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Orange County Implementation Plan Update

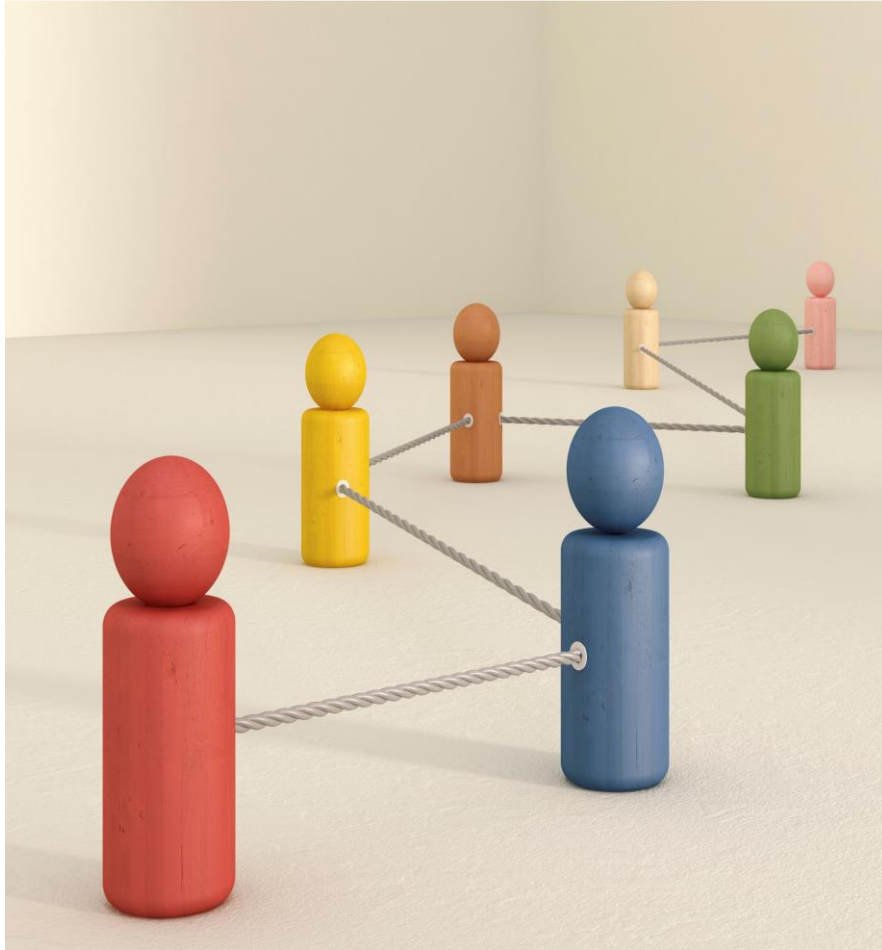


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First Responder Training for Field Officers



SB 43 Revised Definition of Grave Disability for Conservatorship Reform



Current grave disability definition: A condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his or her basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter.

NEW* grave disability definition under SB 43:** A condition in which a person, as result of a mental health disorder, **severe substance use disorder or a co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder, is at risk for serious harm or currently experiencing serious harm as a result of being unable to provide for their basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, **personal safety*** or **necessary medical care***.

New/expanded criteria in **bold/underline*

- This is an unfunded mandate for **ADULT** population only
- It is important to note that this only applies to individuals with severe SUD who are unable to care for their personal safety or access necessary medical care ~ this is an expanded yet narrow population
- Consider the individual's entire situation in totality

SB 43 Planning

Statewide Collaboration

- Inform advocacy efforts with the state on SB43 implementation needs
- Standardized Implementation Tools

Hospital Collaboration

- Strengthen partnership
- Building system readiness

First Responder Collaboration

- Align LE, EMS, and hospitals on SB43 protocols.
- Create tools and training for practical, accessible and responsive to implementation

OC SB 43 First Responder Planning Meetings



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Steering Committee subgroup:

- SB 43 First Responder Training video modules
- Scenario Based Training
- SB 43 Field Quick Pocket Guide

