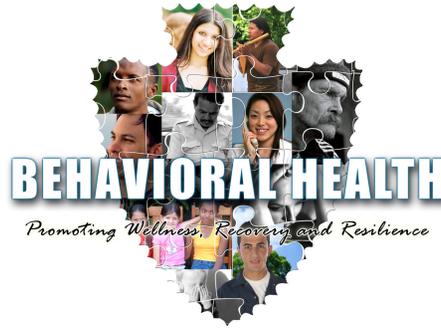


Additional Requirements

The MHSA also requires that 5% of the funds for Children's Systems of Care, Adult and Older Adult systems of Care, and Prevention and Early Intervention be used for innovative programs. Innovative programs include:

- Services that increase access for underserved groups
- Increase in the quality and positive outcomes of services
- Promotion of interagency collaboration



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www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/dbh
- ▶ Monitor the State DMH MHSA Website for the latest updates
- ▶ Attend a MHSA Focus Group
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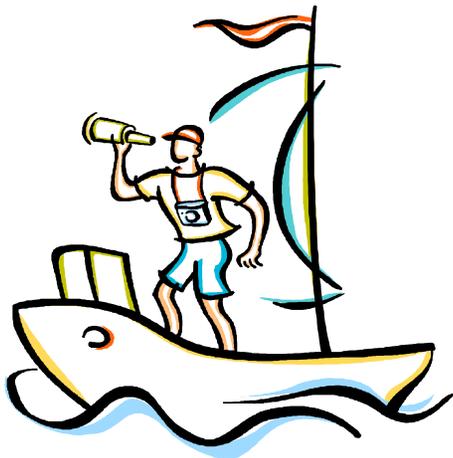
WHAT IS THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT?

OVERVIEW

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is a law that took effect January 1, 2004.

It was voted in by California voters in November 2004 via Proposition 63, and intends to expand mental health services for children and adults, using programs proven to be effective.

Prop 63 is funded by a 1% tax surcharge on personal income over \$1 million per year.



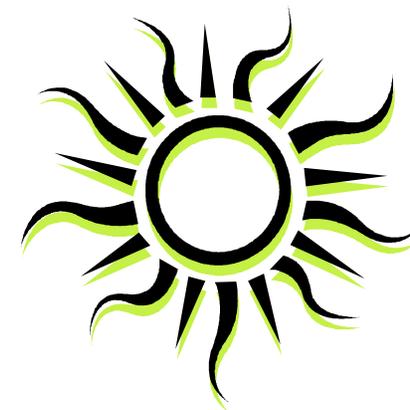
INTRODUCTION

For years, mental health services for children and adults in California have been grossly under funded.

People who suffer from mental illness were released from state hospitals 35 years ago, but funds to provide community mental health services never reached the community, resulting in:

- Increased suffering
- Homelessness
- Incarceration
- Repeat hospitalization and
- Unemployment.

The MHSA will generate approximately \$800 million dollars per year statewide, with each county receiving funds to deliver services to the extent that they demonstrate significant unmet need for services and the capability to deliver the services.



USE OF MHSA FUNDS

MHSA funds must be used to expand, not supplant, existing state or county mental health services. The components Include:

- ▶ Community Program Planning
- ▶ Community Services and Supports (System of Care Services) for:
 - Children
 - Youth, including Transitional Age (16-25)
 - Adults
 - Older Adults (Over 60)
- ▶ Capital Improvements and Technology
- ▶ Education and Training Programs