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Department of Mental Health Director's Update – July 9, 2026 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Sunsetted Prevention Programs

In March 2024, California voters passed Proposition 1, which amended the 2004 Mental Health Services Act, transitioning it to the current Behavioral Health Services Act. As part of that transition, the funding and authority for providing “Population Based Prevention” inclusive of Promotion, Universal Prevention, and Selective Prevention became the California Department of Public Health’s (CDPH) resulting in the shifting and, in some cases, sunseting of several prevention programs, campaigns and resources funded by the Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Mental Health (DMH). Prior to the effective dates of the transition, DMH communicated and engaged with the various impacted programs, providers, departments, and organizations.

In the June 11, 2026, LAC Behavioral Health Commission meeting, your Commission requested the list of programs sunsetted due to this transition. The information is provided on the attached document.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me, or staff can contact Robert Byrd, Deputy Director Prevention Services, at rbyrd@lacounty.dmh.gov.

DMH PREVENTION PROGRAMS SUNSETTING				
SERVICE AREA (SA)	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	23-24 OUTCOMES & DATA and IMPACT	Other Funding Identified
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8	DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (DYD): YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK MODEL	Youth Development Regions (Also known as Youth Development Network) This program will support youth by providing and/or referring to a range of youth development services based on an assessment of individual strengths, interests, and needs. The target population is youth 12-25 and is projected to serve approximately 6,500 youths annually. Services are provided through contracted community based organizations (CBOs) and referral and linkage and will include school engagement, conflict resolution training, mentoring/peer support, educational support, employment/career services, arts/creative expression and social/emotional wellbeing resources.	Numbers Served: 264 individuals served	The DYD subcontracts for this project will be sunseting as a new solicitation will be released. The new contract will be Service Area based.
COUNTYWIDE	PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION (PEI) TRAINING BUDGET	Training for directly operated (DO)/ legal entity (LE) Provider network. Trainings on cultural topics. Trainings for Promotores/United Mental Health Promoters in core competencies (CRM and eCPR), etc.		Training for the Evidence Based Practices required under BHSA and BH-CONNECT will be provided by DHCS through the Centers of Excellence. For training in other Evidence Based Practices and specialty trainings the Department will be supporting, the Department is exploring the use of Workforce, Education and Training funds.
COUNTYWIDE	PEI Community Outreach Services PREVENTION Programs	Community Outreach Services funds used to support an array of amended evidence-based practices for the purpose of engaging communities to build awareness of mental health, reducing stigma, and promoting wellbeing.		Universal Prevention programming will be provided by California Department of Public Health.
COUNTYWIDE	PEI Community Outreach Services - OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT	Community Outreach Services (COS) are outreach and engagement services that enable the mental health system to reach the community-at-large, especially populations at risk, and provide a proactive way for the system to address the needs of those who do not, will not, or are not utilizing direct specialty mental health services. COS are delivered in the community to special population groups, human service agencies, and to individuals, and their families, who are not usually clients of the Los Angeles County Local Mental Health Plan (State California DMH Cost Reporting Data Collection Manual). COS assists in preventing and reducing the intensity of mental illness in an indirect manner. COS is considered an indirect mental health service because it is not directly related to the assessment and treatment of a client.		Outreach is a required component under BHSA Early Intervention. The Department had developed a Program Service Exhibit for outreach and will be finalizing how outreach will be conducted under BHSA.
COUNTYWIDE	Library, Child, Family, and Community Prevention Programs	Library, Child, Family, and Community Prevention Programs DMH collaborates with Library to fund prevention programming for children, families, and the community at large. The initiative is implemented through three (3) programs delivered at libraries. Prevention programming serves to increase protective factors which include resilience, social and emotional skill building in children, and social connectedness through specialty programming. Families have access to services delivered by Librarians trained in best practices for early and emergent literacy. The three (3) programs are: - New Parent Engagement-Welcome to the Library and the World - Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) - School Readiness	18,814 participants served 1379 Participants attend Parent Cafes	None at this time.
COUNTYWIDE	iPrevail	iPrevail iPrevail provides personalized and confidential online health and wellness program aimed to improve individual's mental health and build resilience Target Population Diverse population of adults and adolescent from 13 years of age in LA County Accessible by anyone with an internet or smart phone connection in both English and Spanish Strengths-based, and cognitive-behavioral framework The program offers the following:: Live Chat Sessions with trained Peer Coaches Self-Guided Learning via lessons and guided activities Support Groups	100,348 users engaged in 228,884 activities	Contract ending 6/30/2026

