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## Program Manager Meeting

Children, Youth and Families | Behavioral Health Services  
November 13, 2025 | Zoom | 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

### Agenda

- **Welcome** - Emily Gaines
  - Gov Delivery registration: [County of San Diego, California - BHS Provider Communications](#)
- **QA Updates (SOC)** - Elaine Mills, Diana Daitch-Weltsch 10 minutes
  - [How to Complete the MH Non-Psychiatric SMHS Timeliness Record - 2023 CalMHSA](#)
  - [How to Complete the MH Psychiatric SMHS Timeliness Record - 2023 CalMHSA](#)
  - [MH Access Times FAQ and Tip Sheet - 6-17-25.pdf](#)
- **Addressing Nicotine Addiction Among Youth** - Irene Linayao-Putnam 30 minutes
  - Pages 3-30
- **System Collaboration Updates** - Shaun Goff, Cynthia Roman 10 minutes
  - Special Population Identification
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- **Vista Hill ChildNET** - Annabel Mojica, LMFT, LPCC 10 minutes
  - Pages 56-64
- **Early Childhood Emotional and Behavioral Services** - Leslie Manriquez, LMFT 15 minutes
  - Pages 65-76
- **TBS Prior Authorization and referral process** - Christine Boyd, LMFT 10 minutes
  - Pages 77-92
- **Assessment Summary** - Eileen Quinn O'Malley, LMFT 5 minutes
  - Page 93-96
- **Our Safe Place – Good news highlights – PRIDE season** - Kate DeBerardinis, LCSW 15 minutes
  - Pages 97-110
- **Networking with colleagues** - (If time permits) 15 minutes
- **Announcements (SOC)**
  - Birth of Brilliance save the date and Call for Proposals – Melanie Morones and Vanessa Arteaga:
    - [Birth of Brilliance 2026: Disrupt burnout. Reimagine rest. Submit today](#)
    - Conference: February 26, 2026
    - Cultural Fair: Feb 27, 2026
  - Native American Heritage Month ([Indigenous Tribe Map](#))
  - Holiday Closure
    - Page 111
  - MHSA to BHSA:
    - [MHSA to BHSA Changes Chart](#)
    - [MHSA to BHSA County Funding Changes Graphic](#)



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- [MHSA to BHSA Changes: What This Means](#)
- BHSA Input Opportunities
  - Page 112
- National Voter Registration Act
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- Safer Spaces Training (flyer attached)
  - Page 114
- 211 Food Resources (flyer attached)
  - Page 115-116
- Incredible Years Training (flyer attached)
  - Page 117-118
- [MCRT School Training Video](#)
- Accessing past BHS Provider and GovDelivery communications: [BHS Provider Communications](#)

➤ **Next Meeting: January 8, 2026 | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

# ADDRESSING NICOTINE ADDICTION AMONG OUTPATIENT 2 TEAM YOUTH



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# OVERVIEW



-  **Introductions & Definitions**
-  **Understanding Youth Tobacco Use Trends**
-  **Meeting OP2 Needs**
-  **Helping Youth Quit Vaping/Smoking**
-  **Continuing to Collaborate**
-  **Questions & Answers**



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# INTRODUCTIONS & DEFINITIONS

# TRADITIONAL TOBACCO



Tobacco and other plant mixtures that are grown or harvested with no added chemicals and have been used by American Indian and Alaskan Native nations for thousands of years as a medicine with cultural and spiritual importance. Traditional tobacco use varies with each tribe.

The common understanding is that traditional tobacco focuses on the process of tending, gathering, and using the tobacco in a respectful manner in accordance with Tribal guidance.

Source: [Differences of Traditional vs. Commercial Tobacco. Kick It California, 2023](#)

# COMMERCIAL TOBACCO



Tobacco products that contain altered tobacco plants with added chemicals. Made by companies and sold in stores and online. These products include harmful toxins. Commercial tobacco is product and profit-driven, with no connection to spiritual or respectful use.



