



# Behavioral Health Services July 2025 Events/Highlights

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## Community Events

### July 2025 Events

July 8 - City of Anaheim's Mobile Family Resource Center - D4  
 July 10 - Hope Card Project with Wellness Center Central - D2  
 July 12 - Angels' Tabling Event: CSUF Night - D2  
 July 13 - Angels' Tabling Event: Family Sunday - D2  
 July 15 - City of Anaheim's Mobile Family Resource Center - D4  
 July 16 - Community Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting  
 July 22 - City of Anaheim's Mobile Family Resource Center - D4  
 July 22 - Regional Community Forum - Central County - D2  
 July 22 - Regional Community Forum - Central County - D5  
 July 27 - Angels' Tabling Event: Family Sunday - D2  
 July 27 - Johnson Chapel AME Church's Health Fair - D2  
 July 29 - City of Anaheim's Mobile Family Resource Center - D2  
 July 30 - City of Anaheim's Mobile Family Resource Center - D2  
 July 31 - City of Anaheim's Mobile Family Resource Center - D4

### August 2025 Events

Aug 2 - Back-to-School Health & Wellness Fair - D1  
 Aug 3 - Angels' Tabling Event: Family Sunday - D2  
 Aug 5 - Garden Grove National Night Out - D1  
 Aug 6 - Opioid Overdose Prevention & Naloxone Training - D3  
 Aug 7 - City of Huntington Beach National Night Out - D1  
 Aug 7 - City of La Palma's National Night Out - D1  
 Aug 8 - Connect-OC Coalition Meeting - Out of County  
 Aug 9 - TGR Learning Lab's Back-To-School Resource Fair - D4  
 Aug 9 - Angels Stadium Clinic - D2  
 Aug 11-13 - CIT International Conference - D2  
 Aug 12 - Angels' Tabling Event: LA Dodgers Game - D2  
 Aug 19 - 2025 OCDE School Based Mental Health Summit - D5  
 Aug 23 - Angels' Clinic in the Park - D2  
 Aug 27 - Breastfeeding Resource Fair - D2  
 Aug 27 - Irvine Valley College Health Fair - D3

### September 2025 Upcoming Events

Sep 4 - Juliette Low School of the Arts Back to School Night - D4  
 Sep 5 - GGUSD's Community Agency Resource Fair - D2  
 Sep 5 - Angels' Ducks Night - D2  
 Sep 6 - Angels' Fiesta Angels - D2  
 Sep 10 - BHAB Study Committee Meeting - D2  
 Sep 11 - OCEA Health Fair - D2  
 Sep 13 - 3rd Annual Wings of Hope: Mental Health & Wellness Resource Fair - D2  
 Sep 13 - AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk - D3  
 Sep 20 - 3rd Annual Recovery Happens Picnic - D2  
 Sep 23 - Irvine Valley College Walk of Hope - D2  
 Sep 24 - BHAB General Meeting - D2  
 Sep 25 - 2025 Thrive Resource Fair - D5

## Program Highlights

### Children & Youth Services (CYS)

- CYS Full Service Partnerships supported 70 children and family participants in maintaining stable housing in May by utilizing flex funds to help offset rental and housing-related costs.
- The Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Inc. (OCAPICA) OCAPICA Project FOCUS also hosted their 17th “Summer Picnic” event for approximately 70 attendees, including clients and their families, on Friday, June 27, 2025, at Mile Square Park. This annual event celebrates all the hard work FOCUS program participants do throughout the academic year and offers them and their families a chance to relax and reflect on their behavioral progress, as well.
- The Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs had several youths who graduated from High Schools in June. The providers received donations from community resources to help the youth attend end of high school events such as prom and grad night celebrations. The donations included prom dresses and other formal wear and shoes, hair and makeup, etc. Several family members and staff attended the graduation ceremonies to celebrate their major accomplishments. All STRTPs are arranging fun summer activities for the youth such as pool and beach outings, picnics at the park, summer day camps, etc.
- South Coast Children’s Society (SCCS) STRTP partnered with a provider to bring therapy dogs onsite for their youth. This new program was well received by the youth who were excited to engage with the animals and facilitators. Due to the extremely positive response, SCCS will continue to have the therapy dogs onsite monthly.

### Crisis and Acute Care (CAC):

- The contract for Suicide and Self-Harm Reduction Services will be awarded to Didi Hirsch and is expected to take effect as of August 1, 2025.
- Office of Wellness and Suicide Prevention hosted the July Community Suicide Prevention Coalition (CSPC) meeting on July 16, 2025. The meeting was well attended with 47 participants. The theme for this month’s meeting was to strategize community efforts to sustain programs and services for youth and Transitional Age Youth (TAY). Partners4Wellness and OCDE presented the services they are offering to TAY and K-12 youth respectively and invited the members to participate in their services. The Coalition decided to continue the focus on this topic with deeper discussions to strategize and sustain efforts in the community. The Means Safety sub-committee and the Building Hope and Connection sub-committees continue to meet regularly and continue to conduct outreach in the community.
- Aliso Ridge Behavioral Health was granted conditional LPS Designation on June 24, 2025. They are currently able to accept up to 77 adults and 11 adolescents on LPS involuntary status. Meeting the conditions of the corrective action plan may allow numbers to gradually increase through December 1, 2025.
- Partnership with OCDE:
  - During the month of June, OCDE’s Student Advocates for Mental Health (SAMH) program showcased films from the Directing Change project from different schools which were followed by a Q&A session with the young filmmakers at a "Film Premiere" event, hosted by Los Alamitos High School, held at the Bay Theater in Seal Beach. Over 200 students, 40 staff, and 200 parents attended. Mental health promotional items and resources were handed out while also sharing positive messages to inspire their peers and the next generation of filmmakers with this showcase event.
  - Over the past fiscal year, through their Peer Leadership Campaign, the Directing Change Project, and their Mental Health Awareness Activity, OCDE has reached a total of 42 schools. Of the 42 participating schools, the program has collectively reached an estimated 24,169 students. They also served an estimated 7,055 parents

and 1,385 school staff through mental health events and presentations provided at schools

