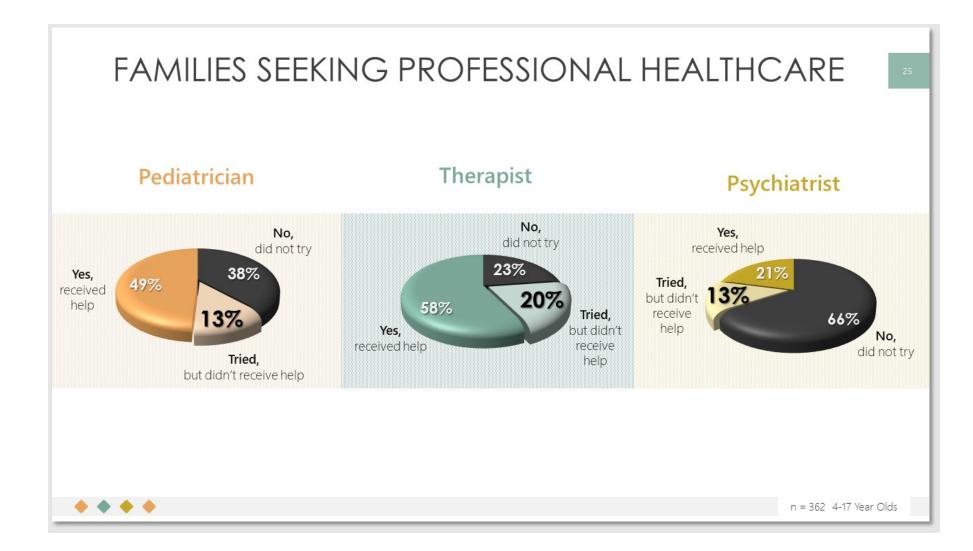


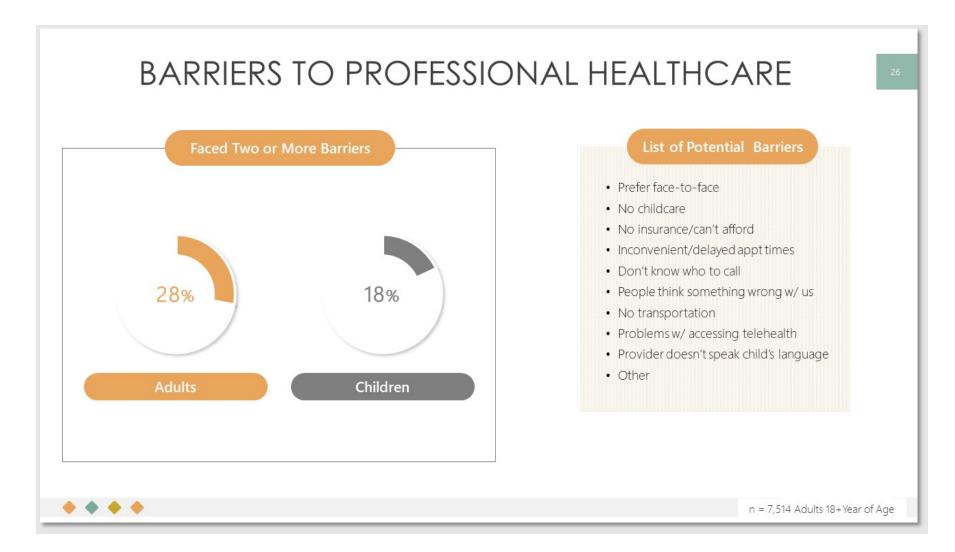


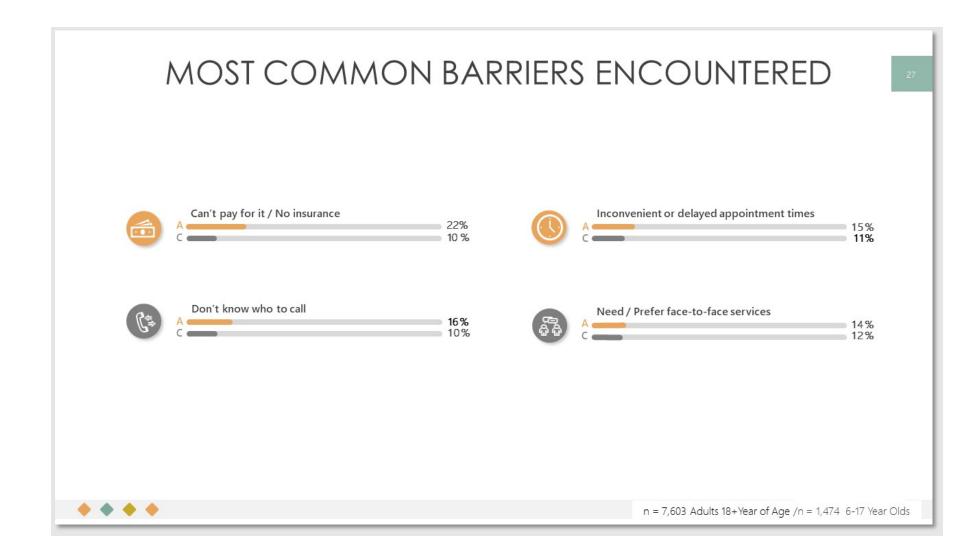












# USE OF INFORMAL SUPPORTS DURING COVID-19





## OVERLAP BETWEEN ADULT DISTRESS INDICATORS

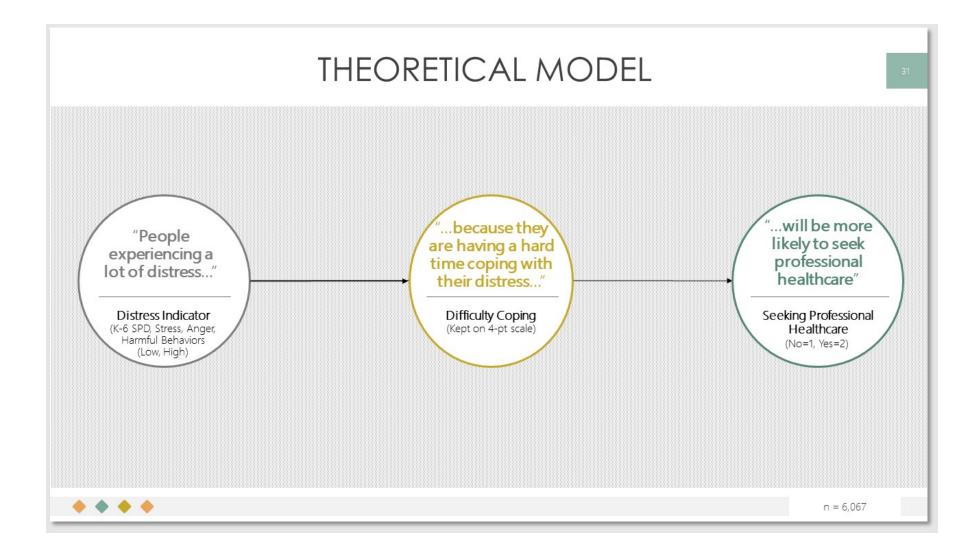


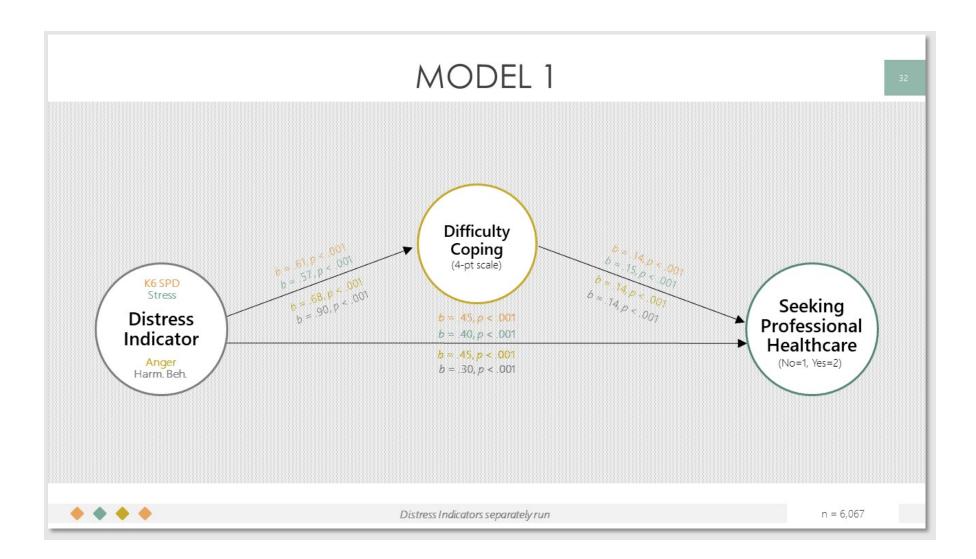


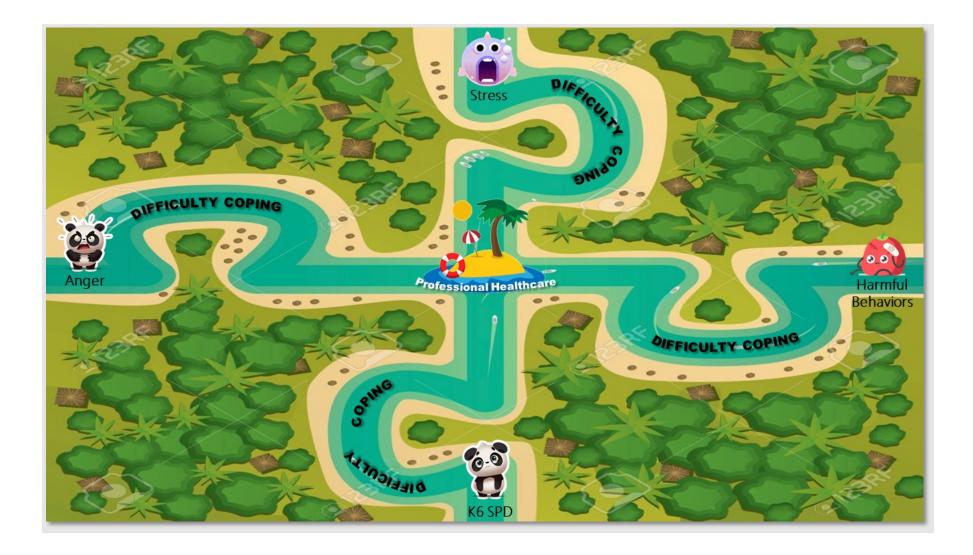
While the measures appear to be inter-related, they do not appear to be inter*changeable* 

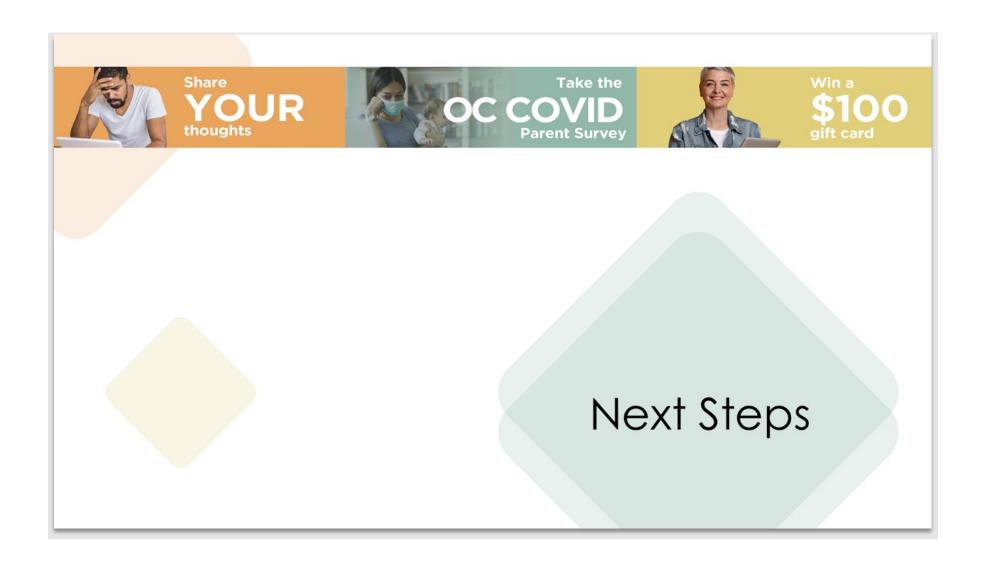
Venn diagram illustrative, not to scale

n = 7,465 to 7,691, \*\*\* p< 0.001 (2-tailed)









# NEXT STEPS



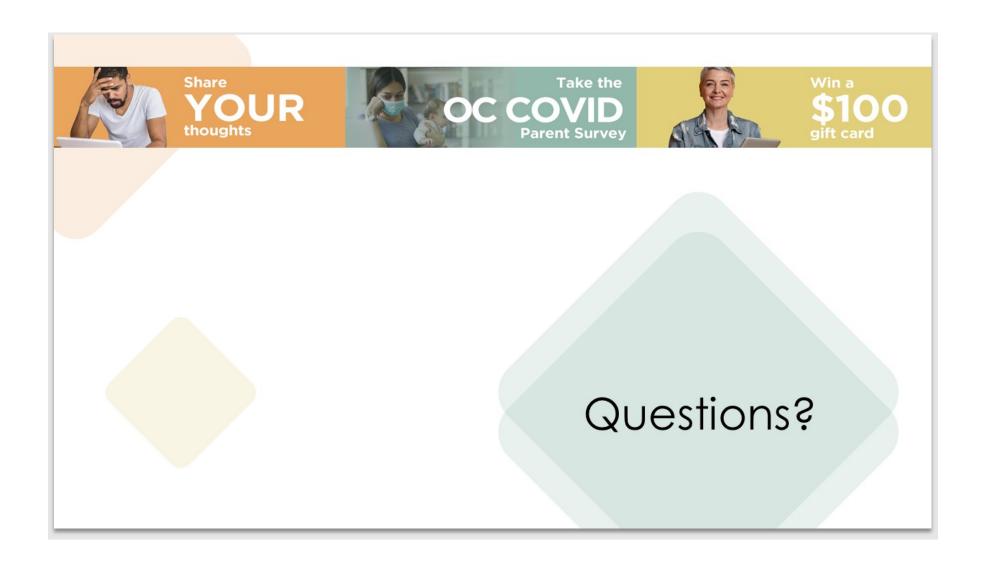
#### Include survey results in the MHSA Annual Plan Update

Further develop the model to include population details, including:

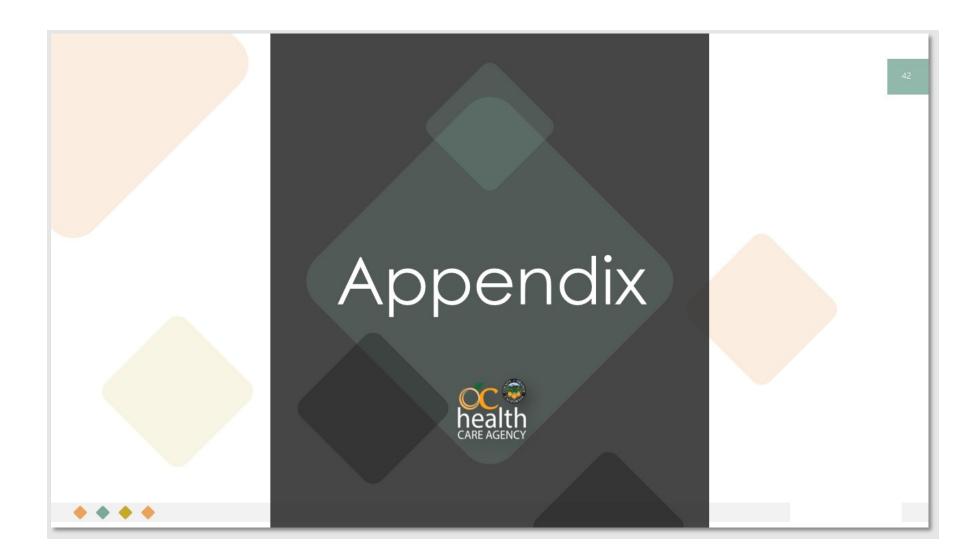
- Use of informal support (separate the components of the variable, include consideration of the timing in which informal support is received)
- Add socioeconomic status (based on OC At a Glance to better build upper / lower bound)

#### Continue to explore the following questions:

- How can we better understand the heightened rate of stress, anger, distress, barriers, and substance use?
- Can it be attributed to COVID illness, or more of the biopsychosocial and economic ramifications of the pandemic?
- Will a better understanding of external / internal sources of stress and anxiety help program development?
- What will this look like in the context of the "new normal"?

