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From the County of San Bernardino



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## **Media Advisory: County Seeks Input on Mental Health Service Needs** Survey Available on County Website to Solicit Opinions for Mental Health Services Act

**WHO:** Persons living in the San Bernardino County area who are interested in:

- Expressing opinions regarding a variety of mental health issues
- Identifying concerns about the impact of mental illness on communities

**WHAT:** As part of the County's ongoing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) "Prop 63" Community Program Planning process it is important for the public to participate in the planning process in a variety of ways. The MHSA opinion Survey can now be found on the San Bernardino County website @ <http://www.sbcounty.gov/>

**WHY:** The Mental Health Services Act is a law that took effect January 1, 2005, after being voted in by California voters in November 2004. It establishes a 1% tax surcharge on income over \$1 million per year to fund expanded mental health services for children and adults. The County has sponsored a variety of stakeholder participation activities, including community forums and focus groups. This online survey provides another way for the County to obtain information from the public regarding mental health needs, concerns and priorities as the Community Program Planning process progresses.

**WHEN:** Available effective October 3, 2005

**CONTACT:** For additional information and to learn about opportunities to participate, please call the San Bernardino County MHSA Coordination Team at 909-387-7712.