

# Mental Health & Recovery Services Nov./Dec. 2023 Highlights/Events

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## Community Events

MHRS held 44 community educational/awareness events in November and December:

### November Calendar events to date

- Nov. 1 - Addressing the Opioid Crisis - Education and Training for Court Personal - D2
- Nov. 1 - Anaheim Ducks Activation Table - D2
- Nov. 3 - Latino Health Access Celebrating Life - D2
- Nov. 3 - Westminster Neighborhood Coffee with Supervisor Do - D1
- Nov. 4 - Community Service and Wellness Resource Day - D3
- Nov. 4 - Suavecito Foundation's Veteran's Day Breakfast - D2
- Nov. 4 - State Senator Tom Umberg's Health and Resource Fair - D4
- Nov. 7 - Anaheim Ducks Activation Table - D2
- Nov. 7 - Southland Integrated Services Food Trolley - D1
- Nov. 9 - Anaheim Addressing the Opioid Crisis Forum - D2
- Nov. 10 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation - D2
- Nov. 10 - Shanti OC Friendsgiving - D5
- Nov. 11 - U.S. Vets Heroes & Horsepower - Veterans Day Car Show - D2
- Nov. 11 - South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Making Embroidered Fans - D3
- Nov. 11 - CSU Fullerton Book Talk Event - D4
- Nov. 11 - 2023 Field of Valor - D2
- Nov. 12 - Second Baptist Church Veteran's Day Event - D2
- Nov. 12 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation - D2
- Nov. 14 - Latino Health Access Workshop - D2
- Nov. 15 - OCAPICA Healthy Aging & Happy Life Mental Health Seminar - D5
- Nov. 15 - Los Alamitos Unified School District First Aid Training for District Staff - D1
- Nov. 16 - Opioid & Naloxone Workshop - Rossmore - D1
- Nov. 16 - Thanksgiving Potluck - D2
- Nov. 17 - Latino Health Access Cafecito en Santa Ana High School - D2
- Nov. 19 - OMID Mental Health Event (in Farsi) - D5
- Nov. 27 - Fentanyl Education and Naloxone Distribution - Corona Del Mar High School - D5
- Nov. 30 - Latino Health Access Workshop - D3
- Nov. 30 - Latino Health Access Workshop - D4

### December Calendar events to date

- Dec. 2 - OC Herald Center 10th Anniversary: Stigma Reduction - D3
- Dec. 2, - U.S. Vets: Pets for Vets - D4
- Dec. 2 - CalOptima Health Drive to Revive Opioid and Naloxone Event - D3
- Dec. 4 - Older Adult Mental Health Training - D2
- Dec. 5 - Public Safety Town Hall - D1
- Dec. 7 - OC Pathways Showcase - D5
- Dec. 7 - Fentanyl Education and Naloxone Training - Costa Mesa High School - D5
- Dec. 8 - APAIT Soulful Skills: Self-Care Event - D2
- Dec. 9 - The Cambodian Family Merry & Mindful Christmas Celebration - D2
- Dec. 12 - Angels Baseball Holiday Kids Event - D2
- Dec. 14 - Addressing the Opioid Crisis - San Juan Capistrano - D5
- Dec. 14 - APAIT and LGBTQ Center OC Slam the Stigma Open Mic Night - D2
- Dec. 16 - Latino Health Access Christmas Posada - D2
- Dec. 16 - LGBTQ Center OC Queer Joy - D2
- Dec. 21 - US Vets VPOP Adopt a Family - D3

Dec. 21 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation - D2

### **January 2024 Upcoming Events**

Jan 5 - Anaheim Ducks Activation Table - D2

Jan 7 - Anaheim Ducks Activation Table - D2

Jan. 18 - CalVet / CalTAP Resource Fair - D1

Jan. 21 - Anaheim Ducks Activation Table - D2

Jan. 23 - Anaheim Ducks Activation Table - D2

### **Program Highlights**

#### **Adult & Older Services (includes Behavioral Health housing):**

- In December, North FSP helped 5 members, who have struggled with years of homelessness, to move into their own apartments through the different voucher programs. Also, the Opportunity Knocks FSP obtained the needed approval and began providing services at the new location at 631 S. Brookhurst St. Ste 104 Anaheim, CA 92804.
- In November, our new Project SHINE-OC FSP outreached to the Vietnamese community at various community events including a veteran's event at a local church as well the general community at a community health clinic and at the Education for Mental Health Awareness Event. Additionally, TAO North, TAO South, TAO Central and STEPs FSP programs coordinated Thanksgiving celebrations and activities for their members and had a combined total of 197 members who participated.
- Staff engaged a person in need at a Veterans Event, Heroes and Horsepower, who was offered and enrolled in therapy services and has enrolled for peer services.