## Commercial tobacco is:

- Recreational
- Inhaled
- Not sacred
- For profit
- Addictive, habitual
- Disease causing
- Processed
- Causal
- Product driven

Source: [Differences of Traditional vs. Commercial Tobacco](#). Kick It California, 2023



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# UNDERSTANDING YOUTH TOBACCO USE TRENDS

# TOP REASONS FOR VAPING AMONG U.S. ADOLESCENTS



**48.7%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**71.1%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**48.7%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**28.1%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**13.0%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**42.7%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

To  
“Relax”:

Connection between vaping and mental health concerns such as stress and anxiety.

To  
“Experiment”:

Indicates curiosity as a primary driver among youth.

Because they were “hooked”:

Rarely cited by occasional users.

<sup>1</sup>Those reporting any past 12-month vaping: n=5,082; respondents are a combination of 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

<sup>2</sup>Near-Daily Vaping: n=637; respondents are 12<sup>th</sup> grade students only (there were low levels of near-daily vaping among 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders).

# TOP REASONS FOR VAPING AMONG U.S. ADOLESCENTS



**36.4%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**42.8%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**34.0%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**41.4%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**30.4%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**20.9%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**Because of  
"Boredom":**

More common among 8th graders than older students.

**For  
"Taste":**

Flavors appeal to youth, often promoted in vaping marketing.

**To "Have a Good Time with Friends":**

Additionally, 13.1% of near-daily users<sup>2</sup> wanted to look cool, reflecting the influence of peer perceptions and social norms.

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# TOP REASONS FOR VAPING AMONG U.S. ADOLESCENTS



**33.1%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**14.3%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**11.4%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**18.5%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**2.9%**

Who vaping in the past year<sup>1</sup>

**8.9%**

Who vaped near-daily<sup>2</sup>

**Because of  
"Convenience":**

↓  
E-cigarettes were more convenient than combustibles.

**For  
"Weight Control":**

↓  
This highlights a concerning trend due to potential body image pressures.

**To  
"Quit Smoking":**

↓  
Vaping was not commonly reported as a tool for smoking cessation.

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# JUVENILE ARRESTEE DRUG USE



The information on the next slides come from the 2024 Juvenile Arrestee Drug Use in the San Diego Region (May 2025). For the full resource, please view here: [2024 Juvenile Arrestee Drug Use in the San Diego Region](#)

To learn more, please visit the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) website: [www.sandag.org](#).