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COUNTYWIDE	COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (CSI) - LACOE	CSI serves school sites that serve as hubs for a range of support services for students, families, and school staff. The program provides each site with a Community Schools Specialist to assist with coordinating services and Educational Community Worker to support parent engagement. Services focus on prevention, helping caregivers and students access a variety of services to prevent stress and possible mental health concerns.	Numbers Served: Approximately 27,953 individuals	Through the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Fee Schedule program, several of the CSI schools have enrolled in this program, where that they can receive reimbursement for mental health screenings, treatment, and case management, creating a sustainable funding source for school-based care. The California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) supports schools' efforts to partner with community agencies and local government to align community resources to improve student outcomes. Most of these CSI schools also received this grant funding.
COUNTYWIDE	DCFS Placement Stability Youth CFT Pilot	Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) in collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) will develop and implement a pilot to train youth with lived experience in the Child Welfare and/or Probation system in the principles of the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM), Child and Family Teaming (CFT) and facilitation of CFT meetings (CFTM). These youth with lived experience, known as Neutral Facilitators, will be trained and mentored to engage youth who have been detained and are in the process of their initial assessment, to help prepare youth for the first CFT meeting, including helping the youth identify the key individuals the youth may want to include in the CFT. The Neural Facilitators will also work with the youth prior to the initial CFT to educate them about the CFT process and purpose. Ultimately, the goal is for the youth to be empowered to advocate for services they believe will promote stability.	Due to late launch, time was dedicated to hiring/onboarding staff. As a result, clients were not served.	This was a time limited pilot. The youth participating in this initiative are actively completing the peer support certification training/curriculum. Upon successful completion of the training and certification process, they will be positioned to expand their career pathways within systems, that can claim for the service provided.
COUNTYWIDE	Department of Public Health - Abundant Birth Project	Funding the administrative end of the Poverty Alleviation project with DCFS, providing funding to youth aging out of Foster Care who are pregnant or parenting.	We have been clear this is a one-time project that will sunset with MHSA.	This is a State research project that is sunsetting the end of June 2026. As a result, participants are no longer being enrolled and existing participants' cases have been closing and they are being referred to other resources if needed.
COUNTYWIDE	Transforming Los Angeles - Incubation Academy	The Incubation Academy is a capacity-building project in collaboration with Community Partners. The project provides mentorship, training, technical support, and financial resources for 28 small and mid-sized grassroots organizations that are providing prevention-related mental health activities within their communities. The organizations vary in their programming and target population as the goal is to prepare such organizations to compete for future contracting with DMH.		No available funding at this time.
COUNTYWIDE	LGBTQI2-S Stigma Reduction	Utilizing the DMH LGBTQI2-S tool kit, provide trainings to community members with the goal to increase recognition of early signs of mental illness, community awareness, and access to community-based programs for the LGBTQI2-S TAY consumers and their families and/or caregivers.		Contract is expired 3/31/2026
COUNTYWIDE	Regents of the University of California - San Diego	CP-UMHP Technical Assistance and Consultation		Contract ending 6/30/2026
COUNTYWIDE	DMVA-SCG Contract for VPAN Program Services	Administer the contract with Southern California Grantmakers (hereinafter referred to as "SCG") to establish a collaborative public-private partnership focusing on the implementation of services to Veterans using a peer-to-peer model. The VPAN program delivers peer support services to insured and uninsured Military Veterans, and their families.		DMVA responsible for continuing services starting 7/1/2026
COUNTYWIDE	DMVA-MHSA PEI Benefits Navigators for Veterans Services	MOU with DMVA was to employ and utilize military veterans as PEI Benefit Navigators to engage Veterans and their families, identify available benefits, and ensure linkage to services.		DMVA responsible for continuing services starting 7/1/2027
SA 8	Homeless Prevention Project - City of Long Beach	Contract with City of Long Beach to develop and launch specific community-requested resources and services offered by the City to reduce the number of TAY who may experience homelessness for the first time, especially TAY individuals who have experience in the foster care system, and those who identify as LGBTQIA-S+.		Project is a one-time-only in nature and will terminate upon contract expiration (6/30/2026)