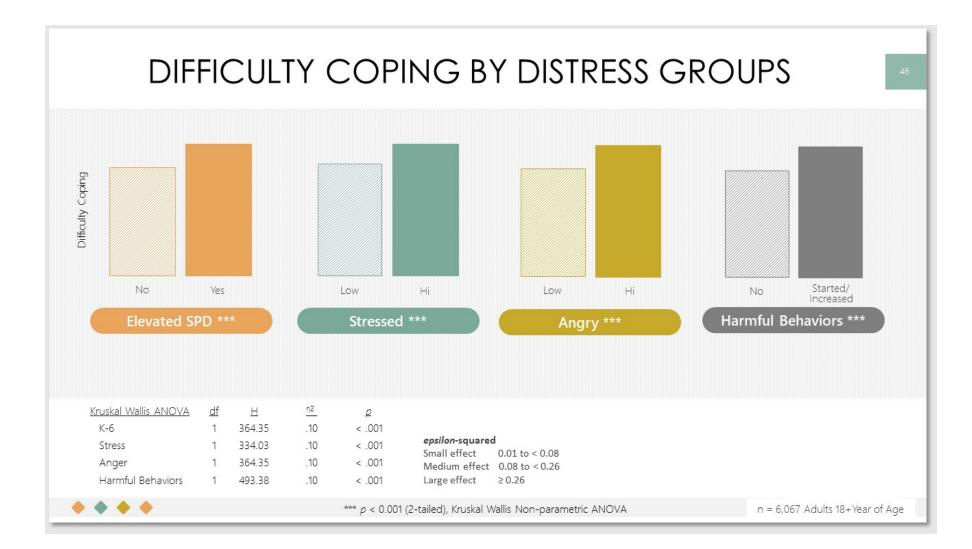


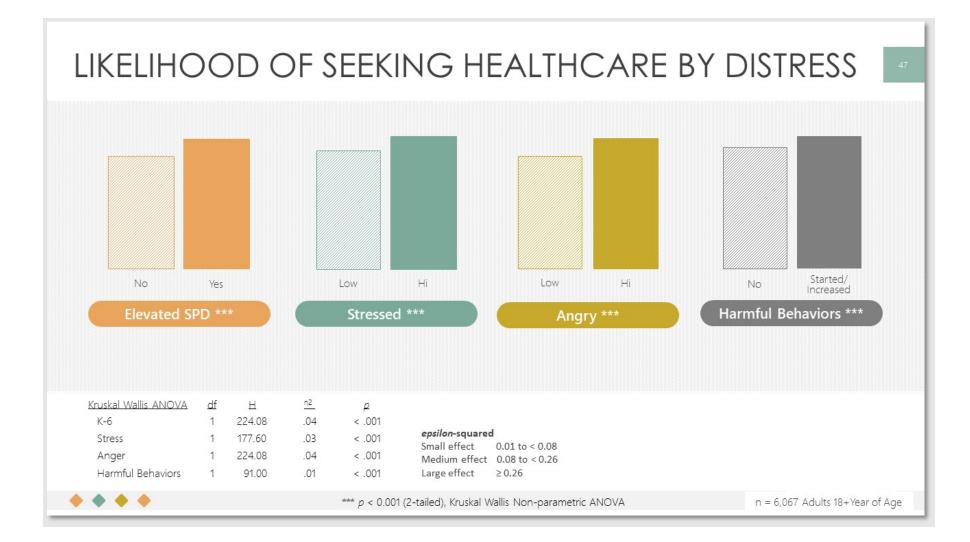




### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRESS & SUPPORT ITEMS

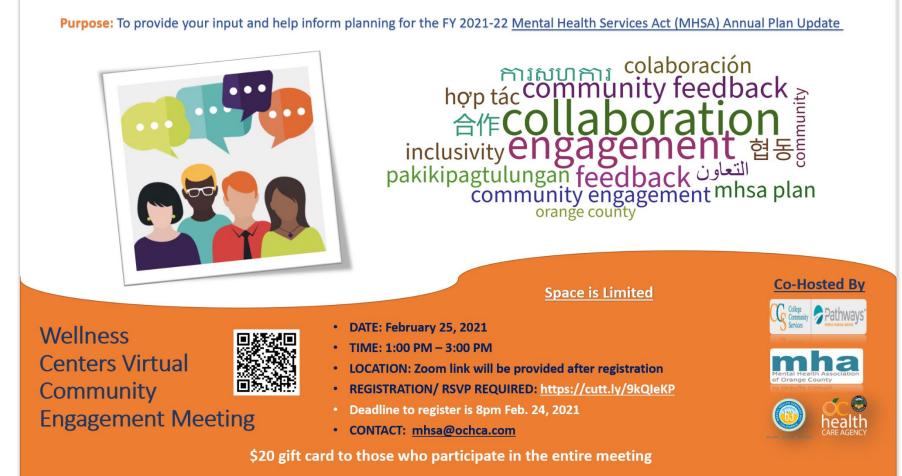
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Kessler (K-6)	Correlation Coefficient	1.000	.672**	.503**	.646**	099**	.239**
	Sig. (2-tailed) N	7611	0.000 7609	0.000 7595	0.000 7548	0.000 7465	0.000 7465
Stressed	Correlation Coefficient		1.000	.435**	.529**	097**	.194**
	Sig. (2-tailed)			0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Ν		7745	7722	7681	7597	7597
Angry	Correlation Coefficient			1.000	.406**	046**	.110**
	Sig. (2-tailed)				0.000	0.000	0.000
	N			7724	7660	7576	7576
Coping	Correlation Coefficient				1.000	068**	.214**
	Sig. (2-tailed)					0.000	0.000
	N				7688	7603	7603
Informal Support	Correlation Coefficient					1.000	176**
	Sig. (2-tailed)						0.000
	N					7603	7603
Professional Help	Correlation Coefficient						1.000
	Sig. (2-tailed)						
	N						7603
**. Correlation is significant a	at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).						
• • • •							Adult Survey





### **APPENDIX VI: Community Engagement Meeting (CEM)** Orientation Materials

Purpose: To provide your input and help inform planning for the FY 2021-22 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Plan Update



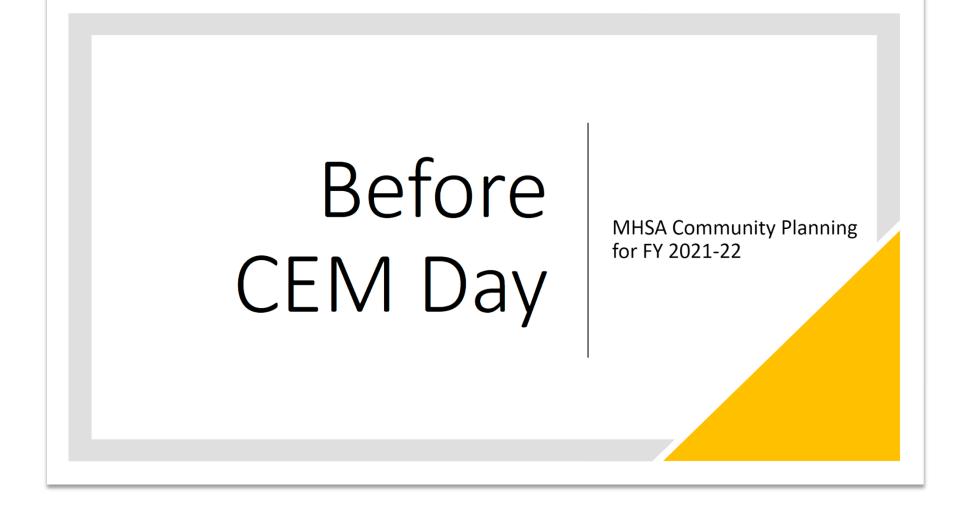


# CEM Orientation for Community Partners

FY 2021-22 MHSA Annual Plan Update

# Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Before CEM Day: How to Prepare
- On CEM Day: Getting Ready
- During the CEM: Review of CEM Materials
- Zoom Breakout Room Practice
- Nuts & Bolts
- Questions



#### **CEM CHECKLIST FOR FACILITATORS**

#### BEFORE THE DAY OF THE CEM

- Confirm the identified Notetaker is available to take notes during the breakout discussions
- Mattend MHSA CEM Orientation
  - Review CEM meeting materials:
    - MHSA Strategic Priorities from Three-Year Plan
    - 2021 Participant Breakout Room Questions
  - Make sure you have a computer or laptop with a functioning microphone and webcam, and stable Wi-Fi/Internet connection
    - **<u>Do not</u>** use a tablet, iPad or smartphone

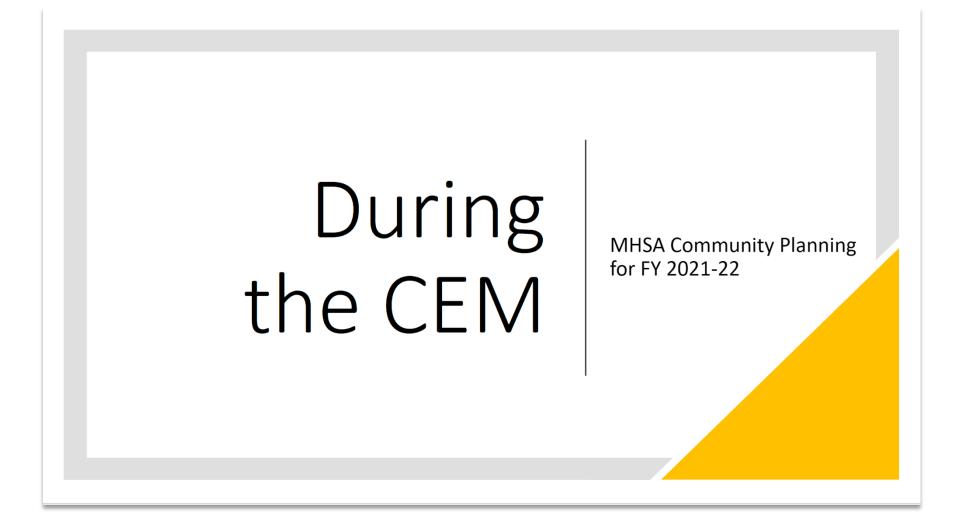
□ Review Zoom facilitator tips on YouTube <u>here</u>



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	CEM CHECKLIST FOR FACILITATORS
Prepare your physical space	<ul> <li>DAY OF THE CEM - BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING</li> <li>Prepare yourself and your environment <ul> <li>Make sure you are in a quiet space with limited interruptions or distractions</li> <li>Be aware of your background on camera</li> <li>Have a bottled water on hand</li> </ul> </li> <li>Have your CEM Facilitator Packet PDF easily accessible. The Packet includes: <ul> <li>MHSA Strategic Priorities from Three-Year Plan</li> <li>2021 Participant Breakout Room Questions</li> <li>CEM Slide deck</li> <li>Participating Effectively as a MHSA Stakeholder</li> </ul> </li> <li>Make sure your computer is plugged in</li> </ul>
Prepare your virtual space	<ul> <li>Have Breakout Session PowerPoint Slides open on your computer and ready to screenshare</li> <li>Close programs, emails, documents or any other materials that are not related to the CEM. Turn off all notifications.</li> <li>Go to your Outlook Calendar to access the Zoom link. Facilitators and Notetakers will log in 15-minutes before the start of the CEM to complete <u>all</u> the following         <ul> <li>Make sure your name on Zoom matches the name provided to HCA prior to the CEM to be admitted from the wait-room</li> <li>Be assigned as a Co-Host by HCA</li> <li>Rename your Zoom name so it identifies your CBO after your name. Example: John Doe, OCHCA</li> <li>Test microphone and speakers to make sure they are working properly</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# Community Engagement Meeting

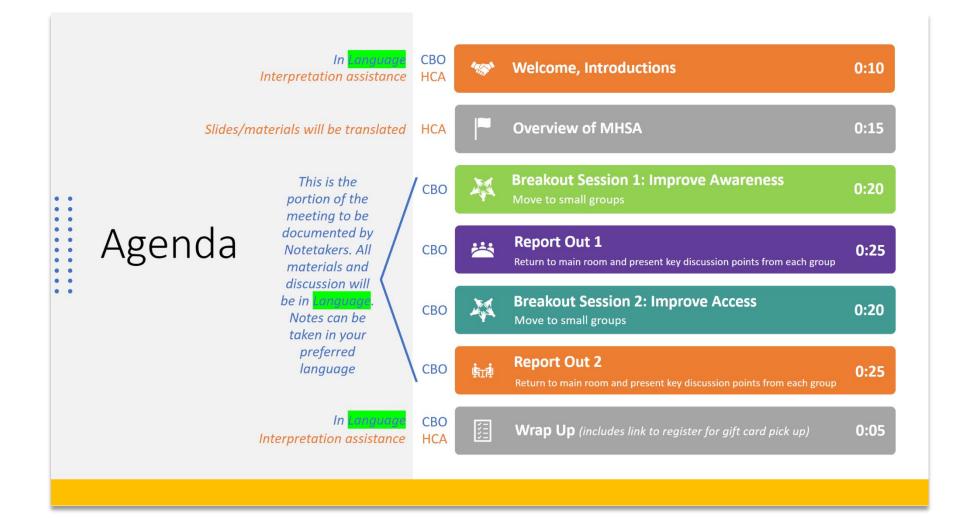


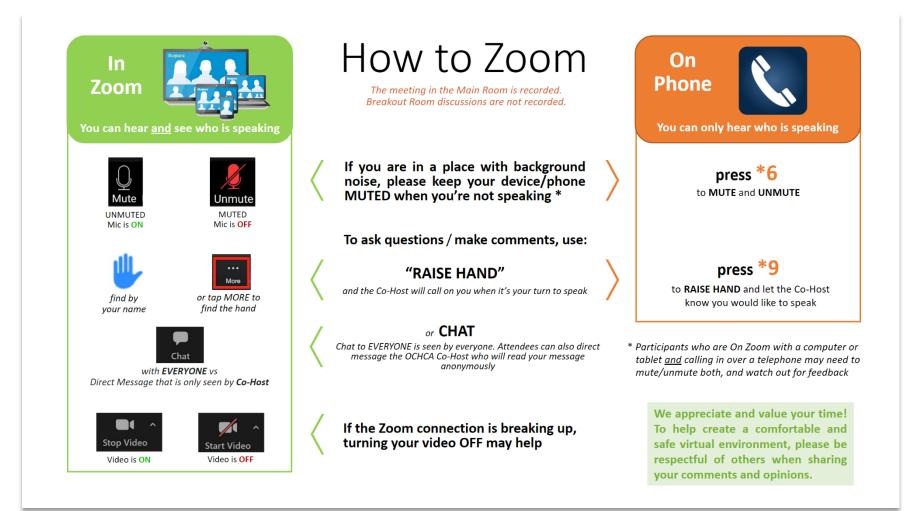
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## How to Claim the Gift Card

Please be respectful of others when sharing your comments and opinions. Participants who use inappropriate or offensive language will be removed from the meeting and no longer eligible for a gift card. We appreciate your ideas and suggestions! Participants who attend the entire meeting are eligible for a \$20 gift card to a grocery store.

All gift cards are physical gift cards and must be received in person.

#### **TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFT CARD:**

- 1. Attend the entire meeting
  - a. We will take attendance throughout the meeting so if you get <u>disconnected</u> we can readmit you to the meeting and you can still participate.

#### 2. Decide how you would like to pick up the card:

- a. Come to HCA in Santa Ana:
  - M W F between 8am-11am (except holidays)
  - T Th between 2-5pm (except holidays)
  - Please call before coming to confirm someone will be available to help you

#### OR

- b. Come to a community location:
  - b. Dates, time and locations to be arranged
  - c. We will email/call when scheduled

#### 3. Tell us what your preference for pick up is:

- a. At the end of today's meeting:
  - Click on the URL link that will be sent through Zoom chat
  - Complete a brief, anonymous feedback survey
  - Click to go register in a separate gift card registration link

#### OR

- b. After today's meeting, contact us at:
  - <u>mhsa@ochca.com</u> or
  - 714-834-3104

# What is MHSA Community Planning?

And why have I been invited to participate?

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# What are MHSA's **Core Values**?



- Community Collaboration
- Cultural Competence
- Client and Family Driven
- Wellness, Recovery and Resilience Focused
- Integrated Services Experience for Clients and their Families

✤ Focus of the Feb-March 2021 CEMs
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# What is the **MHSA CPPP**?

**Community Program Planning Process** 



- Refers to the process used by the County to develop the MHSA Three-Year Plan or Plan Updates, in partnership with stakeholders
- Involves clients with SED/SMI and their family members in all aspects
- Includes participation of stakeholders
- **Provides training**, as needed, to stakeholders, clients and family members participating in the CPPP

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# Who are MHSA's Stakeholders?



- Adults and seniors living with severe mental illness
- Families of children, adults and seniors living with severe mental illness
- Providers of services
- Law enforcement agencies
- Education
- Social services agencies
- Veterans, Representatives from Veterans organizations
- Providers of alcohol and drug services
- Health care organizations
- Other important interests

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- Stakeholders must include representatives of un-/ under-served populations & their family members
- Stakeholders should reflect the **diversity** of the county (i.e., geographic location, age, gender, race/ethnicity)

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Target audience for the Feb-March 2021 CEMs

# What is the **Goal** of the CPPP?



- Through the CPPP, local MHSA stakeholders help:
  - Identify community issues related to mental illness resulting from lack of community services and supports, including any issues identified during the implementation of the MHSA
  - Analyze the **mental health needs** in the community
  - Identify and re-evaluate **priorities** and **strategies** to meet those mental health needs

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#### **COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER INPUT ON NEEDS & STRATEGIES**

County distributes a community survey and reviews other published reports to identify needs and gaps in local behavioral health services.

#### Community Engagement Meetings (CEMs) are hosted to better understand identified needs and gaps and gather additional input on potential priorities and strategies.

#### **ANALYSIS OF INPUT**

County reviews surveys, reports and community input to identify proposed strategic priorities, as well as programmatic changes, improvements and/or implementation strategies.

#### PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Proposed priorities, strategies, changes, and/or improvements to programs are drafted using an analysis of available data, community input and projected availability of funding.

#### **PLAN APPROVAL**

The MHSA Plan is finalized and submitted to Board of Supervisors for approval. Upon Board approval, County submits the adopted Plan to the State.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mental Health Board holds a Public Hearing, where the County presents the MHSA Plan and responds to substantive written public comments received in the 30-day period.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The draft MHSA Plan is posted online and distributed throughout the county for 30 days so the public may submit written comments on the Plan.

#### **PROGRAM BUDGET REVIEW**

Proposed programs and budgets are presented to the MHSA Steering Committee and stakeholders for input and feedback.

# What are the **Steps** in OC's CPPP?



#### Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction

**GOAL:** Further expand on campaigns, trainings and community education focused on increasing awareness of mental health signs and available resources, as well as reducing stigma

**HOW CAN I HELP?** Give examples of how mental health campaigns can be designed to more directly speak to me and my community.

#### **Suicide Prevention**

**GOAL:** Expand support for suicide prevention efforts

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**GOAL:** Improve access to behavioral health services and address transportation challenges

HOW CAN I HELP? Give examples of changes that would make services more welcoming and easier to connect with, particularly for unserved communities.

## FY 2020-23 MHSA Strategic Priorities

### What to **Consider** for the 2021 CEMs?

• Due to the fiscal impact of COVID-19, HCA had to evaluate its MHSA program budgets

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- Initial budget reductions have been identified by HCA and reviewed with the MHSA Steering Committee
- Additional savings are currently being identified to help ensure continuity of services over the next several years

#### What does this mean for the 2021 CEMs?



"In a time of budget cuts and uncertainty, how can we continue to advance the three MHSA Strategic Priorities, especially for individuals who continue to go unserved or underserved...?"

# **Focus** of the 2021 CEMs

Breakout sessions will gather input on two areas that cover all three MHSA Strategic Priorities:

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION 1:**



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Strategies programs can use to improve outreach, advertising and messaging on mental health and suicide prevention in diverse communities

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION 2:**



Strategies programs can use to make mental health services more welcoming and easier to connect with, especially for individuals from unserved communities

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# Breakout Discussion 1: Improving Awareness

20 Minutes then return to Main Room

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### **IMPROVING AWARENESS**

MHSA Strategic Priorities: Expand on campaigns and trainings focused on increasing awareness of mental health, suicide prevention and available resources, as well as reducing stigma

#### **MAIN QUESTION**

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What are the advertising and outreach strategies that would be most effective in getting mental health-related messages out to my community? The least effective?