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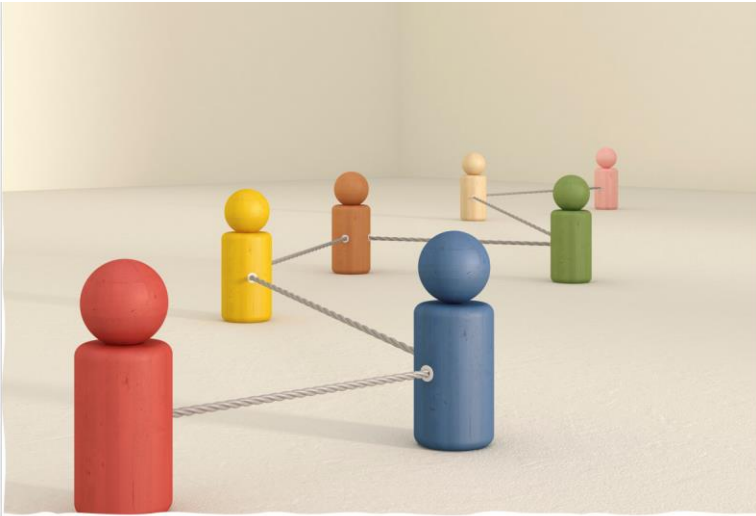


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- Inquiries will be responded to and posted on SB 43 website FAQs
- Scan the QR Code to access the SB 43 website



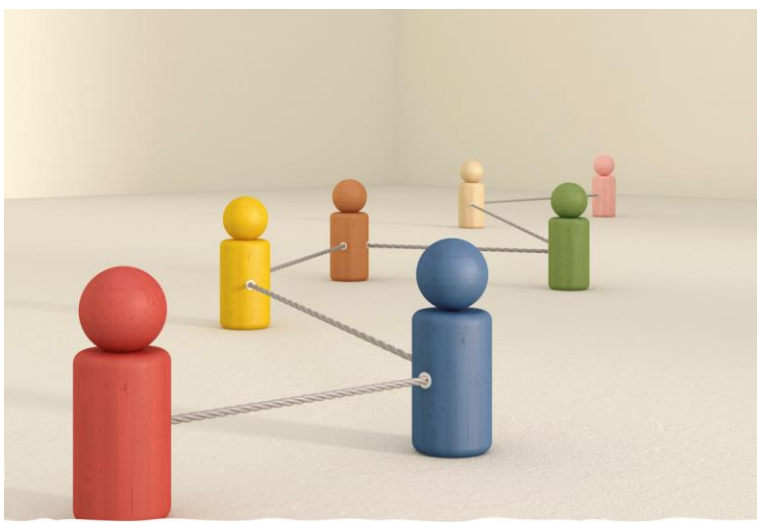
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Module One:

First Responder Training for Field Officers







Module Two





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State of California – Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Health Care Services

<input type="checkbox"/> I have considered the historical course of the person's mental health disorder, severe substance use disorder, or co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder, as follows:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No reasonable bearing on the determination <input type="checkbox"/> No information because: _____			
Optional Information			
History Provided by (Name)	Address	Phone Number	Relation
<input type="checkbox"/> Based upon the above information, there is probable cause to believe that said person is a:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Danger to Self (DTS) as a result of a mental health disorder.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Danger to Others (DTO) as a result of a mental health disorder.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravely disabled adult as a result of a <input type="checkbox"/> mental health disorder, <input type="checkbox"/> severe substance use disorder, or <input type="checkbox"/> co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder (as defined in W&I Code section 5008(n)).			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gravely disabled minor as a result of a mental health disorder (as defined in W&I Code section 5585.25).			



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LPS Designated Receiving Facilities Revised 4/24/23

ALISO RIDGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (Adults & Adolescents) No Emergency Room
200 Freedom Lane, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
(877) 467-2223

ANAHEIM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (Adults & Adolescents)
3350 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92804
(714) 243-9000

ANAHEIM GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER (Adults & Older Adults) No Emergency Room
1025 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805
(714) 533-6220

CHAPMAN GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER (Older Adults)
2601 E. Chapman Ave., Orange, CA 92869
(714) 633-0011

CHOC CHILDREN'S (Pediatric & Adolescents)
1201 W. La Veta Ave., Orange, CA 92868
(714) 997-3000

