California Health Facilities Financing Authority

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program
for Children and Youth

Notable Projects

Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health Services
Grantland L. Johnson Center for Health & Human Services
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Sacramento, California 95823

The Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health Services provides a full array of culturally competent and linguistically proficient mental health services to individuals of all ages. Services include prevention and early intervention, outpatient services, case management services, crisis intervention and stabilization services, and inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations.

Project: On May 30, 2019, the Division was awarded $801,865.00 ($210,205.00 in capital funding and $591,660.00 in personnel funding) to purchase two new vehicles and hire eight new full-time staff members (two youth advocates, two family advocates, and four licensed clinicians/therapists) to expand mental health access to all children and youth ages 21 years of age and under and their caregivers. The expanded program will provide peer mentoring, youth and family support, advocacy during and after a crisis, and immediate linkage to ongoing support and services and staff will be able to respond to approximately 300 to 400 calls per month, with 45-60% of those calls requiring in-person crisis intervention services.

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Director Ryan Quist, Ph.D. – *"We'd like to thank CHFFA for funding Sacramento County's 24/7 Children's Crisis Mobile Response Teams. These services are going to help prevent unnecessary emergency room visits and reduce law enforcement involvement for youth and families. CHFFA staff, Sandra Jacobs and Nicole Weaver, were very responsive and collaborative in assisting with technical components of the proposal submission."*

Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency
Behavioral Health Services Division
1400 Emeline Avenue
Santa Cruz, California 95060

The Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Services Division provides services for youth including assessment, individual, family, and group therapy, school based day treatment, family support, and evaluation for psychiatric hospitalization. They partner with youth and families to achieve positive outcomes developing individualized goals for our services that are focused on improving the overall health and emotional functioning of the youth, maintaining and/or strengthening family stability and relationships, and reducing the need for Juvenile Probation involvement, psychiatric hospitalization, and out of home placement. Services are provided throughout the community in both North and South County.

Project: On May 30, 2019, the Division was awarded $416,359.00 ($210,336.00 in capital funding and $206,023.00 in personnel funding) to purchase one new Mobile Crisis Van (Mobile Behavioral Health Office) and hire two new full-time staff that may include mobile crisis clinicians and family partners to provide mental health crisis services to expand access and timely connection to services by enabling the clinician to perform crisis assessments and access psychiatric assessments and interventions from the Mobile Crisis Van. The County expects at least a 10% increase in non-duplicated children and youth served through this program.

Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Director Erik G. Riera – *"Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health has had the opportunity to work with CHFFA on several successful grant submissions, and we appreciate their support, technical assistance and guidance provided both before and following the grant award. Both the staff as well as the CHFFA Board were enormously helpful in providing guidance whenever roadblocks to success were encountered, and helped the County ensure a successful project with positive outcomes. Carolyn Aboubechara, the Deputy Director, has been involved in several of our projects from start to finish and was a pleasure to work with."*