**EXAMPLES OF ADVERTISING/OUTREACH METHODS:** 

- Billboards .
- Bus Ads
- **Bus Shelter Ads**
- Television
- Radio
- Newspapers
- Internet

- Events/Fairs
- Other

commonly used stations, papers, apps and/or websites?

Which locations?

- Social Media
- Emails

Names of most trusted or

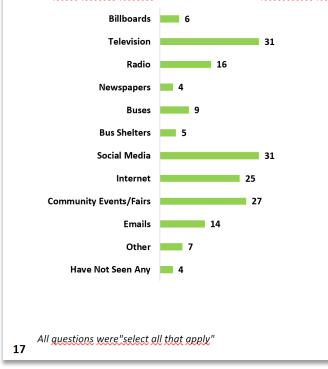
- Who should these come from/
- be hosted by?

- PROMPTS TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND
- What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?
- Are some ways of advertising/promoting better suited for certain types of messages/information than others?
- Are certain ways of advertising/promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.?

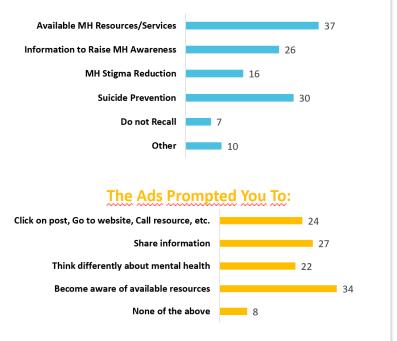
### Participant Polling



#### You Have Seen Mental Health-Related Ads On:



#### The Ads You Saw Were About:



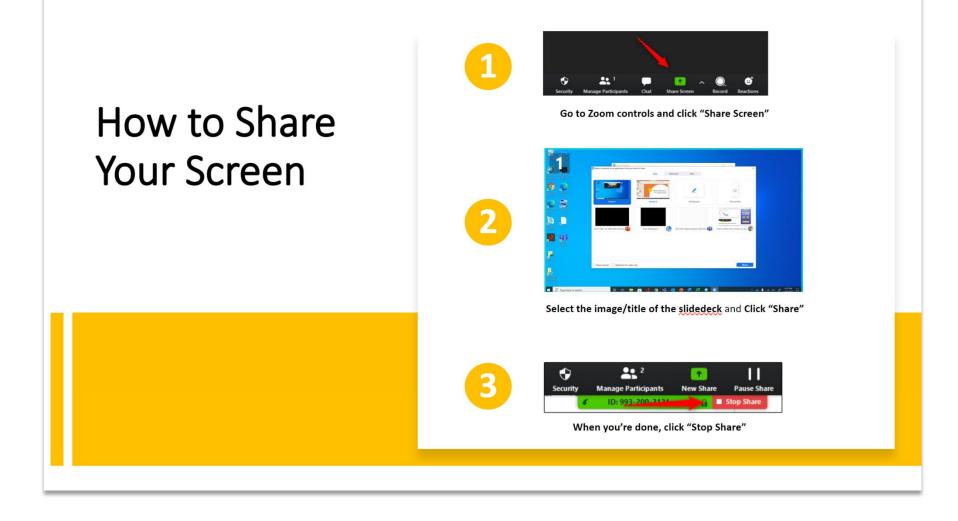
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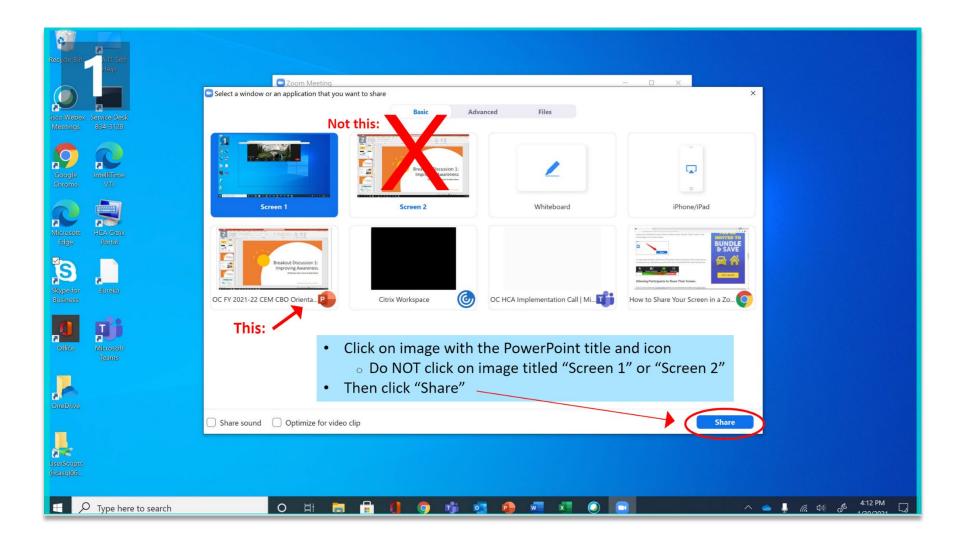
# About the Breakout Rooms



- MHSA Host will assign attendees and Facilitator Co-Hosts to the breakout rooms during the overview
- In the breakout rooms, the Facilitator Co-Host will share their screen and show the *Breakout Room Slides* to help guide the discussion
- The Notetaker can use the "Ask for Help" button if assistance from the MHSA Host is needed
   Participants
   Chat
   Record
   Ask for Help
- MHSA Host may broadcast messages to the Breakout Rooms to help keep track of time
- You will see a 2-minute timer, which is a cue to begin wrapping up the discussion and identify talking points for the group's report out

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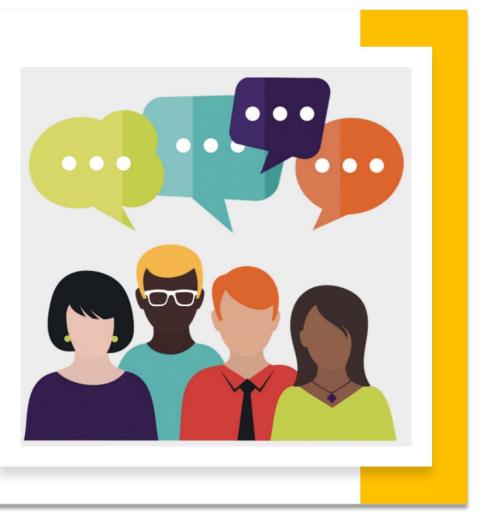
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### Breakout Discussion 1: Report Out

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# Breakout Discussion 2: Improving Access

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### **IMPROVING ACCESS**

<u>MHSA Strategic Priorities</u>: Improve access to behavioral health services, including suicide prevention supports

In recent surveys of Orange County residents (2020) and CalOptima members (2018), two common barriers to accessing mental health services included:

Stigma

"Don't want people to think something is wrong with me" "Did not feel comfortable talking about personal problems"

• Preference for face-to-face services (compared to telehealth during COVID)

#### **MAIN QUESTION**

What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?

#### PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF:

- Cultural practices
- Language: terms/phrasing to use? To avoid?
- Types of interventions that support well-being
- Finding a private space if you live with others to help make a telehealth session more comfortable

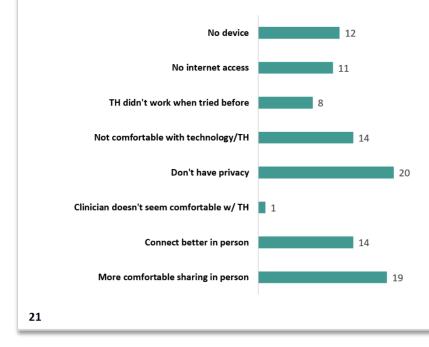
#### PROMPTS TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND

- What types of changes or improvements would make services <u>more welcoming</u> for members of my community?
- What types of changes or improvements would <u>make it</u> <u>easier</u> for my community to connect with services, including telehealth?
- What are short-term strategies the OC Health Care Agency can use now to encourage people from diverse backgrounds (to apply) to work in the public mental health system?

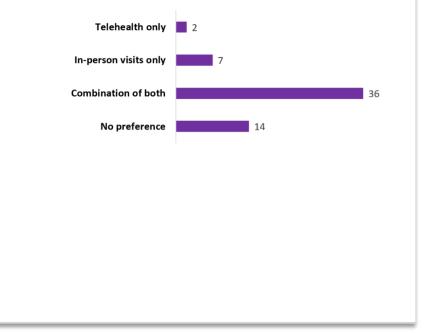
## Participant Polling



Challenges to using telehealth (TH) for mental health or substance use services (select all that apply)



After social interactions and community gatherings are possible again, your preference for appointments is:

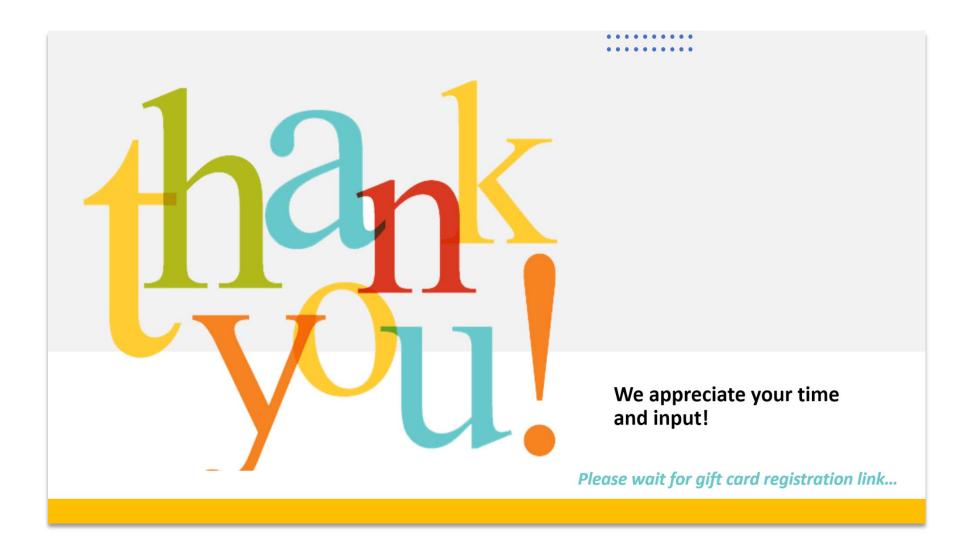


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    - OR
- b. Come to a community location:
  - b. Dates, time and locations to be arranged
  - c. We will email/call when scheduled

### 3. Tell us what your preference for pick up is:

### a. Before leaving the meeting:

- Click on the URL link that will be sent through Zoom chat
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- b. After the meeting, contact us at:
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  - 714-834-3104

# Nuts & Bolts: After the CEM

- Notetakers and Facilitators will share notes to complete an online MHSA Post-CEM Summary survey within three days of the CEM
  - **One** online survey (notes) per Facilitator/Notetaker pair
  - Please complete survey in English <sup>(i)</sup>
     *Link to be sent by HCA*



## Nuts & Bolts



- Confirmation of CBO staff names and Zoom names (*Negar*)
- Discuss gift card distribution plan (Negar)

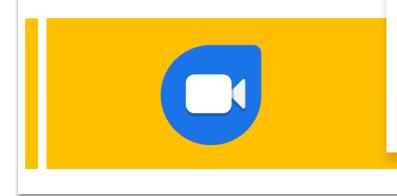
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- Would participants be able to schedule a time to come to HCA to pick up?
  - M / W / F between 8am-11am (except holidays)
  - T / Th between 2-5pm (except holidays)
- Is there another central location participants could go to pick up (that HCA could schedule designated pick up times)?
  - Dates/Times TBD
- Gift card distribution must be scheduled within one month of the CEM

## Nuts & Bolts

### • Optional:

- Troubleshoot 'Share Screen' issues in Breakout Room
- Tutorial on Changing your Zoom login name (*Min*)
- Update your Zoom software!





### **CEM CHECKLIST FOR FACILITATORS**

### **BEFORE THE DAY OF THE CEM**

- □ Confirm the identified Notetaker is available to take notes during the breakout discussions
- □ Attend MHSA CEM Orientation

### □ Review CEM meeting materials:

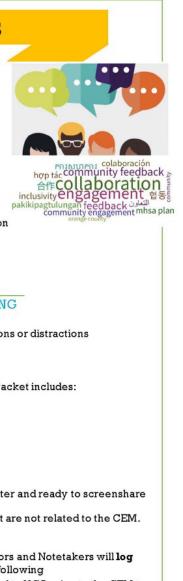
- MHSA Strategic Priorities from Three-Year Plan
- 2021 Participant Breakout Room Questions
- □ Make sure you have a computer or laptop with a functioning microphone and webcam, and stable Wi-Fi/Internet connection
  - Do not use a tablet, iPad or smartphone
- □ Review Zoom facilitator tips on YouTube <u>here</u>

### DAY OF THE CEM - BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING

- Prepare yourself and your environment
  - Make sure you are in a quiet space with limited interruptions or distractions
  - Be aware of your background on camera
  - Have a bottled water on hand

### □ Have your CEM Facilitator Packet PDF easily accessible. The Packet includes:

- MHSA Strategic Priorities from Three-Year Plan
- 2021 Participant Breakout Room Questions
- CEM Slide deck
- Participating Effectively as a MHSA Stakeholder
- □ Make sure your computer is plugged in
- 🗆 Have Breakout Session PowerPoint Slides open on your computer and ready to screenshare
- □ Close programs, emails, documents or any other materials that are not related to the CEM. Turn off all notifications.
- Go to your Outlook Calendar to access the Zoom link. Facilitators and Notetakers will log in 15-minutes before the start of the CEM to complete <u>all</u> the following
  - Make sure your name on Zoom matches the name provided to HCA prior to the CEM to be admitted from the wait-room
  - Be assigned as a Co-Host by HCA
  - <u>Rename</u> your Zoom name so it identifies your CBO after your name. Example: John Doe, OCHCA
  - Test microphone and speakers to make sure they are working properly



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NOTE: The Notetaker can use the "Ask for Help" button for assistance from the HCA Staff



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# Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction

## Expand on campaigns, trainings and community education focused on increasing awareness of mental health signs and available resources, as well as reducing stigma

### **Priority Populations**

### Strategies

- LGBTIQ individuals
- Boys ages 4-11
- Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-25
- Adults ages 25-34 and 45-54
- Unemployed adults
- Homeless individuals
- Individuals living with co-occurring mental health and substance use conditions
- Older Adults ages 60+

- Continue partnering with local groups engaged with the priority populations
- Continue partnering with CalMHSA's Statewide Projects and other organizations
- Partner with media/marketing organizations
- Incorporate findings and recommendations from RAND reports on social marketing

### **Progress Update**

- Establishing and/or strengthening outreach partnerships with
- trusted local organizations that serve priority populations
- Offering range of mental health trainings for various community organizations
- Expanding reach of CalMHSA *Directing Change* project in OC schools
- ✓ Launched local digital stigma reduction and awareness campaigns (click links to learn more):
  - o Stigma Free OC Campaign
  - <u>Stigma Free OC website</u>
    <u>Connect OC Coalition website</u>
  - .
- ⊕ Beginning to increase/expand use of social marketing to promote mental health-related messages

Note: Due to COVID-19, in-person outreach and events were postponed and, where possible, events and activities were transitioned into online and virtual formats.

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# Suicide Prevention

### Expand support for suicide prevention efforts

### Priority Populations

### Strategies

- People from all MHSA age groups
- Homeless individuals
- Individuals living with co-occurring mental health and substance use conditions
- LGBTIQ individuals
- Veterans

 Increase capacity of Warmline and Suicide Prevention Services

- Increase crisis services for youth under age 18
- Increase Crisis Residential Services for adults/older adults
- Continue partnering with OC
   Community Suicide Prevention
   Initiative
- Use strategies from MHSOAC
   Striving for Zero report

### **Progress Update**

- Suicide Prevention Services increased staffing to manage rising call volume and community training requests
  - While there has been some success outreaching to monolingual and limited English-speaking communities, cultural and generational barriers persist and callers continue to be predominantly English-speaking. A gradual shift in perceptions has been observed in younger generations, and there is also growing interest in suicide prevention in the Korean media
- Crisis residential services expanded for adolescents and for adults/older adults
- Examples of resulting activities/campaigns (also leverage CalMHSA's Know the Signs information; click links to view);
  - o Suicide Prevention Campaign for Adult/Older Adult Men
  - o Adult "Help is Here" website
  - o Youth "Be a Friend for Life" website
- HCA ramped up various suicide prevention and mental health resources in response to COVID pandemic (*click here for example*). These and other activities will be crosswalked to the MHSOAC strategies as time permits.

*How can I help?* At the Community Engagement Meeting (CEM), give examples of how suicide prevention campaigns and messages can be designed to more directly speak to me and my community.

# Access to Behavioral Health Services

### Improve access to behavioral health services and address transportation challenges

Priority Populations	Strategies	Progress Update		
<ul> <li>Youth</li> <li>Families with children living with a</li> </ul>	Work with community to identify and integrate culturally and linguistically responsive strategies and approaches	Establishing and/or strengthening partnerships with trusted local organizations that serve priority populations		
mental health condition • Asian/Pacific Islander • Latino/Hispanic	<ul> <li>Offer telehealth/virtual behavioral health care options for people of all ages living w/ significant mental health conditions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Made rapid, systemwide transition to various virtual behavioral health services and supports in response to COVID-19</li> <li>Continuing to work through challenges in accessing, transitioning to, and using technology by providers and/or clients</li> <li>Expanded hours/availability of counseling services</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Black/African- American</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expand school-focused mental health services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Launched outreach, peer support, networking and resource activities for K-12 students, college students and TAY</li> <li>Along with OC Department of Education and OC School Districts, implementing a grant to coordinate referrals and linkages, and to train school staff on mental health topics</li> <li>Waiting for State direction on new Medi-Cal program in schools</li> </ul>		
	Expand transportation services	It ansportation support remains available at reduced levels due to COVID-19; expansion on pause		
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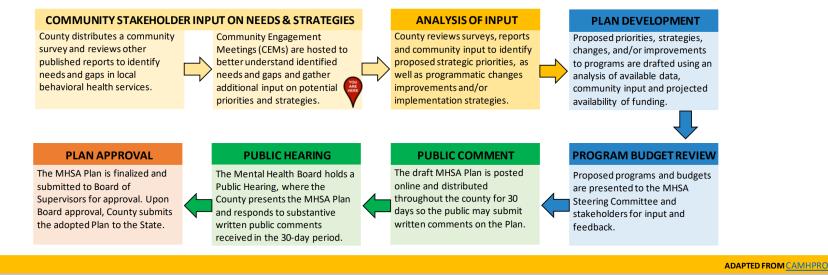


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### WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?