COLLEGE HOSPITAL COSTA MESA (Adults & Adolescents) No Emergency Room
301 Victoria Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(949) 642-2734

HUNTINGTON BEACH HOSPITAL (Adults & Older Adults)
17772 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, CA 92647
(714) 843-5000

LA PALMA INTERCOMMUNITY HOSPITAL (Adult & Older Adult)
7901 Walker St, La Palma, CA 90623
(714) 670-6081

MISSION HOSPITAL LAGUNA BEACH (Adults)
31872 Pacific Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
(949) 499-1311

ORANGE COUNTY GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER (Older Adults)
1001 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 953-3500

ORANGE COUNTY JAIL CHS LPS UNIT (Adults)
550 North Flower St., Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 647-4121 or (714) 647-4151

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL (Adults)
1100 W. Stewart Drive, Orange, CA 92668
(714) 633-9111

UCI MEDICAL CENTER (Adults & Adolescents)
101 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868
(714) 456-7890


COUNTY CSU (Outpatient/Adults)
1030 W. Warner Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92707
(714) 834-6913


COLLEGE HOSPITAL CSU (Outpatient/Adults)
301 Victoria Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(949) 574-3328

EXODUS RECOVERY, INC. CSU (Outpatient Adult/Adolescents)
265 S. Anita Drive, Orange, CA 92866
(714) 410-3500



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Understanding the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System in Orange County for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services


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
About This Guide


This guide is designed to help you navigate the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Continuum of Care in Orange County. It provides information about the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services and supports available to Medi-Cal members and individuals without insurance who are in need of SUD treatment. You will also find clear guidance on how to access these services, so you or someone you care about can get the help needed for recovery.


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Field Quick Pocket Guide



Quick Pocket Guide Updates to LPS Grave Disability

Observable considerations for **grave disability (GD)** due to mental health symptoms and/or a severe substance use disorder:

Unable to articulate a plan for food, clothing, or shelter
Irrational beliefs about food that is available or offered (e.g. poisoned)
Inability to engage in personal hygiene
Refusal to utilize food, clothing, or shelter when offered resources
Urinating or defecating on oneself
Impacted speech: tangential, rambling, difficult to understand
Violent or threatening statements
Fluctuating between calm and agitation
Creating a public disturbance
Yelling obscenities, screaming
Paranoid or delusional thought content
Disorganized thought content
Catatonic/blank stare/mute
Hallucinating (talking to or responding to unseen others, hearing voices,)

Observable factors to consider for **Severe Substance Use**:

Overwhelming odor of alcohol or marijuana
Dilated/constricted pupils/bloodshot eyes
Eyes wide open, droopy/heavylidded, nodding off
Unsteady gait/slurred speech/unable to walk or stand by oneself/fumbles simple tasks
Scratching, picking or clawing at skin (e.g. noticeable sores on face, hands or arms)
Unintelligible speech: loud, yelling, slurring words
Multiple/pattern of contacts for similar presentation (intoxication) in 12-month period

Observable factors to consider for **not tending to Personal Safety** due to mental health symptoms and/or substance use:

Wandering, walking or running in and out of traffic
Unhygienic/uninhabitable conditions at home or other home safety issues such as not attending to appliances (e.g., leaving the stove on) due to intoxication or mental health symptoms
Inability to care for hygiene and cleanliness which could or has led to illness
Hoarding to an extreme, causing safety concerns or hazardous (dangerous) conditions

Observable factors to consider for **not seeking Necessary Medical Care** due to mental health symptoms and/or substance use:

Uncontrolled bleeding/Coughing or vomiting blood
Cold/Clammy skin
Seizure/convulsions
Complaint of severe pain or severe injury
Non-healing wound or potential infection
Extreme or profuse sweating
Disclosure of untreated medical conditions causing risk for serious harm
Uncontrollable vomiting
Diminished responsiveness or loss of consciousness
Potential loss of limb(s) due to untreated condition

This Quick Pocket Guide should only be used in conjunction with SB 43 First Responder Training and should not be used without proper training.

