



Transforming Mental Health Services

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services PEI Progress Report

Activities to Date:

- MHSa Implementation Group Meeting—*May 7—+ /- 45 participants*
- Community Kick-Off Meeting—*May 19—102 participants*
- 10 Stakeholder Interviews—*April, May & July—10 participants*
- SJCOE DATE Coordinators Focus Group—*May 22— 12 participants*
- School Health Administrators Focus Group—*June 13— 7 participants*
- Emancipated Foster Youth Focus Group—*June 23— 10 participants*
- Parents of TAY Focus Group—*June 26—9 participants*
- Juvenile Justice Judges Focus Group—*July 2—11 participants*
- Total consumer & family member participants to date: 58

Preliminary Needs Assessment Findings:

- Children at risk of juvenile justice involvement are a grave concern. School failure and delinquency rates are high.
- Extremely high rates of children with little or no adult supervision for long periods of time due to work schedules, commutes, and other factors.
- Strong support for school based prevention services.
- Pronounced disparities in access to a wide range of preventative services across geographic and income strata. Limited English proficiency enhances disparities.
- Fragmented screening, identification, and referrals for children and youth with mental health issues.
- Referrals to services are inconsistent and are often dependent on school, health, or juvenile justice professionals having the right information on who to call.
- There is little mid-level support for parents and families. Families in crisis are most often routed through CPS or the juvenile justice center.
- Stigma and discrimination may be a major factor in access to services.

Next Steps:

- Childcare Providers/First5 Contractors Focus Group (July 16)
- Integrated MH/PH Care Focus Group (July 16)
- Older Adults' Service Providers Focus Group (July 23)
- Children's Services Focus Group (July 23)
- Judges Focus Group (unscheduled)
- Consumer Focus Group (unscheduled)
- Youth (Valley Links) Focus Group (unscheduled)
- Suicide Prevention & Trauma Focus Group (unscheduled)
- TAY Consumers, First Break Focus Group (unscheduled)
- Probation Officers Focus Groups (unscheduled)
- Gang Intervention Focus Group (unscheduled)
- Best Practice Research
- August Needs, Strategies & Priority Community Meetings (Stockton, Lodi & Tracy; date TBA)
- Draft Plan, 30-Day Review, Public Hearing, Revisions, Submission to State