The MHSA was built upon the idea that each local community should take an active role in providing input on the county's mental health service needs and priorities, as well as the funding for those services. This community involvement, referred to as the Community Planning Process, is required by the Act and helps to ensure that county MHSA plans and updates are developed with local stakeholder input. It is an ongoing, inclusive process involving clients, families, caregivers and partner agencies to identify community issues related to mental illness resulting from gaps in community services and support, as well as stigma and discrimination. The Community Program Planning Process assesses the county's current capacity, defines the populations to be served, and determines the strategies for providing effective services. From this process, the MHSA Plan is developed and/or updated.

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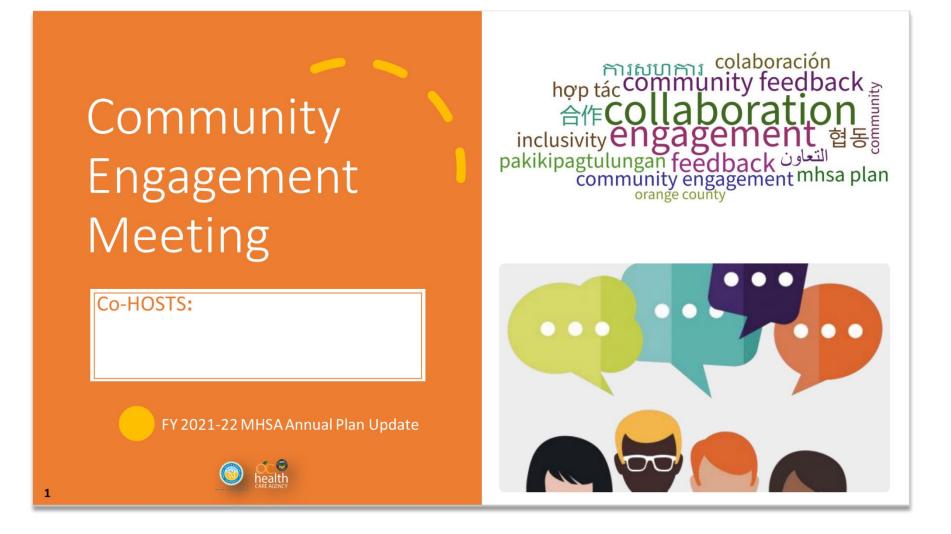


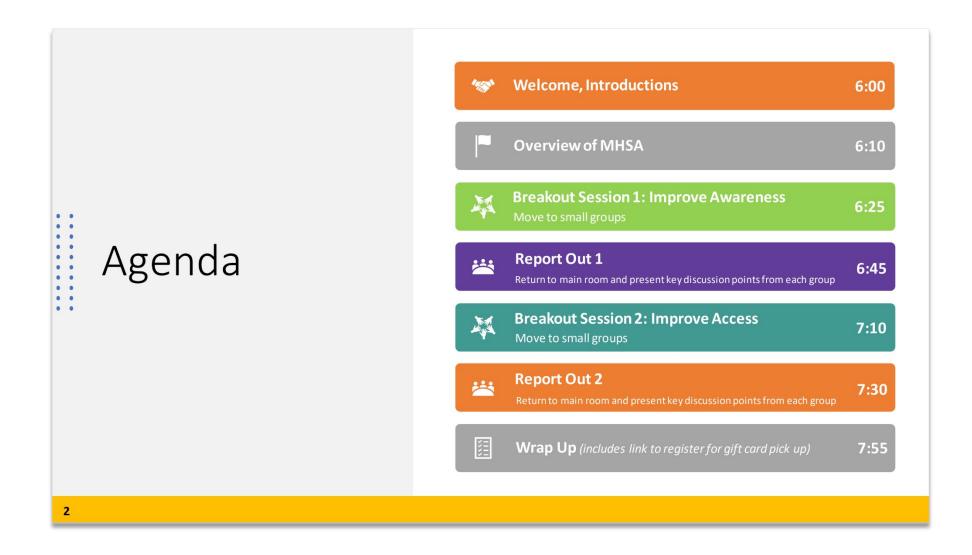
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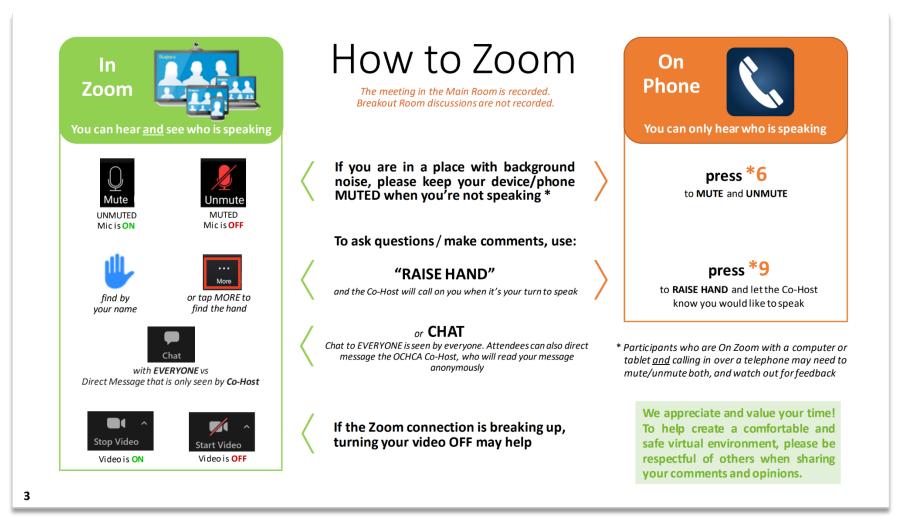
### Tips & Reminders:

- Do not just focus on the problems; remember to focus on the meeting goals
- □ Be prepared to suggest and support solutions!
- Be respectful, noting your points of agreement and disagreement without attacking anyone
- □ Put "principles over personalities"
- □ Find common ground and support each other
- Know how to occasionally "agree to disagree" and compromise
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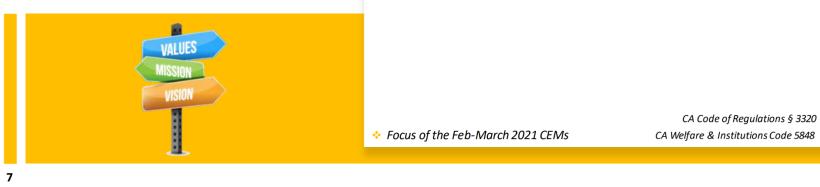
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- Stakeholders must include representatives of un-/ under-served populations & their family members
- Stakeholders should reflect the **diversity** of the county (i.e., geographic location, age, gender, race/ethnicity)

CA Code of Regulations 3300

Target audience for the Feb-March 2021 CEMs

# What is the Goal of the CPPP?



- Through the CPPP, local MHSA stakeholders help:
  - Identify community issues related to mental illness resulting from lack of community services and supports, including any issues identified during the implementation of the MHSA
  - Analyze the mental health needs in the community
  - Identify and re-evaluate **priorities** and **strategies** to meet those mental health needs

CA Code of Regulations 3200.070

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**GOAL:** Improve access to behavioral health services and address transportation challenges

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# FY 2020-23 MHSA Strategic Priorities

## What to **Consider** for the 2021 CEMs?

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- Due to the fiscal impact of COVID-19, HCA had to evaluate its MHSA program budgets
- Initial budget reductions have been identified by HCA and reviewed with the MHSA Steering Committee
- Additional savings are currently being identified to help ensure continuity of services over the next several years

### What does this mean for the 2021 CEMs?

est YOURSELF:

"In a time of budget cuts and uncertainty, how can we continue to advance the three MHSA Strategic Priorities, especially for individuals who continue to go unserved or underserved...?"

# Focus of the 2021 CEMs

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Breakout sessions will gather input on two areas that cover all three MHSA Strategic Priorities:

### **BREAKOUT SESSION 1:**



Strategies programs can use to improve outreach, advertising and messaging on mental health and suicide prevention in diverse communities

### BREAKOUT SESSION 2:



Strategies programs can use to make mental health services more welcoming and easier to connect with, especially for individuals from unserved communities

Breakout Room discussions are not recorded

# Breakout Discussion 1: Improving Awareness

15

20 Minutes then return to Main Room

Breakout Room discussions are not recorded



## **IMPROVING AWARENESS**

<u>MHSA Strategic Priorities</u>: Expand on campaigns and trainings focused on increasing awareness of mental health, suicide prevention and available resources, as well as reducing stigma

### MAIN QUESTION

What are the advertising and outreach strategies that would be <u>most</u> effective in getting mental health-related messages out to my community? The <u>least</u> effective?

EXAMPLES OF ADVERTISING/OUTREACH METHODS:

- Billboards . Bus Ads Which locations? **Bus Shelter Ads** Television Names of most trusted or Radio Newspapers commonly used stations, Internet papers, apps and/or websites? Social Media Emails . Who should these come from/ Events/Fairs be hosted by?
- Other

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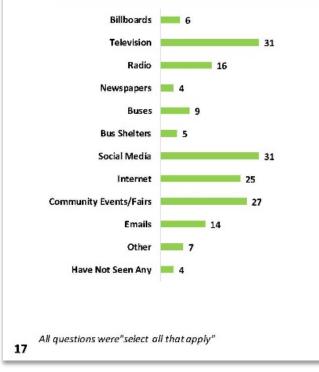
- What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?
- Are some ways of advertising/promoting better suited for certain types of messages/information than others?
- Are certain ways of advertising/promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.?

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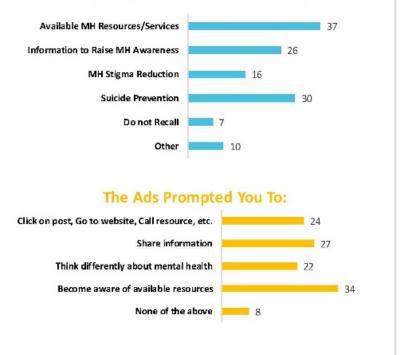
## Participant Polling



### You Have Seen Mental Health-Related Ads On:



### The Ads You Saw Were About:



### Breakout Discussion 1: Report Out

Two minutes per group

Try not to repeat a point someone else has mentioned so every group has a chance to report



# Breakout Discussion 2: Improving Access

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20 Minutes then return to Main Room

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## **IMPROVING ACCESS**

<u>MHSA Strategic Priorities</u>: Improve access to behavioral health services, including suicide prevention supports

In recent surveys of Orange County residents (2020) and CalOptima members (2018), two common barriers to accessing mental health services included:

Stigma

"Don't want people to think something is wrong with me" "Did not feel comfortable talking about personal problems"

Preference for face-to-face services (compared to telehealth during COVID)

### MAIN QUESTION

What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?

### PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF:

- Cultural practices
- Language: terms/phrasing to use? To avoid?
- Types of interventions that support well-being
- Finding a private space if you live with others to help make a telehealth session more comfortable

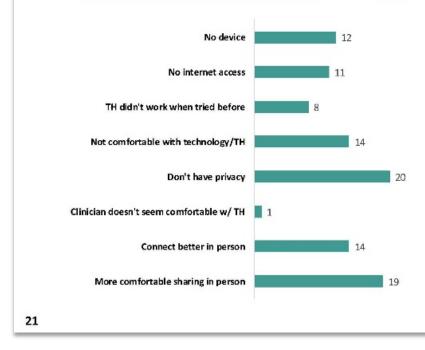
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- What types of changes or improvements would make services more welcoming for members of my community?
- What types of changes or improvements would <u>make it</u> <u>easier</u> for my community to connect with services, including telehealth?
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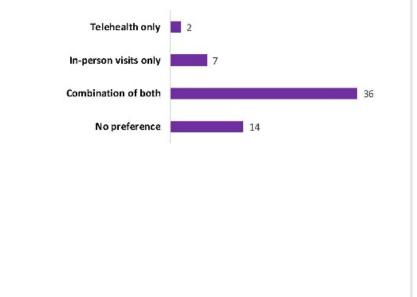
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Challenges to using telehealth (TH) for mental health or substance use services (select all that apply)



### After social interactions and community gatherings are possible again, your preference for appointments is:

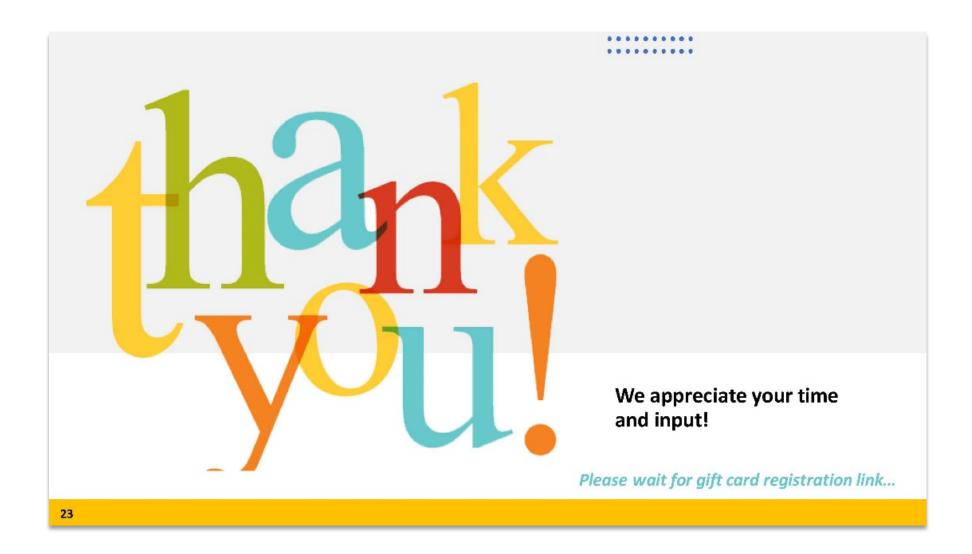


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## How to Claim the Gift Card

Please be respectful of others when sharing your comments and opinions. Participants who use inappropriate or offensive language will be removed from the meeting and are no longer eligible for a gift card.

We appreciate your ideas and suggestions! Participants who attend the entire meeting are eligible for a \$20 gift card to a grocery store.

All gift cards are physical gift cards and must be received in person.

#### TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFT CARD:

- 1. Attend the entire meeting
  - a. We will take attendance throughout the meeting so if you get disconnected we can readmit you to the meeting and you can still participate

#### 2. Decide how you would like to pick up the card:

- a. Come to HCA in Santa Ana:
  - M W F between 8am-11am (except holidays)
  - T Th between 2-5pm (except holidays)
  - Please call before coming to confirm someone will be available to help you OR
- b. Come to a community location:
  - Dates, time and locations to be arranged
  - We will email/call when scheduled

#### 3. Tell us what your preference for pick up is:

- a. Before leaving the meeting:
  - Click on the URL link that will be sent through Zoom chat
  - Complete a brief, anonymous feedback survey
  - Click to go register in a separate gift card registration link

#### OR

- b. After the meeting, contact us at:
  - mhsa@ochca.com or
  - 714-834-3104

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## APPENDIX VII: Analytic Strategy for CEM Feedback

At the time of analysis, 61 feedback surveys were completed via Qualtrics Experience Management Software by representatives that attended each of the community engagement meetings as a facilitator (n = 12), notetaker (n = 37), or both (n = 12). Feedback from these surveys were analyzed using a mixed method approach, allowing for the combining of information from quantitative survey data and qualitative open-ended responses.

#### Analysis of Quantitative Survey Data

First, frequencies for all survey items, including demographics, were computed, and visualized using a combination of Qualtrics Software and Microsoft Excel for each of the survey polling responses (See Appendix, Sample Item: What are the advertising and outreach strategies that would be most effective in getting mental health-related messages out to my community?). This allowed participants to efficiently rank and select multiple choice responses which provided further nuanced detail into their answers. This process led to several key findings, including that even after the pandemic has subsided, participants still prefer a combination of in-person care and telehealth, and that television, social media, and events and fairs are among the most effective advertising and outreach strategies. Billboards, bus ads, and emails were stated as among the least effective.

#### Analysis of Qualitative Open-ended Responses

Next, qualitative responses were analyzed by the MHSA Office Research Staff using phenomenological thematic analysis (See example of coding process):

#### Roses are red, violets are blue $\rightarrow$ Flowers = 2, Color = 2

This iterative analytic approach contrasts thematic analysis that uses a pre-determined, or a priori established set of coding parameters, which does not allow for emergent themes to develop. This approach also provides an impartial framework to compile responses about individual experiences, feelings, and ideas. Analysis was conducted through multiple phases and loops of initial coding, and repeated focused coding. The pertinent, recurring categories and themes were analyzed from constant comparison and inferences gathered from each feedback survey. Themes were reviewed throughout this process first by RA IV (LC), then by the MHSA Coordinator (SI). This led to the development of higher-level categories and new themes to emerge. This procedure was repeated throughout the duration of the qualitative data analysis phase.

Resultingly, a count was tallied each time an emergent theme was mentioned. This led to an average of 3 - 4 themes per open-ended question (Sample Item: What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?), with an average tally of 15 - 30 per theme (See appendix). This process also led to several key findings, including the importance of representation and culturally appropriate messaging, positive messaging, good visuals and color, and simple wording and language accessibility as methods to make advertisements more engaging and memorable. Another key finding was that the modality of which advertisements were marketed using (i.e., Social media for youth, newspapers for seniors and older adults) varied more as a function of age, and less when considering gender or cultural background.

#### **Ancillary Sentiment Analysis**

Using the same open-ended qualitative responses, sentiment was also analyzed using the Quantitative Discourse Analysis Package (also known as QDAP) in R Statistical Software using a general additive (GAM) smoothing model. The sentiment analysis chart illustrates that sentiment scores fell primarily between 0 to +1, indicating a high degree of positive sentiment across the results. Examples of positively valanced words, also known as sentiment, include words such as "joy", "pleasure", or "happiness". Examples of negatively valanced words include words such as "anger", "frustration", or "disgust". Overall, there was a positive response across the CEM surveys. This is important because monitoring community sentiment provides valuable insight for understanding stakeholder support and feedback, particularly over a longitudinal period of time.

