

What is M.I.S.T.?

The Multi-Agency Integrated Services Team (M.I.S.T.) consists of representatives from the Kern County Departments of Mental Health, Human Services, Juvenile Probation and a Parent partner. Collaboration among these agencies provides comprehensive services that result in better outcomes for our families and communities.

- ◆ MIST provides a community based system of care that preserves, empowers and strengthens the family to increase the family's chances for success.
- ◆ MIST targets youth who are at risk for losing placement with their biological family, foster family or group home. Usually these children and their families have many challenges and are in need of intensive multi-agency services.



MISSION Statement

Working together to achieve hope, healing and a meaningful life in the community.

VISION Statement

People with mental illness and addictions recover to achieve their hopes and dreams, enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their community.

VALUES Statements

Hope, Healing, Community, Authority

We honor the potential in everyone

We value the whole person – mind, body and spirit

We focus on the person, not the illness

We embrace diversity and cultural competence

We acknowledge that relapse is not a personal failure

We recognize authority over our lives empowers us to make choices, solve problems and plan for the future



M.I.S.T. Multi-Agencies Serving the Community

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Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

Kern County Mental Health has been accredited by CARF for the following programs: Mental Health Programs- Case Management; Children and Adolescents-Case Management & Crisis Stabilization; Integrated Alcohol & Other Drugs-Case Management & Children & Adolescents-Case Management; Employment Services-Community Employment Services



Kern County Mental Health Department

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Hope, Recovery and Independence*

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M.I.S.T. Services and Goals

- ◆ Integrated case planning, case management
- ◆ Provide intensive Mental Health services
- ◆ Family substance abuse, violence interventions
- ◆ Extensive and immediate services to Families
- ◆ Crisis intervention
- ◆ Improve child and family functioning
- ◆ Decrease truancy
- ◆ Increase academic performance
- ◆ Decrease out of home placements
- ◆ Assess imminent danger in the home
- ◆ Decrease involvement with Juvenile Justice System
- ◆ Health education
- ◆ Provide treatment foster care as part of the Multidimensional Treatment

M.I.S.T. Representatives

Social Worker (Department of Human Services) - Interacts with families that have ongoing issues with Child Protective services. Helps with licensing, family maintenance, placements and crisis intervention. Works closely with schools and courts on behalf of youth and family. Social worker links clients with agencies and services.

Parent Partner - Provides links to services and in the community. Assures that family concerns remain a priority and ensures that services provided are met with sensitivity and compassion.



Mental Health Clinician and Recovery Specialist - Provides mental health services, case management, linkage to psychiatric services, social skills, crisis intervention, anger management and parenting skills classes.

Probation Officer - Educates families and clients regarding laws, consequences and parenting responsibilities. Monitors and intervenes when necessary with prevention, truancy, terms of probation and law violations with the overall goal of family preservation.

REFERRAL PROCESS

M.I.S.T. accepts families who meet the following criteria:

- ◆ The need for multiple agency involvement
- ◆ Current or past agency involvement
- ◆ Children/Child at risk of losing their placement, at risk of failing in school and/ or having difficulties in the community
- ◆ Family is willing to participate in services

Anyone can refer a family to the M.I.S.T. program: Probation Officer, Teacher, Social Worker, Public Health Nurse, Juvenile Court Judge, Mental Health Provider, family member or a concerned citizen.