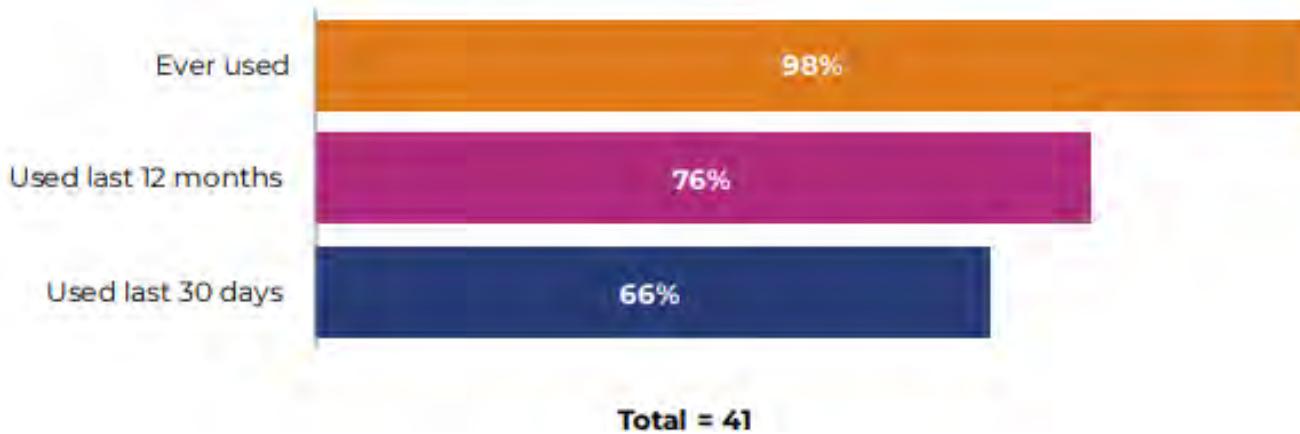


Research findings from  
the Criminal Justice  
Clearinghouse

# SUBSTANCE USE HISTORY



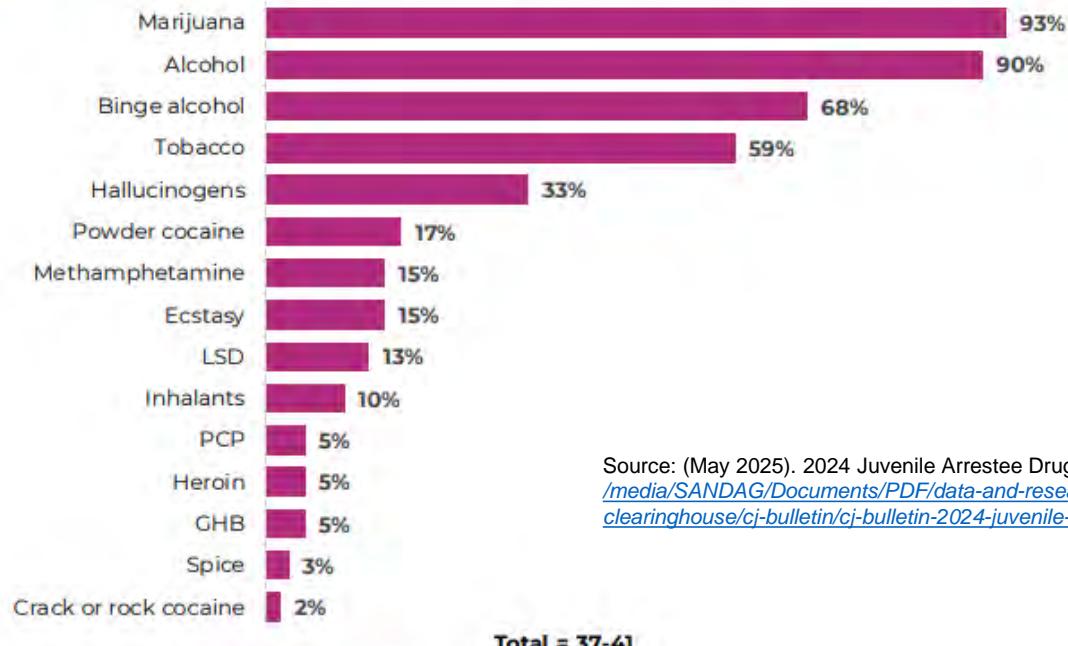
Figure 1: Self-Reported Substance Use History by Timeframe



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# RATES OF USE BY SUBSTANCE

Figure 2: Rates of Substance Use Among Interviewed Youth



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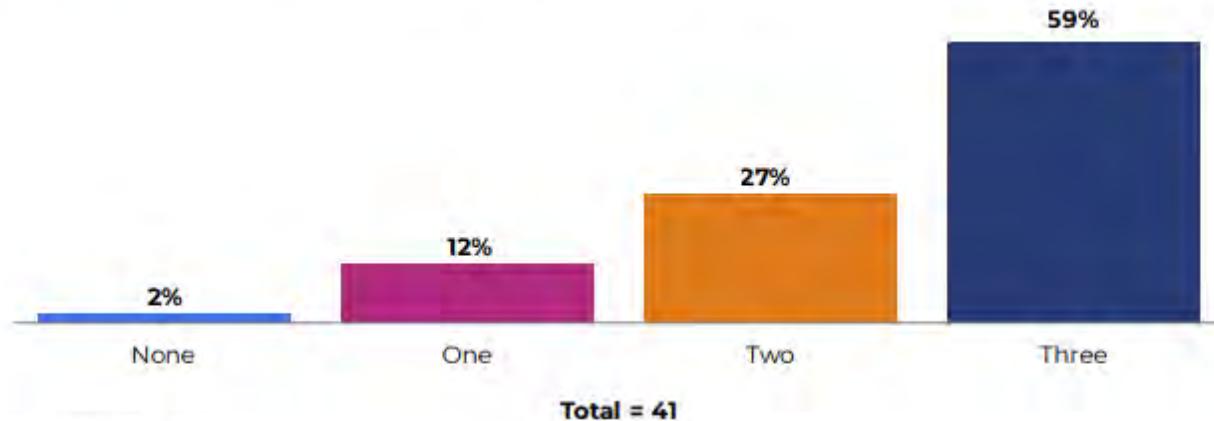
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Source: SANDAG, 2024