## **APPENDIX VIII: CEM Results March 2021**



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MHSA Office March 2021

# Community Engagement Meeting Results



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Community Stakeholder Input on Needs and Strategies

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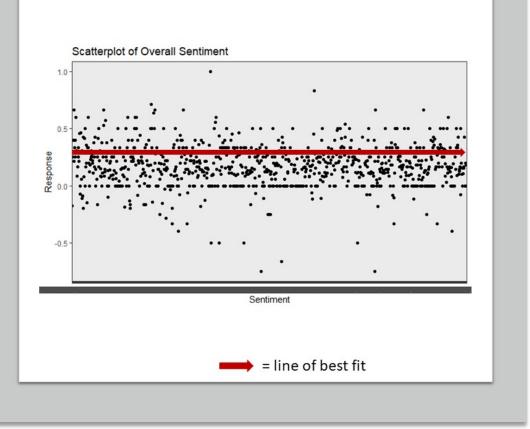
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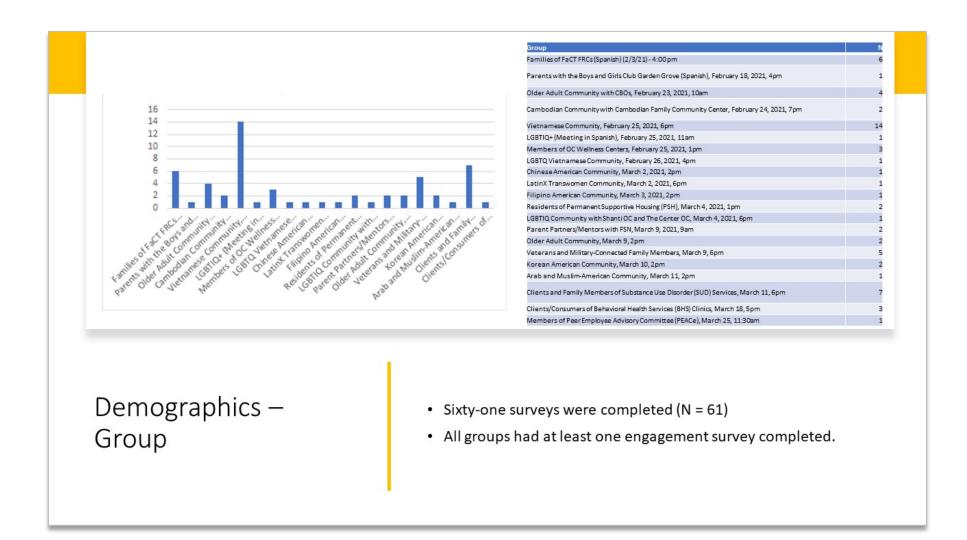


# Post 2021 CEM- CBO Survey Results

### Overview

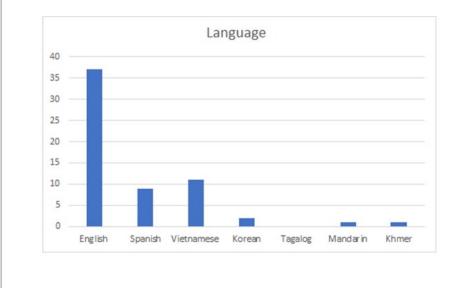
- Overall, participants were positively engaged in providing feedback across the CBO follow up survey results.
- Results using the Quantitative Discourse Analysis Package (also known as QDAP) in R Statistical Software using a general additive (GAM) smoothing model indicated that on average, responses were rated between 0 to +1.
- The sentiment analysis chart to the right illustrates that sentiment scores were mostly between 0 to +1, indicating a high degree of positive sentiment across the results.
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### Demographics – Language

- Primary language of each breakout sessions conducted are reflected below.
- Nearly all languages were also represented, except for Tagalog with 0 members.



Language	N
English	37
Spanish	9
Vietnamese	11
Korean	2
Tagalog	0
Mandarin	1
Khmer	1
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- This session sought to obtain a better understanding of ways to promote awareness of mental health information, resources, stigma reduction, and suicide prevention.
- These include strategies programs can use to improve outreach, advertising, and messaging on mental health and suicide prevention in diverse communities.

## Summary

- Community Engagement Meetings (CEM) data indicated several effective strategies for engaging the community.
- To promote awareness of mental health information, resources, stigma reduction, and suicide prevention, several of the most effective advertising and outreach strategies include social media, television, and events and fairs.
- Other effective strategies include using colorful / artistic advertising and reaching consumers through socializing or word of mouth within respective communities.
- Among the least effective are emails, bus shelter ads, bus ads, and billboards. Other less effective strategies include billboards at a high eye level, and lengthy or spam emails.

# Summary

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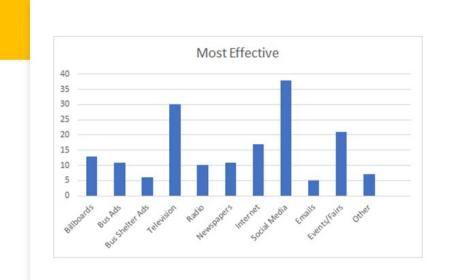
To make an ad more memorable, or something a community member would want to learn more about, participants reported including representation and culturally appropriate messaging, positive messaging, simple wording and accessible language, with good visuals and color.

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Participants shared that providing specific resources, using simple language from specific communities of interest, and short and precise content are some ways of advertising / promoting certain types of messages / information.

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Using social media for younger adults, TV and radio for bilingual and older adults, and community centers for older adults are certain ways of advertising / promoting participants shared for reaching people of different ages and backgrounds.



Most Effective	N
Billboards	13
Bus Ads	12
Bus Shelter Ads	6
Television	32
Radio	10
Newspapers	11
Internet	18
Social Media	40
Emails	5
Events/Fairs	22
Other	7

Most Effective Advertising and Outreach Strategies

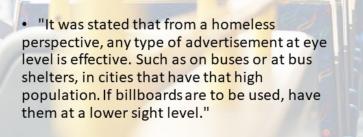
• Social Media, Television, and Events/Fairs were indicated as most effective advertising and outreach strategies.

## Most Effective Advertising and Outreach Strategies – Qualitative Response

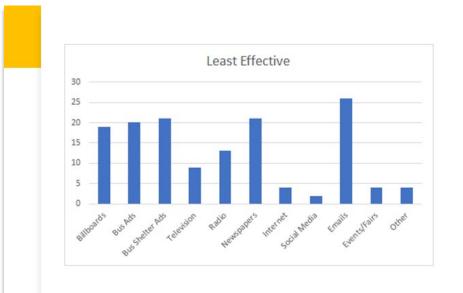
- Other effective advertising and outreach strategies included:
- Using color/colorful or vibrant advertising (n = 7)
- 2. Word of mouth from others such as healthcare providers, family, and friends (n = 8)







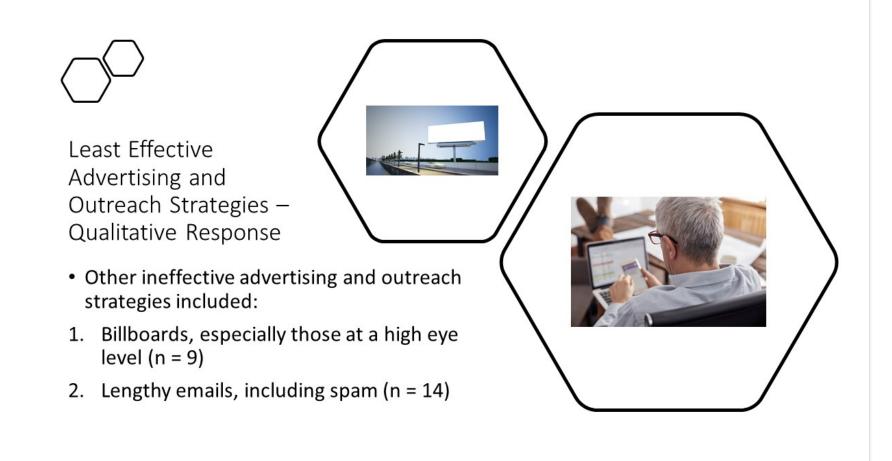
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Least Effective	N
Billboards	22
Bus Ads	22
Bus Shelter Ads	23
Television	9
Radio	13
Newspapers	21
Internet	4
Social Media	2
Emails	26
Events/Fairs	4
Other	4

Least Effective Advertising and Outreach Strategies

• Emails, Bus shelter ads, Newspapers, and Billboards were indicated as among the least effective advertising and outreach strategies.



### Quote

• "Billboards show images of a person crying or in desperate need of help. This, in turn, gives off a scary feeling to the viewer. It can turn the person away from admitting their strong feelings of sadness and despair."

• "It may lead a person to thinking they are vulnerable in the same way the person is depicted in the billboard. It may lead the person to believe that he/she should not talk about these internal struggles as there is a stigma attached and people may view him/her as "crazy, special, or different"."





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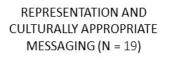
Are certain ways of advertising/promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.? Thematic Analysis



Other comments regarding advertising/outreach strategies

1. What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?







POSITIVE MESSAGING (N = 18)





SIMPLE WORDING AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY (N = 12) GOOD VISUALS AND COLOR (N = 13)

### **Direct Quotes**

• "Avoid scenes of anxiety or panic attacks, someone experiencing depression, etc. Participant said this may be triggering and promote negative stigma that will turn people away. Instead, show someone going through and getting help services / in recovery."

• "Persons talked about Ideas and phrases that help reduce stigma"



2. Are some ways of advertising / promoting better suited for certain types of messages/information than others?



PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESOURCES

(N = 13)



USE SIMPLE LANGUAGE FROM COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (N = 10)



SHORT AND PRECISE CONTENT (N = 7)

### **Direct Quotes**

• "Understanding the culture of the population that is being attempted to reach."

• Encouraging phrases may be most effective when relaying a mental health related message. "It's never too late to reach out for help." "You've worked so hard until now." "Let's do this together." "Don't give up."



3. Are certain ways of advertising/promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.?

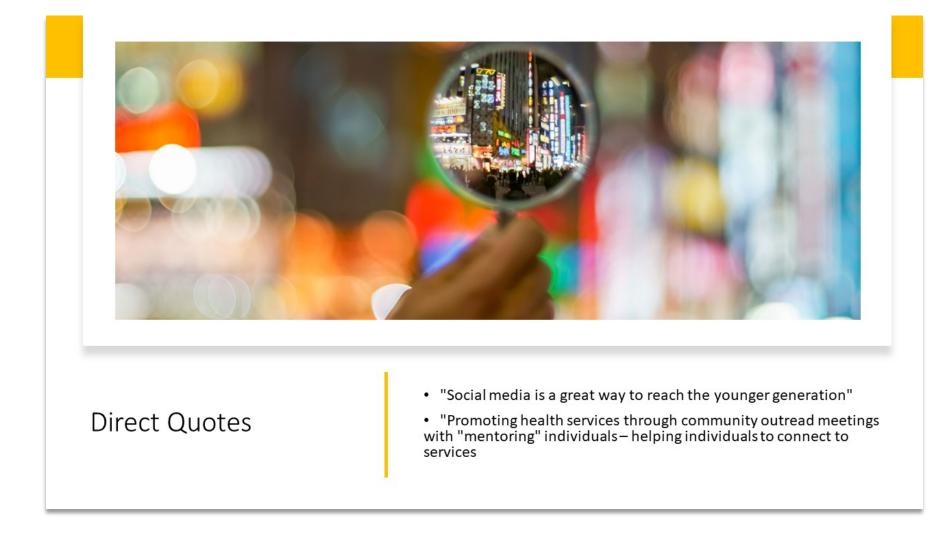




SOCIAL MEDIA (YOUNGER ADULTS) (N = 25) TV AND RADIO (BILINGUAL AND OLDER ADULTS) (N = 16)



COMMUNITY CENTERS OLDER ADULTS (N = 8)



## Popular types of Social Media by Age Range (CEM Feedback)

<u>Youth (0 – 16) / Young</u> Adults (16 – 24)

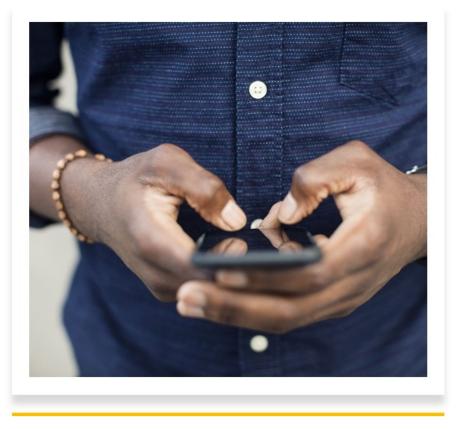
- Instagram
- Tik-Tok
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Snapchat

- <u>Adults (24 65)</u>
- Facebook
- Older Adults (65+)
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- YouTube
- WeChat





Data from the CEM Meeting Survey findings indicate social media is not *always* the most efficient way to reach older adults. Here are other strategies:

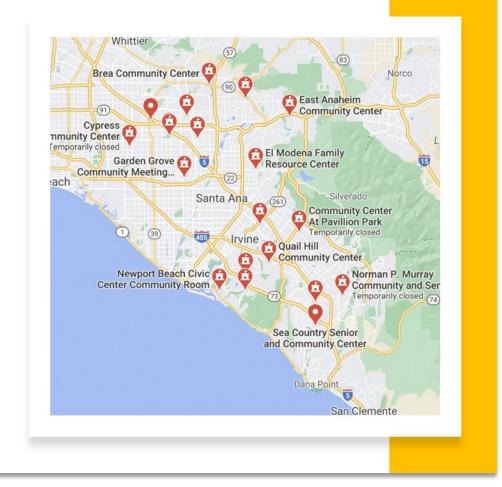


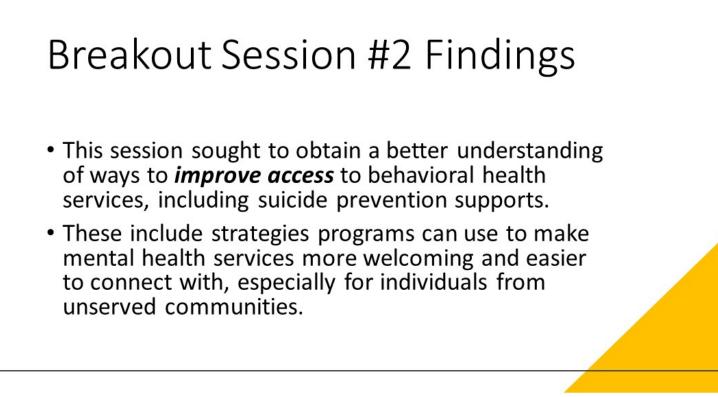
Older Adults Television Programming, Radio, Newspaper (Market Surveillance Scan)

Community Group	Television	<u>Radio</u>	Newspaper/Magazines
Arab and Muslim American	KSCI, MBC4, Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya	Yalla Mazzika	Al Akbhar, Al Arab, Al Enteshar
Cambodian	CTN, CBN, Khmer TV	World Khmer Radio	Khmer Times, Phnom Penh Post, The Cambodia Daily
Chinese	KSCI, Phoenix, ETTV, TVB	AM 1300, AM 1600, AM 1430	Sing Tao Daily, The China Press
Filipino	Myx TV, TFC		
LatinX	Univision, Telemundo	AM 900, AM 1580, AM 930, AM 830, AM 1020, AM 1330	Hoy, La Opinion,
Korean	KBS	AM 1650, AM 1230	Korean Times, Korean Daily
Vietnamese	SBTN	AM 1480	Nguoi Viet, Viet Bao Kinh Te

### Community Center Resources

- Resources may provide interactive links / maps to community center resources
- Note, map is a placeholder
  - Update map based on population density of older adults with link to source data





# Summary

- Community Engagement Meetings (CEM) data indicated ways to improve access to behavioral health services, including suicide prevention supports.
- Cultural representation in learning materials, using a simplified reading level, and providing digital health and literacy education are several helpful ways to overcome barriers to community access.
- Socializing content of services versus solely listing programs or services, using appropriate and representative language, and increasing collaboration or social activities are several changes or improvements that would make services more welcoming for community members.
- Having more services and outreach locations, including a blend of hybrid and in-person services are several changes or improvements that would make it easier for community members to connect with services, including telehealth.
- Providing internships, volunteer opportunities, and outreach in respective communities are several short-term strategies the OC Health Care Agency can use now to encourage people from diverse backgrounds (to apply) to work in the public mental health system.



What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?



What types of changes or improvements would make services more welcoming for members of my community?

# Thematic Analysis



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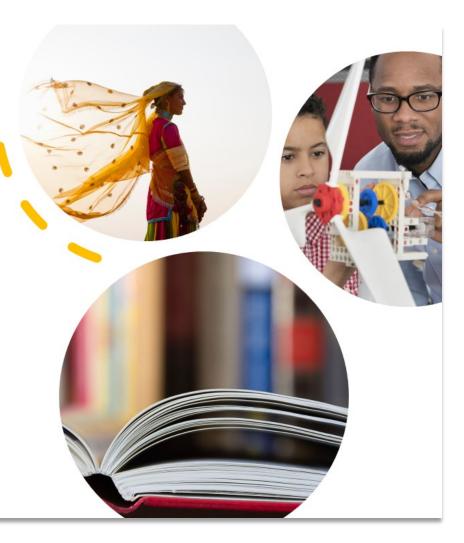
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Other comments regarding improving access

# 1. What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?

- 1. Cultural representation (n = 40)
  - Visual
    - Ex. Culturally appropriate images
  - Verbal (Language)
    - Ex. Spanish, Vietnamese
  - Informal / Symbolic
    - · Less stigmatization of wording
    - Ex. Military vs. civilian phrasing on marketing material
- 2. Simplified reading level (n = 15)
  - Reducing stigmatization of material
    - Ex. Grupos to terapia -> grupos de apoyo emocional
  - Use slogans / phrases
- 3. Technology upskilling (n = 27)
  - Learning and navigating tech
    - Enhancing digital literacy and digital health literacy
  - Access to computers and Wi-Fi



## Quotes

- "Normalizing it from the top down. People in charge in the military need to speak up about mental health. Long wait for appointments gives veterans a sense of rejection, increases stigma, inconvenient and more likely to not engage."
- "Meet people where they are. Make materials appropriate with correct language, images that are culturally appropriate. Colors that reflect a community."
- "Latinx is a term widely accepted and known by younger LGBTQ+ but not by older community members. Salud mental vs Salud emocional vs. salud comportamental most saw stigma attached to mental and comportamental."

