

PREVENTION BUREAU UPDATE

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Prevention Bureau

The Prevention Bureau will be responsible for managing DMH's countywide prevention-related services currently funded as MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Programs and any new countywide prevention related services as they are developed. In partnership with with community agencies, philanthropy and human service-focused County Departments, the Prevention Bureau will address the needs of children, families, and community members who have experienced or are at risk of trauma.

Prevention Bureau

Deputy Director – Bryan Mershon, Ph.D

Child Welfare Division (CWD) Chief – Anabel Rodriguez

Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Chief – Robert Byrd, Psy.D

Specialized Foster Care Chief - Manual Rosas, LCSW

Prevention Administration Chief - Kalene Gilbert, LCSW

Three Year Plan – 7 PEI Plans

- PEI – 01 Suicide Prevention
- PEI – 02 Stigma and Discrimination
- PEI – 03 Strengthening Family Functioning
- PEI – 04 Trauma Recovery Services
- PEI – 05 Individuals and Families Under Stress
- PEI – 06 At-Risk Youth
- PEI – 07 Vulnerable Communities

MHSOAC PEI Programs

- Early Intervention*
- Prevention*
- Outreach for Recognizing Early Signs of Mental Illness
- Stigma and Discrimination Reduction
- Access and Linkage to Treatment

*Suicide Prevention May Be Included in Early Intervention and Prevention Programs

Early Intervention

- Current Investment* per year: \$271.5 M
- Priorities
 - Improving Access, Facilitating Use
 - Expanding Early Intervention Population
 - Increased Flexibility to Serve all Age Groups
 - Technical Assistance – Better Access to Training

* Projection in the Three Year Plan

Prevention

Current Investment* - \$38 Million to deliver 32 new Prevention Programs

- Availability for providers to use COS to deliver Prevention
 - Prevention COS Expenditures this fiscal year under \$500,000
- Priorities –
 - Technical Assistance to support delivery of Prevention services by Provider Network
 - Expansion of Prevention Activities – (Ex. Early Education Mental Health Consultation)
 - Support for Board Initiatives and County Departments engaged in Prevention and Trauma Intervention Work
- * Projection in the Three Year Plan

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Vision for Prevention Services:

A Public Health Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Use of funds to impact increase resilience in the community, to increase protective factors
- Allows us to address Trauma in communities, families, and individuals in new ways
- Allow us to partner with county departments, schools, and community agencies and leverage existing initiatives to address community trauma and build healthy, resilient families and communities

A Prevention Framework to Build on...

Office of Child Protection – Paving the Road to Safety – A Prevention Plan for Los Angeles County lists strategies which work:

- Strengthening Families Approach:
Social Connectedness, Parental Resilience, Concrete Supports in Times of Need, Knowledge of Parenting, Building Socio-Emotional Skills in Children
- High Quality Early Education Programs
- Community Level Child Abuse Prevention Strategies
- Home Visitation Programs

How do we reach communities and families?

Reaching Families where they are at: Schools, Libraries, Parks, Faith Based Settings, Homes

What is Driving the Plan?

- Stakeholder Input –
 - Three Year Plan,
 - SAAC
 - Health Neighborhoods
 - Community Stakeholders
- Director's Vision –
 - Public Health Approach
 - Schools, Hub to Home
- Board Priorities
 - Office Of Child Protection
 - Home Visiting
 - Agency Prevention Work
- County Agencies and Partners with Prevention and Trauma Initiatives
 - Los Angeles County Library
 - Schools (LAUSD, LACOE)
 - Department of Public Health
 - Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Department of Probation
 - Department of Health Services
 - Department of Children and Family Services

County Department Collaborations FY 17-18 through FY 19-20

Department of Public Health – \$25M Annually

- Nurse Family Partnership
- Health Families America
- Services Focused on African American Communities (AIM HI)

Department of Children and Family Services - \$14M Annually

- Prevention and Aftercare Networks
- Family Finding with Trauma informed training (not yet posted)

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County of Los Angeles Public Library

- Parent and Caregiver Support Programing (PPP in libraries and Communities)
- At-Risk Youth Programming and Education (to be posted)
- Youth and Adult Programming to Increase Protective Factors Against Developing a Serious Mental Illness (to be posted)

Department of Health Services – \$3.5M Annually

-Youth Diversion Project

County of Los Angeles Probation Department

- Probation Youth Trauma Informed Vocational Program (to be posted)

Schools and Community Supports

Prevention Bureau Charged with....

- Partnerships with schools
- Responsiveness – rapid triage and connection with services
- Successful use of PEI Across the State
 - Ensuring access to services
 - Support for Prevention Programming on School Campus
 - Training –Trauma informed training for all: Teachers, Providers, Parents, Community, Faculty
 - Local Solutions
- Stakeholder Input – January 11th Meeting
 - Schools in Community meetings will be community based – beginning with SAs 3 & 6
- Ongoing input and discussions with SLT