Definition of Severe Substance Use Disorder (SUD)



“Severe” SUD is defined as a diagnosed substance-related disorder that meets the diagnostic criteria of “severe” according to the most current version of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5-TR) **at the time of the evaluation** for an involuntary detention. However, **DSM criteria for a severe SUD can only be assessed for and determined by licensed clinical staff.**

Non-clinicians who are LPS designated to place involuntary holds (e.g., law enforcement) are not expected to make a DSM diagnosis for a SUD but simply need to describe the **observable behavior or conditions** that justify a 5150 hold for a severe SUD. These observable behaviors and conditions should include and be consistent with the DSM criteria and should meet **probable cause** for detaining an individual due to grave disability because of a severe SUD.

DSM Criteria for a Substance Use Disorder

(used by licensed clinical staff)

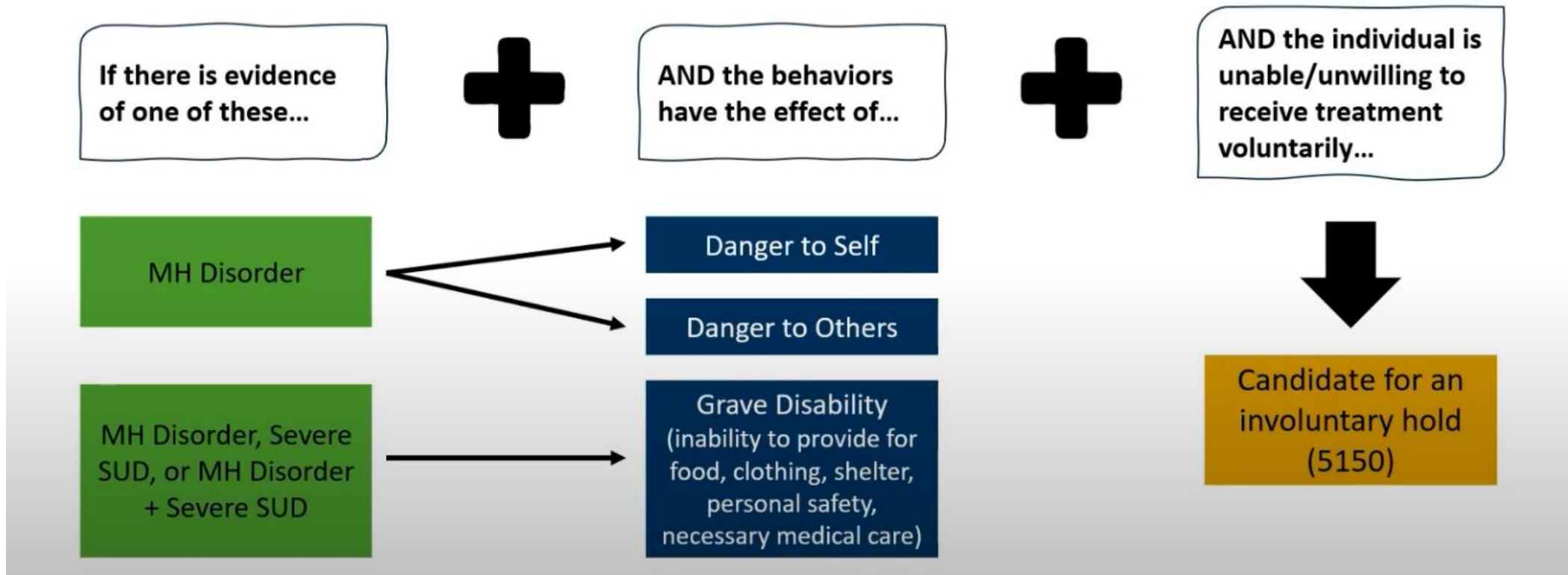


DSM-5 TR Criteria for SUDs



1. Taking the substance in larger amounts or for longer than you're meant to
2. Wanting to cut down or stop using the substance but not managing to
3. Spending a lot of time getting, using, or recovering from use of the substance
4. Cravings and urges to use the substance
5. Not managing to do what you should at work, home, or school because of substance use
6. Continuing to use, even when it causes problems in relationships
7. Giving up important social, occupational, or recreational activities because of substance use
8. Using substances again and again, even when it puts you in danger
9. Continuing to use, even when you know you have a physical or psychological problem that could have been caused or made worse by the substance
10. Needing more of the substance to get the effect you want (tolerance)
11. Development of withdrawal symptoms, which can be relieved by taking more of the substance

Identifying Grave Disability as criteria for Involuntary Holds



Severe Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Observable Considerations

Severe Substance Use Disorder: Observable Considerations

Do not rely solely on **one example** of an observable behavior to determine grave disability.