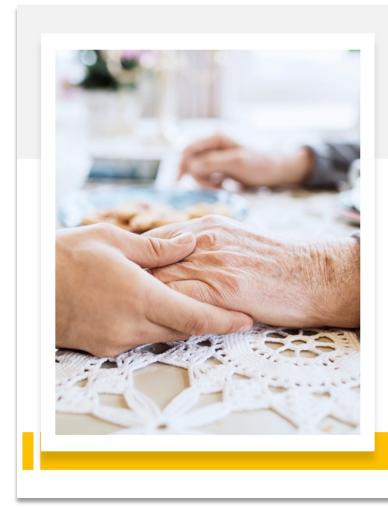




What types of changes or improvements would make services more welcoming for members of my community?

- 1. Socializing content of services vs. listing title of services
  - Ex. Personable branding and marketing content of events, increase transparency of services provided (n = 24)
- 2. Use appropriate and representative language (n = 23)
- 3. Increase collaborative or group activities (n = 10)
  - Ex. Subgroup collaboration, community activities





# Quotes

- "Meet the vet where they are at emotionally."
- "Avoid sterile, hospital-like relationships and counseling spaces that may be intimidating to disclose personal information. Create a more welcoming and home-like atmosphere."
- "Outreach: hitting the streets, visiting cultural centers, person-to-person, speaking common language"

What types of changes or improvements would make it easier for my community to connect with services, including telehealth?

- Having more services and outreach locations (n = 10)
- Include a blended hybrid of remote (n = 49) and in-person (n = 8) services
- This includes reliable access to internet and mobile technology, tech support, and telehealth access at wellness centers.
  - Enhancing educational resources, including digital literacy and digital health.



### Quotes

• "Expand ability to search for inlanguage services. Participant shared that they do not know how to look for services / if there is a database that they have access to use to filter providers."



What are short-term strategies the OC Health Care Agency can use now to encourage people from diverse backgrounds (to apply) to work in the public mental health system?

- Providing internships (n = 4)
- Volunteer opportunities (n = 4)
- Outreach in respective communities (ex. colleges, tabling events across communities) (n = 7)





## Quotes

• "Create more volunteer and internship opportunities for people to get more involved in mental health work without needing to officially join organizations."

• "This would allow people from underprivileged backgrounds to get exposure to the field, which they may not have had before. Expand the opportunity to staff positions afterwards."

## Summary

In sum, it appears that the *preferred method* to reach different groups of people differs most by age group

This in turn effects the appropriate mode of communicatio

•Ex. Social media for TAY; newspapers, television and radio for older adults

Ways to increase impact include:

- Including appropriate language and cultural representation
- •Using bright, vibrant colors
- •Short and simple language
- •Positive, hopeful messaging in ads and marketing materials
- •Language used in ads should also reflect language used in target nonulation, both formally and informally

#### Other ways include:

- •Making services and physical spaces more representative and welcoming
- •This carries over into physical and digital spaces where actual services are delivered

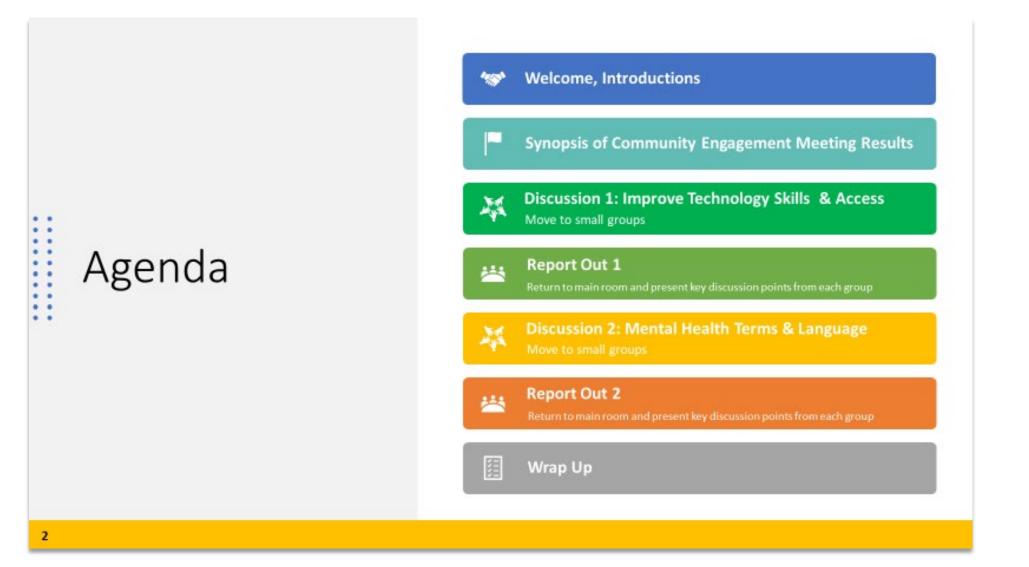
#### Regarding telehealth:

- •People find it easier connect in person and voiced privacy concerns, however, participants still want to be able to use telehealth even after COVID is over
- Other effective strategies to increase usage of telehealth include technology upskilling, providing both digital literacy and digital health literacy
- •Unfortunately, technology access remains a significant disadvantage for many

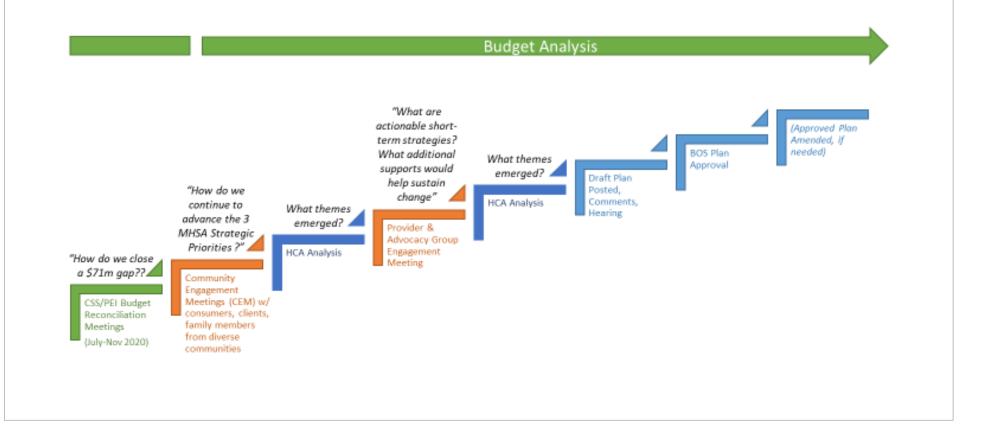


# **APPENDIX IX: Provider Engagement Meeting** Findings





# 2021 Community Planning Process





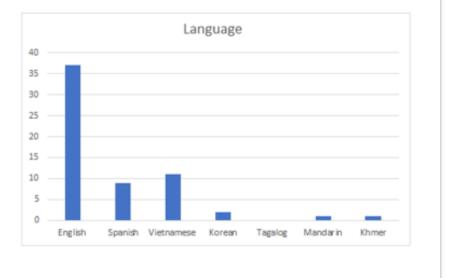
# 2021 CEM Outreach to Priority Populations

Community Engagement Meeting	Date	# Registered	Children	TAY	Adults	Older Adults	Additional Population Characteristics
Arabic/Muslim Community	3/11/2021	8			х	х	
Parents/Families (in Spanish)	2/18/2021	8	х	х			Latino/Hispanic
BHS Consumers	3/18/2021	31			х	х	In Recovery w/ SUD
HCA Peers	3/25/2021	12			х	х	
Cambodian Community	2/24/2021	16			х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander
Chinese Community	3/2/2021	6			х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander
Filipino Community	3/3/2021	5			х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander
Family Resource Centers of OC	2/3/2021	61	х	х			Latino/Hispanic
Korean Community	3/10/2021	8			х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander
LatinX Transwomen	3/2/2021	28					LGBTIQ, Latino/Hispanic
LGBTQ Community (in English)	%/2021	6		х	х		LGBTIQ
LGBTQ Community (in Spanish)	2/26/2021	4		х	х		LGBTIQ, Latino/Hispanic
LGBTQ Community (in Vietnamese/ English)	2/26/2021	6		х	х		LGBTIQ, Asian/Pacific Islander
Older Adults (two meetings)	2/23 & 3/9/2021	26/31				х	
Parent Partners	3/9/2021	11	х	х			
Permanent Supportive Housing Residents	3/4/2021	9		х	х		Persons in Recovery, (Homeless Individuals)
Persons In Recovery	3/11/2021	41			х		Persons in Recovery w/ SUD
Veterans / Military-Connected Families	3/9/2021	30	х	х	х	х	Veterans
Vietnamese Community	2/25/2021	107		х	х	х	Asian/Pacific Islander
Wellness Center Members	2/26/2021	30			х		

#### Languages in which the CEMs were facilitated

- Meetings and/or breakout sessions were facilitated in seven languages (see graph below)
- Meetings facilitated in a language other than English were conducted entirely in the participants' preferred language
- · Post-meeting summaries were all completed in English

- The meeting for Filipino Americans ended up being facilitated almost entirely in English, thus, Tagolog is listed as "0"
- Two meetings facilitated in English supported Farsi-speaking individuals through an interpreter
- One meeting facilitated in English supported Khmer-speaking individuals through an interpreter



#### Community Stakeholder Input on Needs and Strategies

- The HCA partnered with a diverse group of community-based organizations (CBO's) to cohost Community Engagement Meetings (CEMs) with clients, consumers and family members
- The purpose was to hear their recommendations on how to continue to advance Orange County's Strategic Priorities for the current MHSA Three-Year Plan (FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23)

#### MHSA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction
- Suicide Prevention
- Access to Behavioral Health Services

# Input received in the 2021 CEMs

Breakout sessions gathered input on two areas that covered all three MHSA Strategic Priorities:

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION 1:**



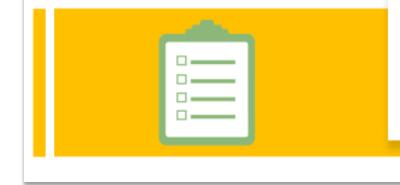
Strategies programs can use to improve outreach, advertising and messaging on mental health and suicide prevention in diverse communities

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION 2:**



Strategies programs can use to make mental health services more welcoming and easier to connect with, especially for individuals from unserved communities

# Collecting input



- A pair of CBO staff joined meeting participants in each Zoom breakout room
- One staff facilitated the group's discussion of the structured questions and another took notes documenting the themes and main points discussed
- The breakout rooms were not audio recorded to encourage open discussion
- Following the CEM, CBO staff submitted their notes summarizing their group's discussion through an online MHSA Post-CEM Summary survey
- 61 surveys were returned and feedback was analyzed and synthesized according to themes



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What are the advertising and outreach strategies that would be <u>most</u> effective in getting mental health-related messages out to my community? The <u>least</u> effective?

What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?

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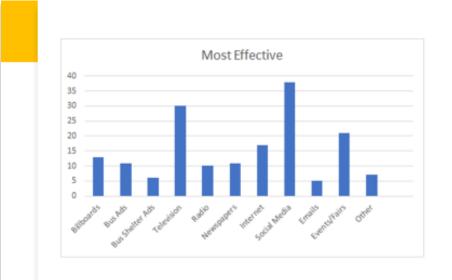
Are some ways of advertising/promoting better suited for certain types of messages/ information than others?



Are certain ways of advertising/promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.?

Other comments regarding advertising/outreach strategies

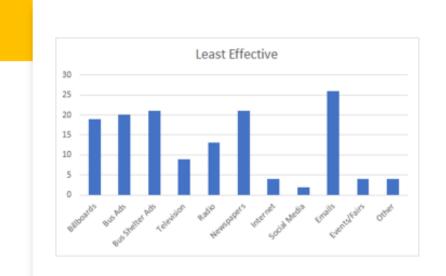
# Breakout Session 1 Responses



Most Effective Methods	N
Billboards	13
Bus Ads	12
Bus Shelter Ads	6
Television	32
Radio	10
Newspapers	11
Internet	18
Social Media	40
Emails	5
Events/Fairs	22
Other	7

Most Effective Advertising and Outreach Strategies: DISCUSSION FREQUENCY

- Social Media, Television, and Events/Fairs were indicated as the top three most effective advertising and outreach strategies
- Maps on to what participants reported in pre-CEM polling as the most common places where they remember seeing an ad

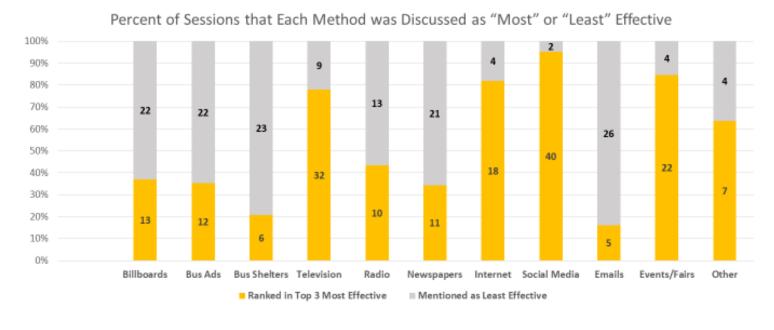


Least Effective Methods	N
Billboards	22
Bus Ads	22
Bus Shelter Ads	23
Television	9
Radio	13
Newspapers	21
Internet	4
Social Media	2
Emails	26
Events/Fairs	4
Other	4

Least Effective Advertising and Outreach Strategies: DISCUSSION FREQUENCY

- Emails, Bus Shelter Ads, Newspapers, and Billboards were rated as among the least effective advertising and outreach strategies
- Maps on to low endorsement in pre-CEM polling as a place where they remember seeing an ad

# Perceived Effectiveness of Outreach Methods



How to read this chart: The more a single color dominates the bar, the more that method was consistently discussed as either effective (yellow) or ineffective (gray) across the various meetings and breakout rooms. Thus, social media, internet and events/fairs were strongly viewed as effective and emails and bus shelter ads as ineffective. The perceived effectiveness of billboard and bus ads was more variable.

# Prompt 1: What would make an ad something you would remember or want to learn more about?\*



REPRESENTATION AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE MESSAGING (N = 19)



POSITIVE MESSAGING (N = 18)



GOOD VISUALS AND COLOR (N = 13 THEMATIC) (N = 7 SESSIONS?)



SIMPLE WORDING AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY (N = 12) APPROPRIATE AND REPRESENTATIVE LANGUAGE (N = 23 (SESSIONS?)

\* Strategies & suggestions below were also discussed as part of "Improving Access" discussion "What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?"

## Representation and culturally appropriate messaging

# "Understand the culture of the population that is being attempted to reach"

- Cultural representation (n = 40)
  - · Visual, i.e., culturally appropriate images
  - Verbal
    - Preferred language, i.e., Spanish, Vietnamese, etc.
    - · Wording that lessens stigma ...
      - i.e., Grupos to terapia -> Grupos de apoyo emocional
    - · ... or accurately reflects culture
      - i.e., Military vs. civilian phrasing on marketing material



#### Positive Messaging: Images

 "Billboards show images of a person crying or in desperate need of help. This, in turn, gives off a scary feeling to the viewer. It can turn the person away from admitting their strong feelings of sadness and despair.

 It may lead a person to thinking they are vulnerable in the same way the person is depicted in the billboard. It may lead the person to believe that he/she should not talk about these internal struggles as there is a stigma attached and people may view him/her as 'crazy, special, or different'."

 "Avoid scenes of anxiety or panic attacks, someone experiencing depression, etc. [...This] may be triggering and promote negative stigma that will turn people away. Instead, show someone going through and getting help services / in recovery."





### Prompt 2: Are some ways of advertising / promoting better suited for certain types of messages/information than others?



SHORT AND PRECISE CONTENT (N = 7)



USE SIMPLE LANGUAGE FROM COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (N = 10)



PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESOURCES (N = 13)

### Language: Positive, Simple, Clear

- Simplify reading level (n = 15)
- Reduce stigmatization of material
- Use slogans / phrases
- · Focus on encouraging phrases:
  - · "It's never too late to reach out for help."
  - "You've worked so hard until now."
  - "Let's do this together."
  - "Don't give up."



Lengthy emails, including spam, can be ignored or missed (n = 14)

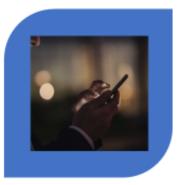
# When Providing Specific Resources...

- "Socialize" the content of services, don't just list the title of services
  - i.e., Make the branding personable, use clear marketing, provide clear descriptions of the events or services being promoted (n = 24)
- Other effective advertising and outreach strategies:
  - Word of mouth from trusted sources, such as healthcare providers, family, and friends (n = 8)





### Prompt 3: Are certain ways of advertising/promoting better at reaching people of different ages, backgrounds, etc.?



SOCIAL MEDIA (YOUNGER ADULTS) (N = 25)



TV, RADIO & NEWSPAPERS (BILINGUAL & OLDER ADULTS) (N = 16)



COMMUNITY CENTERS OLDER ADULTS (N = 8)



What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like [stigma, preference for in-person services over telehealth during COVID]?



What types of changes or improvements would make services more welcoming for members of my community?

# Breakout Session 2 Responses

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What types of changes or improvements would make it easier for my community to connect with services, including telehealth?



