

What is the Mental Health Services Act?



The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), also known as Prop 63, was passed by California voters in November 2004. This act implemented a 1% income tax on all personal income over one million dollars. These dollars are then divided between the counties and used to address mental health across the state, with a primary focus on prevention, treatment and innovation. The MHSA has funded over \$14 billion in services for communities statewide since it was enacted.

COMPONENTS OF MHSA



Community Services and Support (CSS)

These funds provide integrated mental health and support services to children and adults whose needs are not met through other funding sources. Half of CSS funding goes to Full Service Partnerships (FSP) which assist with housing, employment, and education while also providing mental health services and treatment for co-occurring substance use disorders.

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)

These funds are used to reduce stigma and discrimination that often go along with mental illness while providing preventative services to address mental health crises. All counties (except for small counties) must spend 51% of funds allocated for PEI on individuals between the ages of 0-25.

Innovative Programs

These funds are to be used on innovation that improves access to mental health care.

Goals of innovation projects:

1. To increase access to underserved groups.
2. To increase the quality of services, including better outcomes.
3. To promote interagency collaboration.
4. To increase access to services, including, but not limited to, services provided through permanent supportive housing.



Capital Facilities and Technology

These funds are earmarked to help improve the infrastructure of California's Mental Health system.

Workforce Education and Training

These funds are allocated to develop and grow the mental healthcare workforce.

State Administration

These funds are used by a variety of state agencies to oversee local programs, for special projects, and to ensure consumers and family members have the appropriate access to services.