# GATEWAY DRUGS: ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, & TOBACCO



Figure 3: Number of Gateway Drugs Used Among Interviewed Youth



Source: SANDAG, 2024

Source: (May 2025). 2024 Juvenile Arrestee Drug Use in the San Diego Region. SANDAG. [https://www.sandag.org/\\_/media/SANDAG/Documents/PDF/data-and-research/criminal-justice-and-public-safety/criminal-justice-research-clearinghouse/cj-bulletin/cj-bulletin-2024-juvenile-arrestee-drug-use-in-the-sd-region-2025-05-01.pdf](https://www.sandag.org/_/media/SANDAG/Documents/PDF/data-and-research/criminal-justice-and-public-safety/criminal-justice-research-clearinghouse/cj-bulletin/cj-bulletin-2024-juvenile-arrestee-drug-use-in-the-sd-region-2025-05-01.pdf)

# INITIAL SUBSTANCE USE

Figure 4: Average Age of Initial Substance Use



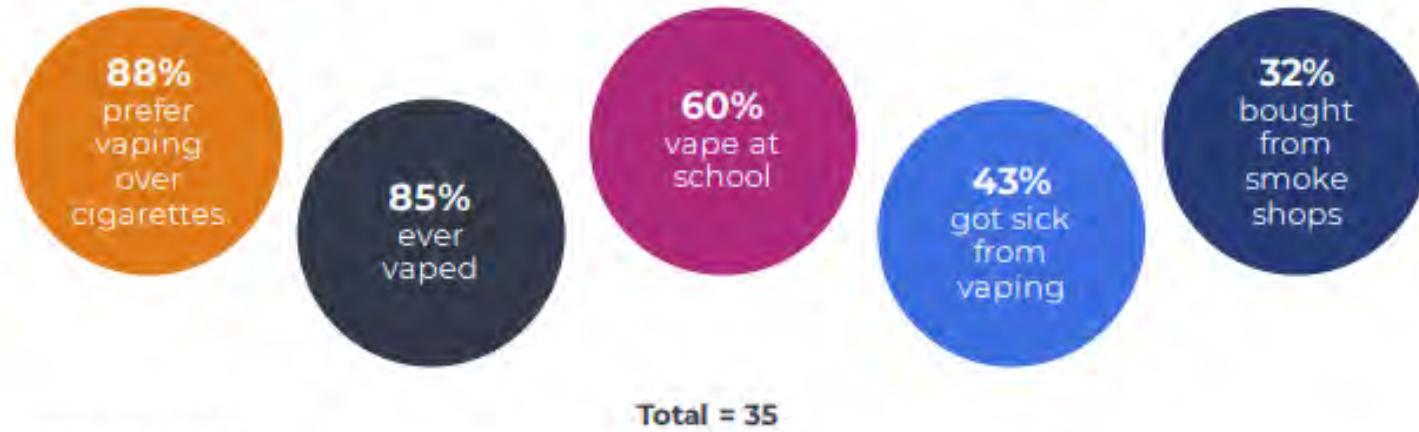
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# VAPE TRENDS & PREFERENCES



Figure 7: Vaping Trends and Preferences Among Interviewed Youth



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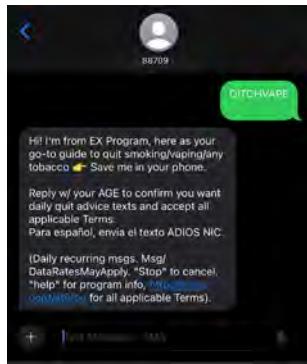
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# MEETING NEXT OP2'S NEEDS

# KEY EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



[\*\*DITCHVAPE\*\*](#) to 88709 - a free text message program created with input from teens, college students, and young adults who have tried to quit or have successfully quit using e-cigarettes.



Stanford Medicine, 2025

[\*\*Stanford Cannabis Awareness & Prevention Toolkit\*\*](#) - an adaptable toolkit that fits your needs, from useful lessons, Power Point slides/notes, worksheets, and activities.