What are short-term strategies the OC Health Care Agency can use to encourage people from diverse backgrounds (to apply) to work in the public mental health system? (not reviewed today)



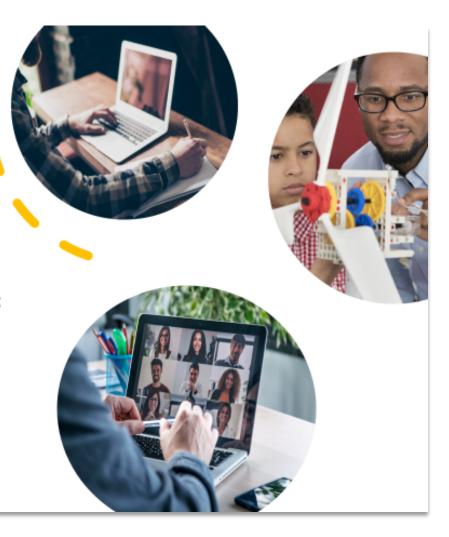
Other comments regarding improving access

### Prompt 1: What would be most helpful to someone from my community in overcoming barriers like these?\*

- Technology upskilling and access (n = 27):
  - · Learning and navigating technology
  - Enhancing digital literacy and digital health literacy
  - · Improving access to computers and Wi-Fi

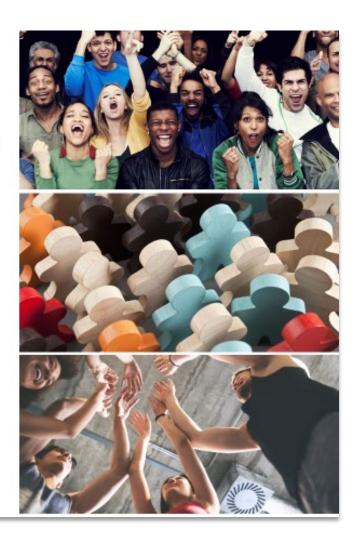


- 1) Stigma
- 2) 2) Preference for face-to-face services (compared to telehealth during COVID)



### Prompt 2: What types of changes or improvements would make services more welcoming for members of my community?

- As mentioned above when reviewing outreach/marketing: Use appropriate and representative language (n = 23)
- Increase collaborative or group activities (n = 10)
  - i.e., Subgroup collaboration, community activities



Prompt 3: What types of changes or improvements would make it easier for my community to connect with services, including telehealth?

- Have more services and outreach locations (n = 10)
- Include a blended hybrid of remote (n = 49) and in-person (n = 8) services
- · Provide:
  - Reliable access to internet and mobile technology, tech support
  - · Telehealth access at Wellness Centers
  - Enhanced educational resources, including digital literacy and digital health

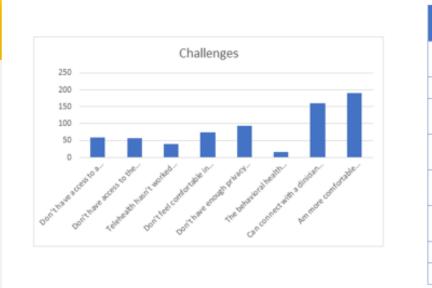


# Continuing the Discussion...

Technology

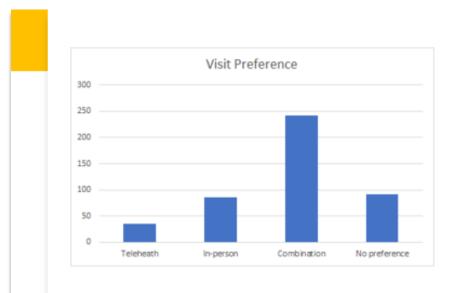






Challenges	N
Don't have access to a device (smartphone, tablet, desktop or laptop) to use telehealth	60
Don't have access to the internet to use telehealth	58
Telehealth hasn't worked when I tried it before (i.e., session kept dropping, could not connect)	39
Don't feel comfortable in ability to use telehealth/technology	74
Don't have enough privacy (i.e., other people are around, others might hear/see, etc.)	93
The behavioral health clinician doesn't seem to like or isn't comfortable with telehealth	16
Can connect with a clinician better in person	160
Am more comfortable sharing in person	191

CEM Polling Responses– What challenges do (or would) you, your family, friends or loved ones face if offered a telehealth appointment for mental health or substance use services? Regarding telehealth, participants reported they are more comfortable sharing in person, can connect with a clinician better in person, and don't have enough privacy (I.e., other people are around, others might hear / see, etc.).



Visit Preference	N
Telehealth	35
In-person	86
Combination	241
No preference	92

Participants were most likely to prefer a combination of telehealth and in-person visits.

CEM Polling Responses– Visit Preference

## **Telehealth Barriers**

Telehealth Technology (check all that apply):	Count
Client cannot connect to telehealth session	8
Once connected, client does not turn on video	4
Connection keeps dropping during the session	4
Once connected, video isn't working properly (I.e., frozen image, spinning circle, etc.)	3
Once connected, audio isn't working properly (garbled sound, audio not synced with voice, etc.)	3
I cannot connect to telehealth session	1
Other (please specify)	2
Total	25

Experience w/ Telehealth (check all that apply):	Count
I don't feel technically proficient enough to use telehealth	4
I don't understand the documentation requirements for telehealth sessions	3
Total	7

Computer / Device Access (check all that apply):	Count
I don't have access to a webcam at my worksite	2
I telecommute and don't have an unlimited data plan or stable Wi-Fi at home	2
I telecommute and don't have access to a webcam at home	1
I don't have a stable connection at my worksite	1
Total	6
What else do you perceive to be barriers to providing telehealth for your clients? (Original text below)	Count
	Count 8
telehealth for your clients? (Original text below)	
telehealth for your clients? (Original text below) Technology (Wi-Fi: n=4)	8
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# Breakout Discussion 1:

## Improving Telehealth & Virtual Services

20 Minutes then return to Main Room

Breakout Room discussions are not recorded



## Improving Technology Skills & Access

#### NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Despite existing challenges, CEM participants overwhelmingly expressed a preference for a hybrid of in-person and remote/ virtual services even after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The challenges with telehealth or virtual services they reported include:

- · Easier to share when face-to-face
- · Lack of privacy during telehealth/virtual services
- Need for education and training on technology and devices, including digital literacy and digital health literacy
- Access to devices and Wi-Fi

#### QUESTIONS

What strategies have you tried to address one or more of these challenges (i.e., improving skills/comfort/privacy during virtual services)? Which approaches worked? Didn't work?

Of the strategies discussed and/or considered, what are you interested in trying?

Are there barriers that you or your organization might face trying to implement these preferred strategies?

## Breakout Discussion 1: Report Out

Two minutes per group

Please try not to repeat a point someone else has mentioned

so every group has a chance to report



# Breakout Discussion 2:

## Mental Health Terms & Language

20 Minutes then return to Main Room

Breakout Room discussions are not recorded



## Mental Health Terms & Language

#### NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Across the various meetings, participants continued to emphasize the role that words play in reducing stigma and making services feel more welcoming. They also stressed the importance of using culturally appropriate language.

#### QUESTIONS

When creating outreach and advertising materials, what terms have you (seen) used for the following constructs?

- Mental illness, mental health disorder, behavioral health, etc.
- Substance use disorder, substance use, drug use, addiction, etc.
- Specific conditions, such as anxiety, depression, OCD/obsessive-compulsive disorder, etc.
- · Clients, consumers, etc.

What impact have you noticed when different terms are used?

Which words/phrases seem to be preferred? Should be avoided?

## Breakout Discussion 2: Report Out

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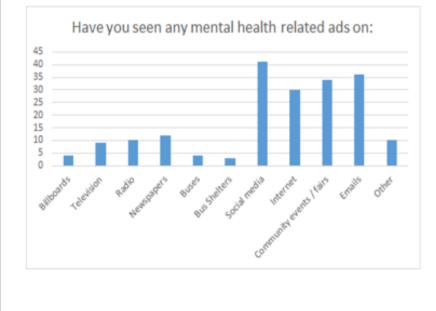




### Pre-Meeting Registration Polling Responses (CEM):

"Have you seen any mental health ads on..." Social Media, Internet, and Television were among the most popular places where CEM participants had reported seeing mental health-related ads.

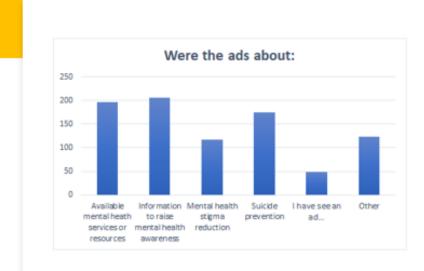
## Provider/Advocacy Group Polling Responses (PEM)



Provider/Advocacy Responses	Count
Billboards	4
Television	9
Radio	10
Newspapers	12
Buses	4
Bus Shelters	4
Social media	41
Internet	30
Community events / fairs	34
Emails	36
Other	10

## Pre-Meeting Registration Polling Responses (CEM vs PEM): *"Have you seen any mental health ads on..."*





#### The Ads Were About

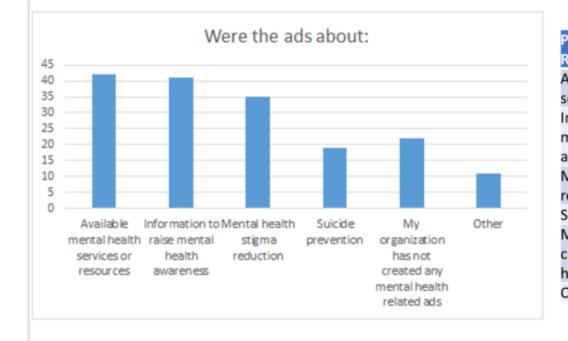
Available mental health services or resources	205
Information to raise mental health awareness	214
Mental health stigma reduction	123
Suicide prevention	185
I have seen an ad but can't remember what it was about	49
Other	123

### Pre-Meeting Registration Polling Responses:

"Were the ads about..."

Participants were most likely to see ads on available mental health services or resources, information to raise mental health awareness, and suicide prevention.

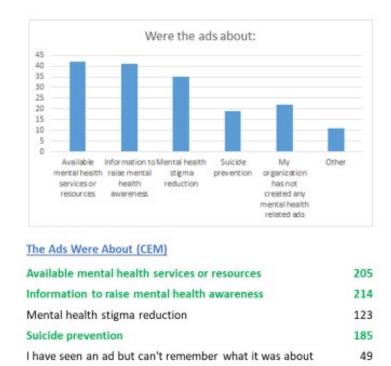
## Provider/Advocacy Group Polling Responses



Provider/Advocacy	Count
Responses	count
Available mental health	42
services or resources	42
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mental health	41
awareness	
Viental health stigma	35
reduction	55
Suicide prevention	19
My organization has not	
created any mental	22
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Other	11

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#### Pre-Meeting Registration Polling Responses (PEM vs CEM):

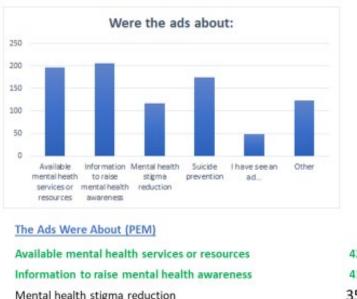


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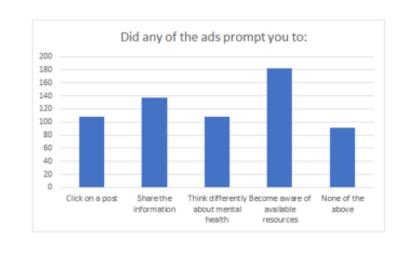
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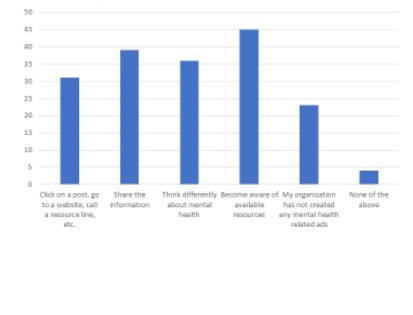
Resulting Action	N
Click on a post	114
Share the information	146
Think differently about mental health	112
Become aware of available resources	190
None of the above	91

### Pre-Meeting Registration Polling Responses:

"Did any of the ads prompt you to..."

Once an ad was seen, participants were most likely prompted to **become aware** of available resources, **share** the information, and **click on a post** 

## Provider/Advocacy Group Polling Responses



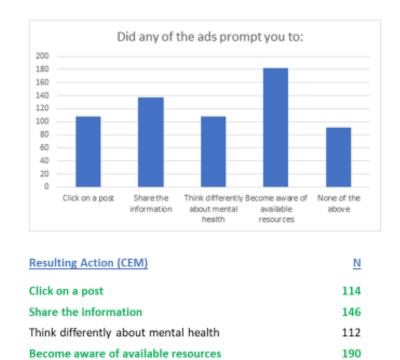
The goal of the ad(s) was/were to prompt people to ...

	Count
Click on a post, go to a website, call a resource line, etc.	31
Share the information	39
Think differently about mental health	36
Become aware of available resources	45
My organization has not created any mental health related ads	23
None of the above	4

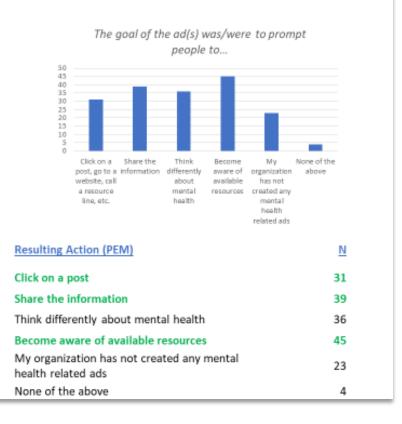
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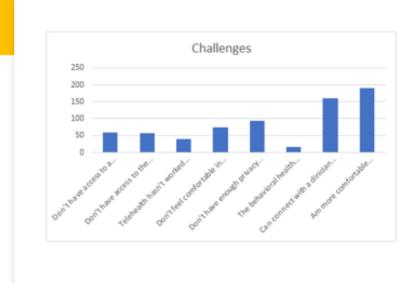
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### Provider / Advocacy Group Breakout Room #2

- (N = 56) Prompt #1 When creating outreach and advertising materials, what terms have you (seen) used for the following constructs?
  - · Mental illness, mental health disorder, behavioral health, etc.
  - Substance use disorder, substance use, drug use, addiction, etc.
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- · Which words/phrases seem to be preferred? Should be avoided?



#### Person First Recovery Language

"A person with a mental illness" "Mental health condition"

"Person with an alcohol use disorder"

"User" "Person with a substance use disorder"

"Person living in recovery"

"Recurrence of use"

### **Direct Quotes**

- "Talk about individuals and their issues and positive recovery outcomes, rather than general categories based on "diagnoses" that inevitably carry stigmatic connotations as well as dehumanizing and de-personalizing the entire therapeutic and recovery process"
- "Focus on humility and honor of the person, begin with "person", ask people what they prefer (e.g., client, consumer, person), promote language of suffering, language of positive state, resiliency, hope, what the service offers. Desire to do justice to the person"



### Prevention and Early Intervention

 "Yes, planning for the future includes shifting our focus to youth services for education, screening, and intervention. If we do this well, we will save live and blunt the cost of care for mental health related conditions in adulthood."

## APPENDIX X: Description of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Screening Criteria and Procedures

#### **AOT Purpose**

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) is intended to interrupt the cycle of hospitalization, incarceration and homelessness for adults ages 18 and older who are living with serious mental illness and have been unable and/or unwilling to participate in mental health services on a voluntary basis.

#### **AOT Criteria**

In accordance with California Assembly Bill 1421 (AB 1421, also known as "Laura's Law"), the following criteria must be met for a person to qualify for AOT:

- 1. Adult is 18 years or older and suffering from a serious mental health illness;
- 2. A clinical determination is made that the person is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision;
- 3. A history of lack of compliance with treatment for mental illness, in that at least one of the following is true:
  - a. The person must have two or more psychiatric hospitalizations in the past 36 months (or been placed on the acute mental health unit in jail); or
  - b. The person has had one or more serious acts or threats of violence in the past 48 months;
- 4. The person has been offered an opportunity to participate in a treatment plan and continues to fail to engage in treatment;
- 5. The person's condition is substantially deteriorating;
- 6. It is likely the person will benefit from assisted outpatient treatment;
- 7. Assisted outpatient treatment is necessary to prevent relapse or deterioration that would be likely to result in grave disability or serious harm to self or others; and
- 8. Participation in the AOT program would be the least restrictive placement necessary to ensure the person's recovery and stability.

#### **AOT Screening & Eligibility Determination**

Per the legislation, the following individuals (also known as "qualified requestors") may refer a person for an AOT evaluation: (1) immediate family members such as a parent, sibling, spouse or adult children of the person; (2) adults residing with the person; (3) the director of any public or private agency, treatment facility, licensed residential care facility or hospital in which the person is a resident or patient; (4) a licensed mental health professional treating the individual; or (5) a peace officer, parole or probation officer supervising the individual. Orange County has established a toll free number (1 (855) 422-1421) for the general community to call for more information about the AOT program and for qualified requestors to make AOT referrals.

Due to the complexity of qualifying for AOT, Orange County has dedicated a trained, County-operated team to screen and assess all individuals referred for an AOT evaluation. The team determines whether referred individuals qualify for AOT, engages those who meet AOT criteria and attempts to link them directly to voluntary services prior to going through the court system as follows:

- Upon receiving a referral from a qualified requestor, the team connects with the requestor to gather additional information about the referral, including identifying information about the requestor and the referred individual; information about their circumstances; and the reason(s) for the AOT referral.
- When an AOT candidate appears to meet criteria for AOT but refuses voluntary services, a licensed clinical psychologist from the team meets with the candidate, reviews their records, and conducts a psychological assessment to determine if they meet AOT criteria.
- If the AOT candidate continues to meet criteria and refuses voluntary services, they may be ordered by the court to participate in the AOT FSP. Despite a court order to participate, however, the judge cannot impose involuntary treatment should a participant fail to comply because AOT in Orange County has been implemented with MHSA funds, which can only be used for voluntary services.

#### Strategies to Improve Timely Access to Services for Underserved Populations

There are many issues that may keep individuals from engaging in services including limited insight into the mental illness that results in non-compliance with treatment; homelessness or risk of homelessness; history of incarceration; difficulty finding permanent housing; lack of transportation; limited income and limited support. The team works to overcome these barriers by engaging in frequent contact with the participant through visits to their home, hospital, correctional facility or any place the participant is known to be. These contacts focus on building therapeutic relationships that facilitate trust, linkage to services and, ultimately, treatment adherence. Transportation support is also provided for participants as needed. In addition, the team has access to all languages through the use of a contracted interpreter service provider in order to minimize any potential language barriers.

Of those linked to services, an overwhelming majority continue to accept services voluntarily (76-81% over the past three years), thus demonstrating the team's success in working with this marginalized and unserved population.

