

Mental Health & Recovery Services January 2024 Highlights/Events

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Community Events

January Calendar events to date

- Jan. 4 - Southland Integrated Services New Year's Resolution Event - D1
- Jan. 5 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation - D2
- Jan. 5 - Radiant Health Centers Happy New Year Event - D3
- Jan. 7 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation - D2
- Jan. 7 - South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Chinese Storytime for Kids - D3
- Jan. 9 - OCAPICA Kindness Rocks - Arts for Healing Event - D5
- Jan. 10 - Asian American Senior Citizens Chinese Mental Health Support Group - D3
- Jan. 10 - Council on Aging Suicide Prevention Presentation for Older Adults - D1
- Jan. 11 - Community Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting - D2
- Jan. 12 - Warner Wellness Center Pop-Up Mental Health Event - D1
- Jan. 14 - South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Chinese Storytime for Kids - D3
- Jan. 17 - Newport Mesa Unified School District Naloxone Training and Distribution - D5
- Jan. 17 - Shanti OC and Laguna Playhouse Art Workshop - D5
- Jan. 18 - CalVet/ CalTAP Resources Fair - D1
- Jan. 19 - Jan. 22 - Warner Wellness Center Healthy Habits for a New Year Wellness Fair -D1
- Jan. 19 - Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation Mindfulness Coloring - D1
- Jan. 19 - APAIT Soulful Skills: Art & Healing Workshop - D2
- Jan. 21 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation -D2
- Jan. 21 - South Asian Network Community Town Hall - D4
- Jan. 23 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation - D2
- Jan. 24 - Asian American Senior Citizens Services Center South County Chinese Mental - D3
- Jan. 26 - Anaheim Community Resource Fair - D2
- Jan. 27 - Second Baptist Church Youth Mental Health First Aid - D2
- Jan. 27 - South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Dragon Decorations for the New Year - D3
- Jan. 27 - Warner Wellness Center Mental Health and Wellness Community Forum - D1
- Jan. 28 - South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Chinese Storytime for Kids - D3
- Jan. 28 - Advance OC Maine Expressions Workshop - D2
- Jan. 30 - Tustin Unified School District Parent Workshop-Fentanyl - D2

February 2024 Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1 -Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D4
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- Feb. 2 - Veterans Recreation & Resource Expo - D5
- Feb. 2 - People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) - D2
- Feb. 2 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D1
- Feb. 3 - Black History Parade & Unity Festival - D2
- Feb. 5 - U.S. Vets Veteran Peer Outreach Food Drive - D3
- Feb. 6 - Family Assistance and Counseling Services (FACES) - D2
- Feb. 6 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D2
- Feb. 6 - OCAPICA Random Acts of Kindness - D3
- Feb. 6 - Naloxone Distribution and Training - D3
- Feb. 7 - Orange County Counselor Symposium - D2
- Feb. 7 - Laguna Playhouse The Teen Project Art Workshops - D3

Feb. 7 - Laguna Playhouse OCASA High School Music Workshops - D5
Feb. 7 - Laguna Playhouse Rancho Santa Margarita Library Music Workshops - D3
Feb. 8 - Orange Coast College Lunar New Year Festival - D5
Feb. 8 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D4
Feb. 9 - Villages of CA It's OK Not to Be Okay, Coffee & Coasters - D2
Feb. 9 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D1
Feb. 9 - APAIT Soulful Skills: Game Night - D2
Feb. 9 - Radiant Health Centers Valentine's Day Event - D3
Feb. 9 - TET Festival - D1
Feb. 10 - South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Irvine Lunar New Year Celebration - D3
Feb. 10 - TET Festival - D1
Feb. 11 -South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Irvine Lunar New Year Celebration - D3
Feb. 11 - TET Festival - D1
Feb. 12 - Shanti OC Self-Love Project - D5
Feb. 13 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D2
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Feb. 13 - Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation Mindful Aromatherapy - D1
Feb. 14 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D5
Feb. 14 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D1
Feb. 15 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D4
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Feb. 15 - Laguna Playhouse Orange Coast College Workshop - D5
Feb. 15 - La Quinta High School - D1
Feb. 16 - SAUSD We Care Wellness and Education Fair - D2
Feb. 16 - Villages of CA It's OK Not to Be Okay, Coffee & Coasters - D2
Feb. 16 - Laguna Playhouse OC Youth Center Workshop - D4
Feb. 16 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D1
Feb. 20 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D2
Feb. 20 - U.S. Vets Veteran Peer Outreach Open House - D3
Feb. 21 - Laguna Playhouse The Teen Project Art Workshops - D3
Feb. 21 - Anaheim Ducks Game Activation - D2
Feb. 22 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D4
Feb. 22 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D4
Feb. 22 - Advance OC Mane Expressions Workshop - D5
Feb. 23 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D1
Feb. 23 - Radiant Health Centers Mentorship Celebration - D3
Feb. 24 - South Coast Chinese Cultural Center Make a Lantern - D3
Feb. 27 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D2
Feb. 27 - APAIT x Mercy House Soulful Skills: Hygiene - D4
Feb. 27 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D2
Feb. 27 - UCI Mental Health Fair - D5
Feb. 28 - The Hope Card Project - D2
Feb. 28 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D1
Feb. 29 - Council on Aging Mental Health Community Events Art Class - D4
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Program Highlights

Adult & Older Services:

- In January, Telecare at Orange (TAO) Central FSP program graduated 7 members and supported 6 members to move into permanent housing.
- MHRs attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Casa Paloma housing project in Midway City on 1/25/24. Casa Paloma will offer 71 new housing units, which include 21 general affordable units and 24 of the 48 permanent supportive housing units are funded through MHSA, providing safe, affordable housing with wraparound services for coming from homelessness. The additional 24 MHSA units have OC Housing Authority Project Based Vouchers. This project is the first time Housing for Healthy California funding is layered with MHSA funding (10 units).

Crisis Services:

- The Mobile Crisis Benefit went live on 12/31/23, crisis responses were being provided by dyads. Services in the dyad response model are operating on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year as required by the Mobile Crisis Benefit. The Crisis Assessment Team is actively collecting outcome data on the newly implemented process to continue to be as effective as possible in supporting the community in Orange County.

Forensics:

- The Westminster Probation Office has officially opened for AB 109 screening effective 1/19/24, they have completed two screenings since their start.
- Our AB109 System Navigator collaborated with Correction Health Staff and started a weekly 1-hour medication assisted treatment (MAT) psycho-education group at Theo Lacy and has now expanded to offer one group at Men's Central Jail.
- Graduations:
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) FSP Mental Health Diversion had one graduation from Diversion on 1/25/24, and was able to get her charges dismissed.
 - Two Veteran Court graduations took place in January 2024, both had their charges dismissed. One of the graduates completed 5-years of Veteran Treatment Court and is currently enrolled for a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Programming.

Children and Youth Services:

- CYS Clinical Evaluation Guidance Unit (CEGU) clinicians provided a Trauma and Resilience Training to Social Services Agency (SSA) Orangewood Shelter residential staff and continue to build on the trauma-informed care approach within the Shelter. The training was met with much appreciation as Orangewood has been challenged with several youth in recent months who demonstrate significantly complex trauma histories.
- CYS collaborated with Social Services Agency to move forward a proclamation to declare January 2023 the third annual Positive Parenting Awareness Month in Orange County.

- Two CYS County-operated outpatient clinics are midway through Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) training and certification, with upcoming training and certification planned for the remaining outpatient clinics. PCIT will enhance our ability to serve the 0-5 years of age population.

Community Education Presentations

Interviews

HIGHLIGHTS of the Month