

Early Intervention Programs, Substance Use System of Care

BHSA Community Planning Team Meeting
December 9, 2025



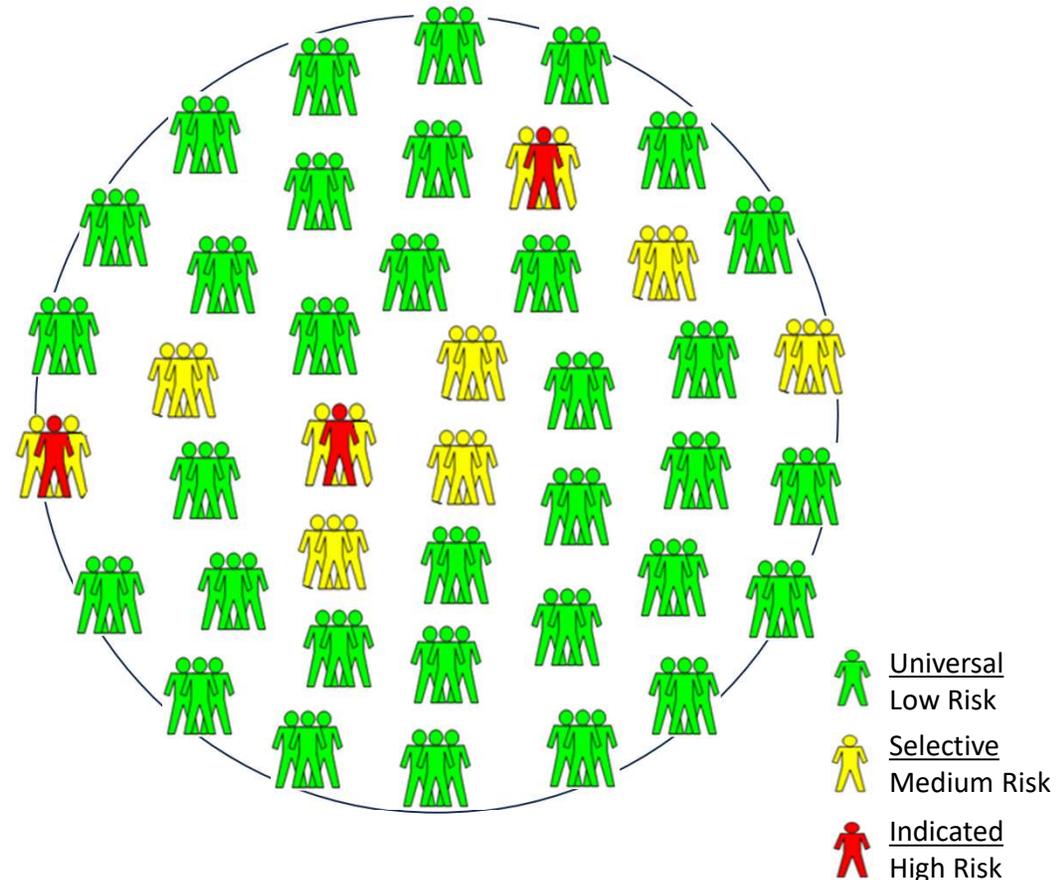
Promotion - Whole communities regardless of risk of substance use to support well-being

Universal - Entire population regardless of risk of substance use

Selective - Subset of population due to being at higher risk of substance use

Indicated - Individuals showing early signs of a substance use problem

Case Identification - Individuals showing early signs of a substance use problem



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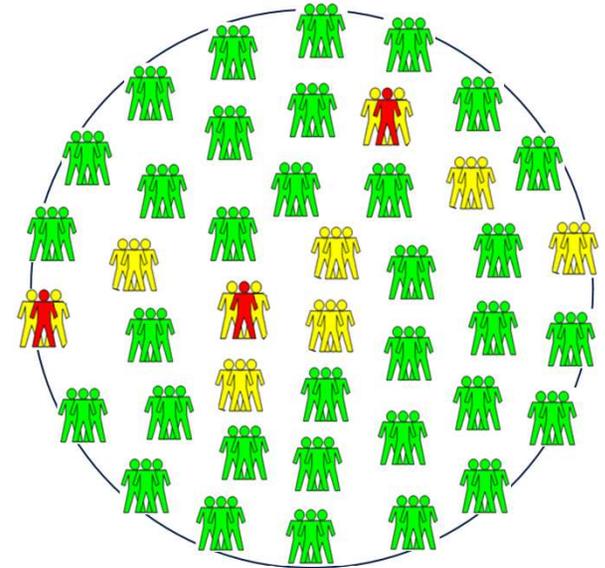
- *Media Campaigns / Policy Change*
- *Community-Based Outreach*

- *Dept Parks & Recreation Our SPOT*
- *DPH Youth Advisory Group*
- *Let's Make a Difference*

- *DPH Student Wellbeing Centers*
- *LA Smoke Shop Project*

- *Educational Sessions with Probation Youth*
- *DPH CORE Centers*

- *Client Engagement and Navigation Services for Youth*
- *Early Intervention Services for Youth and Young Adults*



DPH Core Centers

The CORE Center is a community space where everyone can come to get information and resources about how to prevent alcohol and drug use, learn more about substance use disorders (also known as addiction) and find out where to go for free or low-cost treatment services.

Families and friends can build skills to talk about alcohol/drugs with loved ones and learn how to help someone experiencing a drug overdose. CORE Center staff are able to provide screening to identify alcohol/drug treatment needs and connect individuals to an appropriate local treatment center.

Services include:

- Information on alcohol and drug prevention, and community advocacy opportunities.
- Workshops such as preventing teen substance use and vaping, understanding health risks of different drugs, understanding substance use disorders and treatment services, and recognizing signs of relapse.
- Training on how to administer medication (naloxone) to reverse an opioid overdose.
- Screenings to identify treatment needs.
- Referrals to no-cost treatment services for Medi-Cal and My Health LA clients.

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/public/corecenter/?lang=en>

Screening and Assessment

Use of youth-specific ASAM criteria and standardized tools to identify SUD risks and treatment needs

Intervention Services

Brief Interventions using Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to address early substance use risks among youth

Care Coordination & Navigation

Client Engagement and Navigation Services (CENS) screen and connect system-impacted and youth with complex care needs to appropriate care

Early Family Supportive Services

The BRIDGE Program (Building Relationships, Inspiring Development, Growing Engagement) enhances caregiver participation through Early Family Engagement, Family Education & Support Groups, Community Outreach, and Positive Family Development Activities

Inter-Departmental Collaboration

SAPC partners with DCFS, DMH, DYD, OCP, Probation, LAUSD, LACOE and others to coordinate and strengthen referral pathways for SUD services