AOT Assessment & Linkage Team Activity				
	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
# Referrals	637	488	611	441
# Eligible for AOT	193	194	222	158
# Linked to Service	193	194	222	158
% Voluntarily Linked to Serviœs	76%	80%	81%	82%
76 Voluntaring Elliked to Services	(n=147)	(n=156)	(n=179)	(n=130)

#### **Community Impact**

Through FY 2019-20, the AOT ALT has provided services to over 2,100 individuals since its inception in October 2014 and continues to receive a high volume of referrals through the toll-free number (approximately 20 to 25 each month). In addition to providing assessment and linkages services to eligible individuals, the

team also provides the community with information about AOT in Orange County. The program responded to 369 calls in FY 2019-20, 303 calls in FY 2018-19 and 582 informational calls in FY 2016-17.

## **APPENDIX XI: Glossary of Outcome Measures**

#### **Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7)**

- **Description:** The GAD-7 is a widely used, 7-item measure of anxiety. It assesses the severity of symptoms related to social phobia, post-traumatic stress disorder and panic disorder. Scores can be classified according to their severity level (i.e., minimal, mild, moderate, severe, etc.).
- Rater: Clinician, staff, self-report; for individuals ages 18 and older

#### **Grief Experiences Questionnaire (GEQ)**

- **Description:** The GEQ is a 55-item measure of grief that captures the unique experience associated with losing someone to suicide. It assesses various components of grief and generates on overall score, as well as the following subscale scores:
  - Somatic Reactions
  - General Grief Reactions
  - Search for Explanation
  - Loss of Social Support
  - Stigmatization
  - Self-destructive Behavior or Orientation
  - Feelings of Guilt
  - Responsibility
  - Shame or Embarrassment
  - Abandonment or Rejection
  - Unique Reactions (i.e., reactions specific to this unique form of death).
- Rater: Self-report for adults ages 18 and older

#### North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS)

**Description:** The NCFAS is an assessment tool designed to examine family functioning at the individual and aggregate level. Family functioning is measured on five domains. It is used to inform the development of a service plan, as well as assess changes in family functioning between pre-and post-service delivery.

The family functioning domains assessed include:

- Environment (i.e., housing stability/habitability, neighborhood safety, etc.).
- Parental Capabilities (i.e., supervision/disciplinary practices, enrichment opportunities, etc.).
- Family Interactions (i.e., emotional support, family bonding, etc.).
- Family Safety (i.e., abuse and/or neglect of children).
- Child Well-Being (i.e., mental health, behavior, school performance, etc.).

The NCFAS-General Services also assesses the following general functioning domains:

- Social/Community Life (i.e., social relationships, connection to neighborhood/cultural/ ethnic community, relationships with child care, schools, extracurricular services, etc.).
- Self-Sufficiency (i.e., stability of caregiver employment, family income).
- Family Health. (i.e., physical and mental health of the caregiver).
- Rater: Clinician, Staff

#### Outcome Questionnaire (OQ) 30.2

- **Description:** The OQ measures the treatment progress for adults receiving any form of behavioral health treatment. This 30-item scale is sensitive to short-term change and assesses the frequency with which adults are experiencing general psychopathology symptoms and functioning related to intrapersonal distress, somatic concerns, interpersonal relations, social problems, behavioral dysfunction, and more. The measure contains a clinical cutoffs that identifies scores that fall in the clinical range of severity, as well as a reliable change index that quantifies whether the difference between baseline and follow-up scores is clinically meaningful rather than the result of random fluctuations.
- Rater: Self-Report for adults ages 18 and older

#### Parenting Children and Adolescents (PARCA-SE)

- **Description:** The PARCA-SE is a brief self-report measure designed to assess the frequency in which parents engaged in three important types of parenting behaviors. This measure consists of 19 questions that generate an Overall Score, as well as the following three subscale scores:
  - Supporting Positive Behavior (e.g., "Notice and praise your child's good behavior?").
  - Setting Limits (e.g., "Make sure your child followed the rules you set all or most of the time?")
  - Proactive Parenting (e.g., "Prepare your child for a challenging situation.").

Each question rates how often they were able to engage in each parenting strategy on a scale from 1 (not at all) to 7 (most of the time) during the last month.

• *Rater:* Self-report for parents/caregivers

#### Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

- **Description:** The PHQ-9 is a widely used, 9-item screening instrument for diagnosing, monitoring and measuring the severity of depression. Scores can be classified according to their severity level (i.e., minimal, mild, moderate, moderately severe, severe).
- Rater: Clinician, staff, self-report; for individuals ages 18 and older

#### Profile of Mood States (POMS)

- **Description:** The POMS is a scale that assesses the extent to which an individual is experiencing affective mood states: calm, agitated, annoyed, anxious, confused, depressed, helpless, overwhelmed, uncertain and worried.
- *Rater:* Self-rated (verbal rating) by individuals of any age calling the WarmLine

#### **PROMIS Global Health**

- **Description:** The PROMIS Global Health is a 10-item self-assessment of a participant's perceived overall health and functioning. This measure is from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Patient Reported Outcome Measurement Information System (PROMIS) and includes subscales for Global Mental Health and Global Physical Health with a measure-defined cutoff score for each of the subscales.
- *Rater*: Self-report for adults ages 18 and older

#### **PROMIS Pediatric Global Health**

- **Description:** The PROMIS Pediatric and PROMIS Parent Proxy Global Health are 7-item measures that assess a child's overall evaluations of their physical, mental and social health. These scales are conceptually equivalent to its PROMIS adult counterpart, except these measures yield a single global health score that do not have a cutoff.
- Rater: Self-report for youth ages 8-17; parent-report for youth ages 5-17

#### Youth Outcome Questionnaire (YOQ)

- YOQ 30.2 Description: The YOQ is the youth analog of the OQ 30.2. It is sensitive to short-term change and assesses the frequency with which youth are experiencing general psychopathology symptoms and functioning related to intrapersonal distress, somatic concerns, interpersonal relations, social problems, behavioral dysfunction, and more. The measure contains a clinical cutoff that identifies scores that fall in the clinical range of severity, as well as a reliable change index that quantifies whether the difference between baseline and follow-up scores is clinically meaningful.
- **YOQ 2.0 Description:** The YOQ is the youth analog of the OQ 30.2. It is sensitive to short-term change and assesses the frequency with which youth are experiencing general psychopathology symptoms and functioning related to intrapersonal distress, somatic concerns, interpersonal relations, social problems, behavioral dysfunction, and more. The measure contains a clinical cutoff that identifies scores that fall in the clinical range of severity, as well as a reliable change index that quantifies whether the difference between baseline and follow-up scores is clinically meaningful.
- *Rater (Both instruments)*: Self-report for youth ages 12-18; parent-report for youth ages 4-17.

## APPENDIX XII: Orange County MHSA Program Providers and Contracts by Service Area

Mental Health Awareness & Stigma Reduction Campaigns & Education		
PROGRAM: Outreach for Increasing Recognition of Early Signs of Mental Illness		
Portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by Behavioral Health Training Services (BHTS) Office through former Behavioral Health Community Training & Technical Assistance	Provider: County Provider: Western Youth Services Contract Name: Behavioral Health Training Services	
Portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services	<b>Provider:</b> Charitable Ventures Orange County <b>Contract Name:</b> Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services	
Portion of "Outreach for Increasing	Provider: Latino Center for Prevention and Action in Health & Welfare dba Latino Health Access Contract Name: K-12 School-Based Mental Health Training Services Provider: Orange County Department of Education for provision	
Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former K-12 School-Based Mental Health Services Expansion	Contract Name: K-12 School-Based Mental Health Education Services	
	<b>Provider:</b> Center for Applied Research Solutions <b>Contract Names:</b> K-12 School-Based Mental Health Resource Development Services, K-12 School-Based Mental Health Community Networking Services	

I	Provider: Laguna Play House
	Contract Name: Transitional Age Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Outreach Services
Portion of "Outreach for Increasing Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former Services for TAY and Young Adults	<b>Provider:</b> NAMI OC <b>Contract Name:</b> Transitional Age Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Educational Activities
	Provider: National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency
	Contract Names: Transitional Age Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Community Networking Services
Portion of "Outreach for Increasing	Provider: County
Recognition" budget Operated by PEI through former Outreach and Engagement Collaborative/Mental Health & Well-Being	<b>Provider:</b> Other(s) TBD; solicitation to be released to add contracted provider(s)
Promotion for Diverse Communities	Contract Name(s): TBD
Portion of "Outreach for Increasing	Provider: County
Recognition" budget operated by PEI through former Statewide Projects	Contract Name: Participation Agreement with CalMHSA
(includes local mental health campaigns)	Contract Name: Mental Health Awareness Campaign with Angels Baseball LP
	Provider: Council on Aging Southern California
	Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services
	Provider: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Orange County
Mental Health Community Education Events for Reducing Stigma and Discrimination	
	Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services
	Provider: Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County
	Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services

Provider: Access California Services
Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services
Provider: Casa De La Familia
Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services
Provider: Latino Center for Prevention and Action in Health and Welfare dba Latino Health Access and dba
LACPRACH
Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services
Provider: Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA)
Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services
Provider: Wellness and Prevention Foundation dba Wellness Prevention Center
Contract Name: Mental Health Community Educational Event Services

Prevention Programs	
School Readiness	<b>Provider:</b> Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center, Inc. dba Child Abuse Prevention Center <b>Contract Name:</b> School Readiness Services
	Provider: Children's Bureau of Southern California

	Contract Name: School Readiness Services
	Provider: Phoenix House Orange County, Inc.
	Contract Name: School Based Behavioral Health Intervention and Support Services
School-Based Behavioral Health Interventions and Support	
	Provider: Western Youth Services
	Contract Name: School Based Behavioral Health Intervention and Support Services
School-Based Stress Management	Provider: Orange County Superintendent of Schools dba Orange County Department of Education
School-based Stress Management	Contract Name: School Based Stress Management Education Services
Violence Prevention Education	Provider: Orange County Superintendent of Schools dba Orange County Department of Education
	Contract Name: School Based Violence Prevention Education Services
Gang Prevention Services	Provider: Waymakers
	Contract Name: School-Based Gang Prevention Services
	Provider: Olive Crest
Parent Education Services	Contract Name: Parent Education Services
	Provider: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Orange County
Family Support Services	Contract Name: Family Support Services
Children's Support and Parenting	Provider: County

Access and Linkage to Treatment/Services	
OC Links (PEI)	Provider: County
BHS Outreach and Engagement (PEI)	Provider: County
Multi-Service Center for Homeless Mentally Ill Adults	Provider: Orange County Association for Mental Health dba Mental Health Association of Orange County Contract Name: Multi-Service Center Services for Homeless Mentally III Adults
Open Access	Provider: County
Correctional Health Services: Jail to Community Re-entry Program (JCRP)	Provider: County

Crisis Prevention and Support Services	
	Provider: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Orange County
Warmline	Contract Name: Warmline Network Services
	Provider: Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Service dba Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
Suicide Prevention Services	Contract Name: Suicide Prevention and Support Services
Mobile Crisis Assessment Team/PERT	
Portion of "Mobile Crisis Assessment" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 0-17 years	
Portion of "Mobile Crisis Assessment" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older	Provider: County
Crisis Stabilization Units	Provider: Exodus Recovery, Inc.

	Contract Name: Crisis Stabilization Services
	Provider: College Hospital Costa Mesa
	Contract Name: CSU, LLC, dba College Hospital Crisis Stabilization Unit
In Home Crisis Stabilization	
Portion of "In-Home Crisis Stabilization" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 0-17 years	<b>Provider:</b> Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center, INC. <b>Contract Name:</b> Children's In-Home Crisis Stabilization Services
Portion of "In-Home Crisis Stabilization" budget operated by AOABH for individuals	Provider: The Priority Center
ages 18 and older	Contract Name: Adults In-Home Crisis Stabilization Services
	Provider: Waymakers (children)
Crisis Residential Services	Contract Name: Children's Crisis Residential Services
Portion of "Crisis Residential Services" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 0-17 years	Provider: South Coast Children's Society (SCCS; TAY) Contract Name: Transitional Age Youth Crisis Residential Services
Portion of "Crisis Residential Services" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 18-25 years	Provider: Telecare Corporation (Adult/OA) Contract Name: Adult Crisis Residential Services North Region
Portion of "Crisis Residential Services" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older	<b>Provider:</b> Telecare Corporation (Adult/OA) <b>Contract Name:</b> Adult Crisis Residential Services Central Region

Provider: Telecare Corporation (Adult/OA) Contract Name: Adult Crisis Residential Services South Region
Provider: Exodus Recovery, Inc. Contract Name: Adult Crisis Residential Services North Campus

Outpatient Treatment: Early Intervention Programs	
Community Counseling and Supportive Services CCSS	Provider(s): County
School-Based Mental Health Services	Provider: County
Early Intervention Services for Older Adults	<b>Provider:</b> Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA) <b>Contract Name:</b> Early Intervention Services for Older Adults
	Provider: Council on Aging Southern California
	Contract Name: Early Intervention Services for Older Adults
OC Parent Wellness Program	
(Stress-Free Families, Connect the Tots)	Provider: County
First Onset of Psychiatric Illness (OC CREW)	Provider: County
Early Psychosis Learning Healthcare Network	Administrative Oversight: California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Participation Agreement Name: Early Psychosis Learning Healthcare Network (EPLHCN)
	Provider: County
OC4 Vets	Provider: Working Wardrobes Contract Name: Veteran Peer Support Services
	Provider: United States Veterans Initiative

Contract Name: Early Intervention Services for Veteran College Students
Provider: Child Guidance Center, Inc.
Contract Name: Behavioral Health Services for Military Families

Outpatient Treatment: Clinic Expansion Programs	
Child and Youth Clinic Expansion	Provider: Western Youth Services
(Formerly, in part, Youth Core Services)	Contract Name: Behavioral Health Services for Children and Youth
	Provider: New Alternatives, Inc.
	Contract Name: Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
	Provider: Olive Crest
Services for the Short-Term Residential	Contract Name: Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
Therapeutic Program (STRTP)	<b>Provider:</b> Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools, Inc.
	Contract Name: Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
	<b>Provider:</b> Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)
	Contract Name: Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs

Children and Youth with Co-Occurring	Provider: Children's Hospital Orange County (CHOC)
Medical and Mental Health Disorders	Contract Name: Behavioral Health Services for Children and Youth
	Provider: College Community Services
	Contract Name: Adult Behavioral Health Outpatient Recovery Center Service
	<b>Provider:</b> Orange County Association for Mental Health dba Mental Health Association of Orange County
	Contract Name: Adult Behavioral Health Outpatient Recovery Center Service
Outpatient Recovery formerly Recovery	
Center/ Clinic	Provider: County
Older Adult Services	Provider: County

Outpatient Treatment: Full Service Partnership Programs	
	Provider: Pathways Community Services, LLC.
	Contract Name: Full Service Partnership/Wraparound Services
Children's/TAY FSPs	Provider: Pathways Community Services, LLC.
	Contract Name: Children's Full Service Partnership/Wraparound Services
	Provider: Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Inc.

Adult FSPs Portion of "Adult FSP" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older being assessed for Assisted Outpatient Treatment FSP eligibility	Contract Name: Children and Transitional Age Youth Full Service Partnership/Wraparound Services
	Provider: Children's Hospital of Orange County, DBA CHOC Children's
	<b>Contract Name:</b> Children and Transitional Age youth Full Service Partnership/Wraparound Services for Co-Occurring Disorders
	Provider: Waymakers Contract Name: Collaborative Courts Full Service Partnership/Wraparound Services
	Provider: Orangewood Foundation Contract Name: Collaborative Courts Full Service Partnership/Wraparound Services
	Provider: Waymakers Contract Name: Full Service Partnership/Wraparound Services for Youthful Offenders
	Provider: College Community Services Contract Name: Older Adult Full Service Partnership Services
	<b>Provider:</b> Telecare Corporation <b>Contract Name:</b> General Population Region A Full Service Partnership Services
Portion of "Adult FSP" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older residing in Permanent Supportive Housing	Provider: Telecare Corporation Contract Name: General Population Region B Full Service Partnership Services

	Provider: Telecare Corporation
	Contract Name: Assisted Outpatient Treatment Full Service Partnership Services
	Provider: College Community Services
Older Adult FSP	Contract: Older Adult Full Service Partnership Services

Outpatient Treatment: Program for Assertive Community Treatment	
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Portion of "PACT" budget operated by CYBH for individuals ages 0-21	
Portion of "PACT" budget operated by AOABH for individuals ages 18 and older	Provider: County

Supportive Services	
	Provider: College Community Services
Peer Mentor/Parent Partner Support	Contract Name: Peer Mentoring Services for Adults and Older Adults
	Provider: College Community Services
	Contract Name: Mental Health Peer Support and Wellness Center Services Central Region
Wellness Centers	<b>Provider:</b> Orange County Association for Mental Health dba Mental Health Association of Orange County
	Contract Name: Mental Health Peer Support and Wellness Center Services South Region

	<b>Provider:</b> Orange County Association for Mental Health dba Mental Health Association of Orange County
	Contract Name: Mental Health Peer Support and Wellness Center Services West Region
Transportation	Provider: CABCO Yellow, Inc. dba California Yellow Cab
Transportation	Contract Name: Non-Emergency Transportation Services
Supported Employment	Provider: Goodwill Industries of Orange County
Supported Employment	Contract Name: Adult Supported Employment Services
Continuum of Care for Veterans and	Provider: Child Guidance Center
Military Families (INN)	Contract Name: Continuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families
	Provider: Grandma's House of Hope
	Contract Name: Short Term Housing Services
	Provider: Friendship Shelter
	Contract Name: Short Term Housing Services
Short-Term Housing Services formerly	
known as Year- Round Emergency Shelter	Provider: Colette's Children's Home
Sheller	Contract Name: Short Term Housing Services
	Provider: Mercy House
	Contract Name: Bridges at Kraemer Place
	Provider: PATH

	Contract Name: Yale Navigation Center
	Provider: Grandma's House of Hope
	Contract Name: Homeless Bridge Housing Services
	Provider: Friendship Shelter
Bridge Housing for the Homeless	Contract Name: Homeless Bridge Housing Services
	Provider: Colette's Children's Home
	Contract Name: Homeless Bridge Housing Services
MHSA/ CSS Housing Program	Provider: County

Special Projects	
Help@Hand (formerly Mental Health	Administrative Oversight: California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)
Technology Suite) (INN)	Participation Agreement Name: Mental Health Services Act Innovation Program
	Provider: Mind OC
	Contract Name: Behavioral Health System Transformation Innovation Project
Behavioral Health System	
Transformation Innovation Project (INN)	Administrative Oversight: CalMHSA

1	Participation Agreement Name: Behavioral Health System Transformation Innovation Project Part II