

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Priority Populations for Engagement

The BHSA Community Planning Process (CPP) is designed to engage stakeholders in meaningful dialogue and decision-making that informs local behavioral health programs. **Under BHSA, required stakeholders include:**

Community & Special Populations

- Eligible adults and older adults
- Families of eligible children and youth, eligible adults, and eligible older adults
- Youths (individuals with lived experience) or youth mental health or substance use disorder (SUD) organizations
- Veterans
- Representatives from youth from historically marginalized communities
- Representatives from LGBTQIA+ communities
- Victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse
- People with lived experience of homelessness
- Representatives from veterans' organizations
- Area agencies on aging
- Independent living centers
- Continuums of care, including representatives from the homeless service provider community
- Regional centers
- Community-based organizations serving culturally and linguistically diverse constituents
- Representatives from organizations specializing in working with underserved racially and ethnically diverse communities

Medical

- Providers of mental health services and SUD treatment services
- Healthcare organizations, including hospitals
- Tribal and Indian Health Program designees
- Emergency medical services

Payers & Insurers

- Healthcare service plans, including Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans
- Disability insurers

Education & Workforce

- Early childhood organizations
- Local education agencies
- Higher education partners
- Labor representative organizations

Local Government

- County social services and child welfare agencies
- Local public health jurisdictions
- Public safety partners, including county juvenile justice agencies

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