For example, signs of intoxication — slurred speech, strong smell of alcohol or marijuana, or bloodshot eyes — **do not** necessarily mean a severe SUD.

EXAMPLES OF OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS TO DETERMINE GRAVE DISABILITY FOR SEVERE SUD

Multiple contacts of incapacitating intoxication of a 12-month period

Refusing to use food, clothing, shelter when offered due to severe SUD

Unable to care for personal hygiene, cleanliness, due to severe SUD

Repeated medically life-threatening substance use (such as multiple overdoses)



Non-Clinical LPS-authorized individuals

(e.g., law enforcement) are only expected to identify and describe **observable behaviors or conditions** that are consistent with DSM criteria, **not diagnose** individuals as having severe SUD.

CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENTIRE SITUATION

Receiving Facilities for SB 43 Holds



- **Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU)**
- **Emergency Departments (ED)**

Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Bed Board



CSU Bed Board:

<https://chorusplatform.io/m/crisis-bed-availability/oc>

CSU Locations:

1030 W. Warner Santa Ana

301 Victoria Street Costa Mesa

265 S. Anita Drive Orange

OC Designated Facilities

BHS currently has 16 LPS Designated mental health treatment facilities plus a designated jail unit for a total of 752 LPS Designated beds

- **Hospitals:** College Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Aliso Ridge, Anaheim Community, Mission Laguna Beach, St. Joseph, UCI, AGMC, Chapman Global, CHOC, OCGMC, La Palma.
- **CSUs:** County CSU (15 recliners), College Hospital CSU (12 recliners), Exodus CSU (24 adult recliners and 8 CY recliners)
- **Other:** OC CHS LPS Designated Jail (15), Royale Therapeutic Residential Center SNF/STP (40 ~ only Unit One)

SB 43 Treatment Continuum

Initial Receiving Sites

- Crisis Stabilization Units
- Emergency Departments

Treatment Sites

- Involuntary = Acute Inpatient
- Voluntary = SUD services

Placement Sites

- Exploring placement options for Long Term Care via Letters of Agreement

OC SUD Beds

BHS currently has the following SUD bed capacity:

- **319** Adult Residential Treatment Beds
- **82** Adult Residential Withdrawal Management Beds
- **378** Recovery Residence Beds
- The Irvine Campus will include an additional **48** Adult Residential Treatment Beds, including some Withdrawal Management Beds.

Lessons Learned from Early Adopters

San Diego County ~ Implemented January 1, 2025

- Preliminary data indicate that there are no substantive changes or upward trends in the total number of involuntary behavioral health holds over the past 12 months (Table 1).
- Additionally, in the most recent quarter (Q3 of FY 2024-25), only 1% of holds (29 out of 2,713) were associated with grave disability due to a severe SUD.

Table 1. Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act Involuntary Holds, Past 12 Months

Time Period	FY 23-24 Q4 4/1/24 - 6/30/24	FY 24-25 Q1 7/1/24 - 9/30/24	FY 24-25 Q2 10/1/24 - 12/31/24	FY 24-25 Q3 1/1/25 - 3/31/25
Total Holds	3,187	3,177	3,120	3,094

Lessons Learned from Early Adopters

San Diego County ~ Implemented January 1, 2025

- Similarly, the number of individuals' entering conservatorship has also remained relatively stable during this time period (Table 2). Notably, between January and March 2025, there were four referrals for conservatorship due to SUD only.

Table 2. Individuals Entering Conservatorship by Month and Type of Conservatorship, Past 12 Months

Conservatorship ¹	2024						2025		
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar*
Temporary Conservatorship	20	23	17	13	20	19	21	17	20
Permanent Conservatorship	62	66	60	64	57	50	59	50	17
Total	82	89	77	77	77	69	80	67	37

¹Counts are not mutually exclusive. Duplicates may be present if an individual transitioned from temporary to permanent conservatorship within the same month.

*March data is incomplete

Thank you!