

## **LACDMH WINS FIVE NACO AWARDS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

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Earlier this month, the National Association of Counties (NACo) announced the winners for the 2011 Achievement Awards. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health has been the recipient of this national award for each of the last four years. This year, five of our outstanding programs have been so honored:

- 1) **RESOURCE MAPPING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.** Submitted by Vandana Joshi in the category of Information Technology.
- 2) **COST SAVINGS WITHOUT COMPROMISING CARE.** Submitted by Wayland Chan in the category of Financial Management.
- 3) **LA PLACITA HOMELESS OUTREACH PROJECT.** Submitted by Marcie Gibbs and Larry Hurst in the category of Health.
- 4) **OLDER ADULT CONSULTATION TEAM FOR IMPROVING CARE.** Submitted by Sarah Gelberd in the category of Employee Training.
- 5) **NORTHEAST WELLNESS CENTER: WELLNESS IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS.** Submitted by Laura Span in the category of Human Services.

NACo Achievement Award winners receive a certificate from the national headquarters in Washington D.C., with summaries of award-winning programs included in a Model Programs database. Over the next several months, winning programs will be highlighted in NACo's County News.

By late summer/early fall, all Los Angeles County NACo winners will be honored at a Board of Supervisors' meeting in the Board Room of the Hall of Administration.