Stanford Medicine, 2025

[\*\*Stanford Tobacco Prevention Toolkit\*\*](#) - a curriculum with fun modules, quizzes, and downloadable materials like fact sheets and infographics.



California Youth Advocacy Network, 2018

[\*\*California Youth Advocacy Network\*\*](#) - an excellent source for educational materials. Developed with research on youth/young adult tobacco/vaping use.

# HANDOUTS



- Tobacco and Behavioral Health
- Vaping Cessation Fact Sheet
- **Article:** “Nearly Half of Teen Vapers Have Recently Tried to Quit” – Medpage Today
- Fagerström Test for Nicotine Dependence Scale – Smokeless Tobacco
- Pharmacologic Product Guide – FDA-Approved Medications for Smoking Cessation





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# HELPING OP2 YOUTH QUIT VAPING/SMOKING

# CESSATION INTERVENTIONS

## Ask, Advise, Refer



### Ask

Respectfully ask each patient if they use tobacco products.

**“Do you smoke, vape, or use any other form of commercial tobacco? ”**

Source: [Ask, Advise, Refer](#). Tobacco Education Clearinghouse of California (TECC), 2024



### Advise

Advise your patient on the benefits of quitting and the support available to them.

**“Using tobacco can lead to asthma, heart and lung disease, and cancer. Programs and treatments can help you quit. Are you ready to try? ”**



### Refer

If they are interested in quitting tobacco, congratulate them!



Healthy Women, 2024

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**QUIT VAPING**

**QUIT SMOKELESS TOBACCO**



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Texto "Dejar de Fumar" o "No Vapear" al 66819



**Speak with a Quit Coach**

Monday-Friday 7 am to 9 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

1-800-300-8086 (English)  
1-800-600-8191 (Spanish)



**Mobile Apps**

Download from the  
App Store & Play Store



**Chat with a Quit Coach**

[kickitca.org/chat](http://kickitca.org/chat)



**Amazon Alexa**

Say "Alexa, open Stop Smoking Coach" or "open Stop Vaping Coach"



Some clients may be eligible to receive free nicotine patches.  
Chat with a Quit Coach to see if you qualify.

# ASK, ADVISE, REFER

## Kick It California

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**Telephone Coaching**  
**Self-Help Materials**  
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\*Free patches for qualified callers who are pregnant or caretakers of children ages 0-5.

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Spanish <b>1-800-600-8191</b>	한인금연센터 <b>1-800-556-5564</b>
Text "Quit Smoking" or "Quit Vaping" to 66819	Trung Tâm Cai Thuốc Lá <b>1-800-778-8440</b>

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# CONTINUING TO COLLABORATE

# POLICIES ADOPTED 2020-2025



<b>Carlsbad</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing</li></ul>	<b>Oceanside</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tobacco Retail Licensing</li></ul>
<b>Chula Vista</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flavor Ban</li></ul>	<b>San Diego</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flavor Ban</li></ul>
<b>Encinitas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flavor Ban</li><li>• Smoke-Free Outdoor Public Places</li></ul>	<b>San Marcos</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smoke-Free Outdoor Dining</li></ul>
<b>Escondido</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smoke-Free Outdoor Dining</li><li>• Tobacco Retail Licensing</li></ul>	<b>Solana Beach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flavor Ban</li></ul>
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<b>La Mesa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smoke-Free Outdoor Public Places</li><li>• Tobacco Retail Licensing</li></ul>	<b>County of San Diego – Unincorporated Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flavor Ban</li><li>• Smoke-Free Outdoor Dining</li><li>• Tobacco Retail Licensing</li></ul>
<b>NATIONAL CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tobacco Retail Licensing</li></ul>		





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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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## Original Investigation

# Cigarette Smoking During Recovery From Substance Use Disorders

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## Key Points

**Question** Do changes in cigarette smoking predict substance use disorder (SUD) recovery over time, accounting for between-person confounders?

**Findings** In this longitudinal survey cohort study of 2652 participants, within-person transitions away from smoking were positively associated with SUD recovery in a nationally representative cohort; quitting smoking increased the odds of SUD recovery by 30% in fully adjusted models. Findings were robust in sensitivity analyses.

