



## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FACT SHEET

### Community Services and Supports

The goal of the Community Services and Supports (CSS) component of the Mental health services Act is to improve access to underserved populations, bring recovery approaches to current systems, and provide “whatever it takes” services to those most in need. New programs offer integrated, recovery-oriented mental health treatment; case management and linkage to essential services; housing and vocational support; and self-help.

### CSS Funding

Funds to conduct a community planning process to assess the needs and priority strategies for addressing those needs first became available in FY 2004/05. Orange County received approximately \$636,000 for this purpose. Based on the results of a comprehensive, inclusive community planning process, a Three-Year Plan for the expenditure of CSS funding was developed. The original CSS plan covered fiscal years 05/06, 06/07, and 07/08. In subsequent years, new funding for CSS became available to California counties. Each time additional funds (sometimes called “growth funding”) became available, a new community planning process was held to determine the best use of these funds. In 2007/08, in addition to the regular CSS allocation, Orange County received approximately \$33 million for a housing program that was carved out of CSS funding. Below is a chart showing annual CSS funding for Orange County.

**Authorized CSS Funds\***

2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total
636,415	25,502,200	25,757,558	37,641,300 & 33,158,300 (housing)	52,212,700	72,573,400	63,187,200	310,669,073

### CSS Funded Programs

CSS funds are divided into categories by age group:

- Children and Youth 0-15
- Transitional Age Youth 16-25
- Adults 27-59
- Older Adults 60 and above

CSS Funds are also divided into three functional categories:

- Full Service Partnerships (Intensive team approach, 24/7, with flex funding, for those homeless or at high risk of homelessness)
- Outreach and Engagement
- General Systems Development (Improve programs, services, and supports for all clients and families)
- See following page for a matrix of approved CSS programs.