#### **Crisis Services:**

- Anaheim Community Hospital implemented Peer Navigators in October, and Huntington Beach Hospital is now looking to implement peers before the start of the new year. Through this partnership, peers are imbedded on the inpatient unit to assist with engagement in field-based peer services to support clients for up to 60 days after hospital discharge. The goal is to reduce re-hospitalization by increasing client engagement with peer services and linkage to outpatient mental health and recovery services after hospital discharge. Peers are already implemented at other contracted acute inpatient hospital programs, including College Hospital Costa Mesa and Aliso Ridge Behavioral Health.
- The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received and reviewed Crisis & Acute Care Services Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Services benefit Implementation Plan and has approved our implementation Plan. Implementation may begin 12/29/23.
- Student Mental Health Crisis Training will be held on 02/20/2024 at the MHRS training center. This is a collaboration between Health Care Agency (HCA) and Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) to educate school therapist and counselor on how to address youth in crisis and the resources available to them.
- Anaheim Unified School district trainings on CAT took place on 12/12/2023 and 12/13/2023.

#### **Forensics:**

- AB109 collaborated with BeWell center for emergency medications and shelters and re-established with Project Kinship (after prob 47 grant ended) for linkage services for the mild to moderately mental sick and SUD.
- Our AB109 System Navigator collaborated with Correction Health Staff and started a weekly 1-hour (every Thursday 1- 2 pm) psycho-education group in Theo Lacy with Abbey Constantino (RN) for MAT participants. This is to increase engagement, awareness and also enhanced post release linkage.
- Veteran court had 2 graduations in November 2023

### **Substance Use Disorder:**

- MHRSA closed the solicitation for a contract to obtain Kloxxado 8mg supply on December 8, 2023, and is in the process for determining Bid Award Recommendation.
- County-operated SUD programs are rolling out MAT assessment tools as of 1/1/24 with those assessed as urgent being scheduled for a MAT appointment within 48 hours.
- We supported the CalOptima Health Drive to Revive event, including Naloxone education/distribution - Saturday, 12/02/2023 - Orange.

### **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA):**

- MHSA team is supporting the development of a portion of Public Health's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Mental Health was identified as a priority in the Community Health Assessment.
- MHRSA participated in the OC Pathways Showcase at Orange Coast College on Dec. 7th. The OC Pathways Showcase brought together 350 stakeholders from around Orange County, including K-12 educational leaders, teachers, post-secondary deans, faculty, business partners, students and families, to highlight partnerships to enhance student outcomes and opportunities in Orange County.
- Parent Education Services established a new partnership with the Santa Ana Parks and Recreation Department. Three of the five Park and Rec sites expressed interest in hosting classes, and the program is currently in the process of scheduling them for the spring semester.
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### **Outreach and Engagement:**

- Two OC O&E staff members, Sonia Saucedo and Joana Corsaut have received many accolades for collaborating with various city Homeless Liaison Officers. Their work on Caltrans projects and other special projects has been praised for their resourcefulness and dedication to the population we serve.

## **Community Education Presentations**

11/1- Addressing the Opioid Crisis in OC- Superior Court

11/3- Fentanyl- Neighborhood Coffee- Westminster (D1)

11/9 - CARE- Service Provider Network of COC- Tustin (D3)  
11/9- Fentanyl- Neighborhood Coffee-Huntington Beach (D1)  
11/14- CARE- UCR Justice Center (Riverside)  
11/14 -CARE- Orange County Psychiatric Society (virtual)  
11/16- CARE-CSAC Health & Human Services Committee (Oakland)  
11/17- Mental Health- Neighborhood Coffee- Fountain Valley (D1)  
11/29- CARE update- OC Delegation (virtual)  
11/30- CARE- Patrick Kennedy visit (D2)  
12/14- Fentanyl Townhall- SJC (D5)  
12/15- SB43- Hospital Association of So Cal (virtual)

## **Interviews**

11/2- CARE- Spectrum News  
12/20- PBS- CalAIM

## **HIGHLIGHTS of the Month**

An O&E staff member, Rosa Gonzalez, MHS, was returning from picking up a car at the garage and saw someone lying in the street with people around him. Rosa turned her car around and grabbed Kloxxado. She called her partner, Bill Polanco to come assist. Rosa proceeded to give several rounds of Kloxxado and began chest compressions while Bill called 911. The individual was successfully revived!