

## What is Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC)?

SAAC functions as a local forum of consumers, families, service providers and community representatives to provide the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) with information, advice and recommendations regarding

- The functioning of local service systems
- The mental health service needs of their geographic area
- The most effective/efficient use of available resources
- The maintenance of two way communication between DMH and various groups and geographic communities.



## Mental Health Services

Mental health services provided include screenings and assessments, case management, crisis intervention, medication support, peer support and other recovery services. Services are provided in multiple settings, including residential facilities, clinics, schools, hospitals, county jails, juvenile halls and camps, and field visits.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) has allowed for expansions of Full Service Partnership programs, Wellness Centers and Alternative Crisis Services as well as Field Capable Clinical Services for all age groups.



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## Who can join SAAC?

Consumers, family members of consumers, community organizations, mental health service providers, interested community members and representatives of local governments.

SAAC advises DMH on mental health issues. It is their responsibility to:

- Provide feedback to DMH on the quality of its program and services
- Participate in DMH planning efforts
- Educate its community on mental health issues
- Determine a community's mental health needs

## OUR COMMUNITIES



Agoura Hills	La Crescenta-Montrose	Saugus
Agua Dulce	Lake View Terrace	Seminole Hot Springs
Angeles National Forest	Malibu Lake	Studio City
Bouquet Canyon	Mint Canyon	Sun Valley
Burbank	Mission Hills	Sunland
Calabasas	Monte Nido	Sylmar
Canoga Park	Montrose	Tarzana
Canyon Country	Newhall	Topanga Canyon
Castaic-Val Verde	North Hills	Triunfo Canyon
Chatsworth	North Hollywood	Tujunga
Encino	Northridge	Valencia
Fernwood	Pacoima	Valley Village
Forest Park	Pico	Van Nuys
Glendale	Pinetree	West Hills
Glenview	Porter Ranch	Westlake Village
Granada Hills	Panorama City	Winnetka
Hidden Hills	Reseda	Woodland Hills
Kagel Canyon	San Fernando	
La Canada-Flintridge	Santa Clarita	

## Our Providers

- Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center
- Aviva Center
- Bridges-TruStart
- Child and Family Center
- Child and Family Guidance Center
- Counseling4Kids
- Didi Hirsch Mental Health Center
- El Centro de Amistad
- El Dorado Community Service Center
- Hathaway-Sycamores
- Hillview Mental Health Center, Inc.
- IMCES
- Jewish Family Services
- Pacific Clinics
- Pacific Asian Counseling Services
- Pacific Lodge Youth Services
- Penny Lane Centers
- Phoenix House
- San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
- Stirling Behavioral Health Institute
- Tarzana Treatment Centers
- The Eugene Ferkich Mental Health Clinic
- The Help Group Child and Family Services
- The Village Family Services
- Topanga Roscoe



## LACDMH MISSION

Enriching lives through partnerships designed to strengthen the community's capacity to support recovery and resiliency.

## OUR VALUES

**Integrity:** We conduct ourselves professionally according to the highest ethical standards.

**Respect:** We recognize the uniqueness of every individual and treat all people in a way that affirms their personal worth and dignity.

**Accountability:** We take responsibility for our choices and their outcomes.

**Collaboration:** We work together toward common goals by partnering with the whole community, sharing knowledge, building strong consensus and sharing decision-making.

**Dedication:** We will do whatever it takes to improve the lives of our clients and communities.

**Transparency:** We openly convey our ideas, decisions and outcomes to ensure trust in our organization.

**Quality and Excellence:** We identify the highest personal, organizational, professional and clinical standards and commit ourselves to achieving those standards by continually improving every aspect of our performance.

### SAAC Meetings

Occur every second Thursday of the month  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Location - Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center  
7555 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91405

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