- P4W-Connect OC:
  - On June 13, 2025, staff hosted the Mindful Expressions Celebration Event at Newport Beach Civic Center. This event was a showcase celebrating artists who participated in the Cultural Arts & Mental Health program and over 100 attendees attended. Other organizations also attended, including Ryan's Reach, Big Brother Big Sisters, Sabil USA, Sanctuary Recovery Center, and the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.
  - On June 7, 2025, P4W took part in the Santiago Canyon College Veterans Summer Fest. This special event was open to Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, and Military Families. Attendees enjoyed free food, games and activities while learning about mental health resources, housing and employment services, and veterans' benefits assistance. P4W also hosted an art workshop with approximately 78 attendees where participants created light catchers with veterans and their families, discussing themes of letting light into their lives.
  - P4W provides a Cultural Arts & Mental Health Outreach Program entitled Mindful Expressions for high-risk TAY in Orange County. This program is designed to create a long-term impact for improved mental health in the TAY community, especially amongst high-risk, isolated, and diverse populations. In the month of June 2025, 22 workshops were offered, and 332 individuals were served. Agencies representing Domestic Violence Shelters, Foster Care Youth/Sex Trafficking, Homelessness, Substance Abuse, Homeless/Runaway youth, LGBTQ+, Refugees, Veterans, and those with Mental Health Issues participated.

#### **Data Analytics & Evaluation (DAE)**

- On July 29, 2025, Matthew Miltimore from the Data Analytics and Evaluation team will participate on a panel hosted by the HMA CARE Act Data Team. Focusing on CARE Act data quality, Mr. Miltimore will join other panelists to share effective workflows, best practices and engage with participants in a collaborative Q&A.

#### **Quality Management Services (QMS):**

- QMS has launched Fee for Service contracting with BHP provider in alignment with Payment Reform provided support to internal staff as well as Contract providers related to this new reimbursement method.
- This past quarter, the billing team has processed several thousand claims, generating over \$12 million in reimbursements. The team has also resolved more than 9,000 suspended charges to ensure timely claim processing.
- The billing team has updated fee schedules to align with current standards. They collaborated with HCAIT to implement system updates for CalAIM billing requirements. So far there have been 4 provider trainings, with 2 additional sessions planned for August.
- The billing queue has been improved for reporting for enhanced visibility and efficiency
- The System Tech Support Team has updated 40 OQP/MHRS provider records in one week, saving over \$2.2 million; continuing updates for all 700+ provider accounts.
- The team has resolved 1,839 NON-PAR suspended charges in July, saving \$207,628 and resolved 214 PAR suspended charges in July, saving \$129,369.
- The MHP Service Validation Error Report has been submitted to DHCS. The team has also provided responses in the MHP CAP Tool to DHCS, with less than one day's notice.
- The System Tech Support Team has submitted the FY 2025-26 IBHP Annual Network Certification documents.

## Community Education Presentations

- SUD will be addressing the opioid crisis and providing Naloxone training and distribution at the upcoming events:
  - 7/02/25, Lake Forest: Seneca Family of Agencies - Lake Forest Mental Health Clinic: Fentanyl Education and Naloxone Training/Distribution
  - 7/23/25, Orange: CHOC Project Health: Fentanyl Education and Naloxone Training/Distribution
  - 7/25/25, Huntington Beach: Huntington Beach Senior Center: Monitor, Secure, Destroy Workshop
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Recovery Happens Picnic will be taking place Saturday, 9/20/2025 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Centennial Park in Santa Ana

## Highlights of the Month

- CAC - Crisis Resources: Crisis Resources has been collaborating with a “familiar face” who has made numerous visits to Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) and Crisis Residential Programs (CRP) over the past 18 months. Previously, this client was resistant to accepting essential resources and had specific preferences regarding the support he would consider. However, through extensive teamwork with Coastal Star Crisis Residential Program (CRP), Crisis Resources staff (Topher and Wendy), and the County Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), a referral to Care Court was initiated, leading to successful advocacy for the client's admission. As of early July 2025, the client was officially admitted to Care Court, marking a significant achievement for someone who has faced challenges in accessing vital resources within our care continuum.
- SUD: A client who entered a SUD residential treatment facility while pregnant and unhoused successfully completed the residential treatment and transitioned to outpatient treatment. During outpatient treatment, client consistently attended group and individual sessions, remained engaged in treatment and delivered a healthy baby. She secured stable transportation by purchasing a vehicle, which helped to support her ongoing participation in treatment and recovery activities. Once she completed her treatment, and while she continued to engage in recovery activities, client completed an internship at the residential program she attended as a client. Client then went on to become a Registered Alcohol and Drug Technician and completed the Peer Support Specialist Course. The client is now preparing to take the state exam and is pending hire as a Peer Support Specialist.