



Mental Health Services Act

Prevention and Early Intervention Programs



Presentation Overview

- During the 2016 Stakeholder Process, 20 percent of those providing feedback determined there are program and service needs in the outlying areas of Kern
- Today, we will discuss types of Prevention and Early Intervention programs and services most needed and for which population(s).



Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

- Passed via Proposition 63 in 2004
- Provides funding to California counties for behavioral health prevention, intervention and treatment programs
- Kern County currently has 22 active and pending programs funded under MHSA
- Seven programs are active under the Prevention and Early Intervention component



Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)

- Twenty percent of MHSA funds are dedicated to Prevention and Early Intervention Services
- PEI programs help prevent mental illness from becoming severe and leading to negative outcomes
- Programs serve children, transitional age youth (16-25), adults and older adults



Current PEI Programs

- Youth Brief Treatment
- REACH
- Volunteer Senior Outreach Program
- TAY Career Development
- Foster Care Engagement
- Youth Juvenile Justice Engagement
- Project Care
- Art Risk Reduction Program



What type of PEI program does your community need?

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



Who would benefit from this PEI Program?

- Feedback in fall of 2016 identified those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as the top underserved population
- Among others were: Children/Families, LGBTQ, Veteran's, Latino/Hispanic and African Americans