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Mental Illness Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Program Planning

Community And 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.

The *prevention* element of the PEI component focuses on reducing risk factors or stressors to prevent the initial onset of a mental health problem as well as promoting and supporting 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 component focuses on preventing mental health problems from getting worse. This component is directed toward people for whom a short-duration (<1 year), relatively low-intensity intervention is appropriate to measurably improve mental health problems, or to avoid the need for more extensive mental health treatment or services.

For ongoing planning updates and access to the Orange County Community and Organizational On-Line Surveys, go to: ohealthinfo.com/mhsa/pei/survey. Please take a few minutes to complete one of the on-line surveys to share your opinions and suggestions. With your input and assistance, we can better plan for the needs of our community.

If you have any questions or would like additional copies of the questionnaires, please contact Kimari Phillips at (714) 834-7402 or kphillips@ochca.com.

Thank you, in advance, for your interest and support.