**Meaning** These results imply that quitting smoking is linked to better SUD recovery outcomes; smoking cessation could be a tool for assisting the recovery process among the millions of US adults with a current SUD.

## Abstract



**Importance** Cigarette smoking is more prevalent among those with than without other substance use disorders.



recovery.

**Design, Setting, and Participants** This cohort study was conducted among a nationally representative cohort of US adults with history of SUD from the PATH (Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health) Study. The PATH Study is an ongoing, nationally representative, longitudinal cohort study in the US. Analyses included adults (aged  $\geq 18$  years) in the wave 1 cohort (recruited in 2013/2014) assessed annually over 4 years until wave 4 (2016/2018). A second nationally representative cohort (from 2016/2018 to 2023) was also assessed in sensitivity analyses. Data analysis was completed from June 2024 to September 2024.

**Exposure** Cigarette smoking (never, former, and current use).

**Main Outcomes and Measures** The primary outcome was SUD recovery, assessed via the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs-Short Screener SUD subscale, measured as high lifetime SUD symptoms (4-7 symptoms) and zero past-year symptoms (sustained remission) or high lifetime SUD symptoms with any past-year symptoms (current substance use or SUD). Fixed-effects logistic regression assessed within-person change in smoking and its association with SUD recovery, accounting for between-person confounders.

**Results** Among 2652 adults from 2013/2014 to 2016/2018, 41.9% of participants (95% CI, 39.4%-44.4%) were female, and mean age was 39.4 years (95% CI, 38.7-40.3). By self-reported race and ethnicity, 17.0% of participants (95% CI, 15.3%-18.9%) were Hispanic, 13.9% (95% CI, 12.2%-15.6%) were non-Hispanic Black, 63.1% (95% CI, 60.4%-65.7%) were non-Hispanic White, and 6.0% (95% CI, 4.9%-7.4%) were another non-Hispanic race (Asian, Native American/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, more than 1 race). Within-person change from current to former smoking was positively associated with SUD recovery: year-to-year change to former cigarette use was associated with a 30% increase in odds of recovery (odds ratio [OR], 1.30; 95% CI, 1.07-1.57), accounting for time-varying covariates and between-person differences. This association remained significant after lagging predictor by 1 year (OR, 1.43; 95% CI, 1.00-2.05) and in the second cohort assessed from 2016/2018 to 2022/2023 (OR, 1.37; 95% CI, 1.13-1.66).

**Conclusions and Relevance** In this cohort study, within-person change from current to former smoking was associated with recovery from other SUDs. These results suggest that smoking cessation could be used as a tool to assist recovery processes and improve health among adults with an SUD.

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## Introduction

Despite declines in cigarette smoking,<sup>1</sup> smoking remains the leading preventable cause of morbidity and mortality in the US. Disparities in smoking also persist<sup>2,3</sup>—certain subgroups smoke at disproportionately high rates,<sup>4,5</sup> particularly individuals with nontobacco substance use disorders (SUDs).<sup>6-10</sup> Individuals with SUDs also have a disproportionately high likelihood of dying from tobacco-related causes.<sup>11,12</sup> There are renewed calls to treat tobacco use, particularly smoking, among those with SUDs.<sup>8</sup> However, tobacco use is undertreated and often untreated in health facilities that treat SUDs,<sup>13-18</sup> as treatment professionals may consider smoking a low priority.<sup>8,16</sup> Recent estimates show there are 48.5 million people in the US with an SUD in the past 12 months,<sup>19</sup> and 35.8% of those with an SUD currently smoke,<sup>6</sup> making recovery from SUDs and smoking public health priorities.

