

## COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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## Mental Health Services Act – Prevention and Early Intervention Program Planning

## ORGANIZATIONAL SURVEY

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), approved by voters in 2004 as Proposition 63, requires that each county in California prepare a Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) program plan. We want to know what you think about services to be offered and groups of people to be helped by mental illness prevention and early intervention programs in Orange County. With your assistance, we can better plan for the needs of our community.

The *prevention* element of the PEI program is meant to <u>reduce risk factors or stressors to prevent the initial onset of a mental health problem</u> as well as promote and support the well-being of "at risk" individuals under challenging life circumstances in order to reduce the suffering associated with mental health problems.

The *early intervention* element of the PEI program is designed to <u>prevent a mental health problem from getting worse</u>. These programs are directed toward people for whom a short-duration (<1 year), relatively low-intensity intervention is appropriate to measurably improve mental health problems, avoid the need for more extensive mental health treatment or services, or prevent a mental health problem from getting worse.

For more information about the Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention program, please visit <a href="https://www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop\_63/MHSA/Prevention\_and\_Early\_Intervention/default.asp">www.dmh.ca.gov/Prop\_63/MHSA/Prevention\_and\_Early\_Intervention/default.asp</a>.

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to complete the enclosed Organizational Survey questionnaire. To return your completed survey, please put it in the postage-paid envelope provided and drop it in the nearest mailbox.

If you have any questions or would like additional copies of this questionnaire or the version designed to gather input from individual residents of Orange County (available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese), please contact Kimari Phillips at (714) 834-7402 or <a href="mailto:kphillips@ochca.com">kphillips@ochca.com</a>. If you know of others who would be interested in providing input into this planning process, please forward this link to online versions of the Community Survey (in three languages) and the Organizational Survey at: <a href="mailto:ochealthinfo.com/mhsa/pei/survey">ochealthinfo.com/mhsa/pei/survey</a>.

Sincerely,

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