Previous research shows that smoking cessation is associated with improved outcomes for SUDs.<sup>20-23</sup> However, most studies are from population samples with data collected at least 20 years ago or from treatment studies,<sup>24,25</sup> and few studies examine how change in smoking status is related to SUD recovery over time using recent, nationally representative samples. Research designs that can account for confounding factors (eg, randomized clinical trials that isolate the experimental effect of smoking on SUD recovery) are typically not feasible at the population level, but quantitative methods applied to population-based data can approximate experimental conditions that remove the influence of confounders across individuals.<sup>26-32</sup> Using nationally representative samples would provide estimates that are generalizable to millions of US adults with an SUD, including those who do and do not receive treatment,<sup>32</sup> and using methods that account for confounding factors across individuals would provide more accurate estimates of how change in cigarette smoking is associated with SUD recovery over time.<sup>31,32</sup>

The purpose of this study was to assess smoking and SUD recovery over time using data from the US nationally representative PATH (Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health) Study,<sup>33-37</sup> focusing on whether within-person transitions from current to former smoking were associated with SUD remission.



odds of past 12-month SUD recovery increase in years when those with a history of SUD do not smoke relative to years when they smoke, accounting for differences across individuals that could influence the smoking-recovery association. Based on previous literature, we hypothesized that transitioning from current to former smoking would be associated with SUD recovery.

## Methods

Data came from the PATH Study, which is an ongoing, nationally representative, longitudinal cohort study of adults and youth in the US. The PATH Study consists of individuals selected at the inception wave and 2 later replenishment waves. The PATH Study used a stratified address-based, area-probability sampling design that oversampled adults who self-reported tobacco use, young adults, and adults who identify as Black or African American. Study participants recruited at baseline between September 2013 and December 2014 formed the wave 1 (W1) cohort. Our primary analyses assessed the W1 cohort annually across 4 waves until W4 (December 2016 to January 2018). Data for W2 and W3 were gathered from October 2014 to October 2015 and from October 2015 to October 2016, respectively. PATH Study restricted-use files were analyzed,<sup>33</sup> and analyses focused on adults aged 18 years and older. Among adults selected during initial screening, 32 320 interviews were conducted at W1 (74.0% weighted response rate). The weighted W4 response rate for the W1 cohort, conditional upon W1 participation, was 73.5%, representing 27 757 adult respondents. Youth who aged up into the adult PATH Study at each wave between W1 and W4 were included. Further details regarding the PATH Study design and methods and the reliability and validity of responses are published elsewhere.<sup>34-37</sup> Details on interview procedures, questionnaires, sampling, weighting, and response rates are described in the PATH Study restricted-use files user guide.<sup>33</sup> The study was conducted by Westat and approved by the Westat institutional review board. All respondents aged 18 years and older provided informed consent. This study followed the Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE) reporting guidelines for cohort studies.

At W4, the first probability replenishment sample was selected from the US civilian noninstitutionalized population at the time of W4. More details on this replenishment sample have been published elsewhere.<sup>37</sup> Sensitivity analyses were conducted that assessed this second nationally representative cohort from W4, which included 4 waves of data across the COVID-19 pandemic: W5 data were collected from December 2018 to November 2019; W6 from March 2021 to November 2021; and W7 from January 2022 to April 2023.

## Primary Analytic Sample



Inclusion criteria for being in the analytic sample included (1) being in the W1 cohort; (2) having longitudi-



2413, and 2565 respondents in waves 1 through 4, respectively. The analytic sample included 354 respondents with 2 waves (13.4%), 812 with 3 waves (30.6%), and 1486 with 4 waves of data (56.03%). eMethods 1 in the **Supplement** provides more details on the analytic sample, including those who were excluded because they had an SUD and did not change SUD recovery status during the study period and their smoking status.

## Measures

### SUD Recovery

A dichotomous recovery measure captured sustained remission from SUD symptoms, assessed via the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs-Short Screener (GAIN-SS) subscale for SUDs<sup>38,39</sup> (1=sustained remission, 0=current symptoms or substance use). Following past research,<sup>38,39</sup> sustained remission was measured as having high lifetime SUD symptoms (4-7 symptoms) but zero symptoms or use in the past 12 months, and current SUD or use was measured as having high lifetime SUD symptoms with any SUD symptom or use in the past 12 months.<sup>38,39</sup> The GAIN-SS measure is designed to measure annual change in recovery status via change in symptomology, akin to treatment outcomes of abstinence at 12 months postdischarge.<sup>38</sup> eMethods 2 in the **Supplement** provides wording for the GAIN-SS subscale for SUDs.

### Cigarette Smoking

Cigarette smoking status was captured via a 3-level measure: never, former, and current. Former and current smoking included both experimental and established use. Current use (smoking some or all days in the past month) was used as the reference group.

### Time-Varying Covariates

Time-varying covariates included mental health using the PROMIS Global Mental Health Subscale converted to T scores.<sup>40</sup> The subscale consisted of 4 items that assessed self-rated quality of life, mental health, satisfaction with social activities and relationships, and emotional problems. Each item ranged from 1 to 5, with high scores indicating better mental health. Other time-varying measures included educational attainment, which assessed highest level of education obtained via an ordinal measure (range: 1-4, with 1=less than high school or GED, 2=high school graduate, 3=some college or associate degree, and 4=bachelor degree or higher); medical treatment in the past 12 months based on whether respondents had seen a physician (1=yes, 0=no); and urgent care or emergency department visits in the past 12 months for a health problem (1=yes, 0=no). We also controlled for whether respondents used varenicline (Chantix) or bupropion (Wellbutrin, Zyban) in the past 12 months (1=yes, 0=no). Finally, a time-varying urban location covariate was included, which was based on geocoded addresses and a 4-category measure de-



We used fixed effects logistic regression to test whether within person, year to year change in smoking status was associated with SUD recovery over time. Fixed-effects regressions offer key advantages over conventional regressions, primarily in relation to omitted variable bias by removing potential effects of any time-invariant causes (measured or unmeasured),<sup>31,41-44</sup> similar to random assignment. Fixed-effects regressions remove effects of all time-invariant causes (all potential factors that could explain between-person differences in changes in SUD recovery over time, such as type of substances used at baseline or previous SUD treatment) at the person level and strictly examine within-person variance, allowing individual persons to serve as their own control by strictly making within-person comparisons over time.<sup>31</sup> Such methods are important for the current study because there are potential confounding factors across individuals that are difficult to measure or that do not change over time (eg, race, sex, genetic risk factors) in population-based surveys like the PATH Study. These potential confounding factors could affect changes in both smoking and SUD recovery.<sup>32</sup> Despite accounting for all differences across individuals, it is important to adjust for potential time-varying confounders in fixed-effects regression.<sup>31,32</sup> We adjusted for time-varying covariates previously mentioned. In our analysis, we estimated 2 models: a model that only included smoking status and no time-varying covariates and a model that adjusted for time-varying covariates.

Fixed-effects logistic regression models require that outcomes change within persons,<sup>31</sup> thereby reducing the sample to only individuals who experienced change in SUD recovery over the current study period (eg, smoking status could remain stable or change, but the binary measure of SUD recovery status was required to change in order to assess within-person change in the outcome). Consequently, the current study strictly focused on individuals with a history of SUD who experienced a change in SUD recovery over the study period (N=2652 adults, with 9088 observations). Full-sample and replicate weights were used to account for the complex sample design, nonresponse, and attrition over time.

Since our primary research question did not address whether smoking status change preceded SUD recovery status change, we did not account for contemporaneous effects in primary analyses.<sup>42,45</sup> Smoking and recovery status were measured within the same 12-month period, and our primary research question addressed whether individuals had higher odds of recovery in years they did not smoke, accounting for all between-person differences. However, we conducted 2 sensitivity analyses. First, we tested whether there were differences in results after accounting for contemporaneous effects by lagging the SUD recovery outcome and main smoking predictor by 1 wave in dynamic panel data models.<sup>42,45</sup> The sample size for these analyses was reduced because participants needed to have changed SUD recovery status in 2 consecutive waves. Second, we tested the robustness of results by assessing the additional nationally represen



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## Results

### Descriptive Results

A total of 2652 individuals with 9088 observations were assessed, among whom 41.9% of participants (95% CI, 39.4%-44.4%) were female, and mean age was 39.4 years (95% CI, 38.7-40.3). By self-reported race and ethnicity, 17.0% of participants (95% CI, 15.3%-18.9%) were Hispanic, 13.9% (95% CI, 12.2%-15.6%) were non-Hispanic Black, 63.1% (95% CI, 60.4%-65.7%) were non-Hispanic White, and 6.0% (95% CI, 4.9%-7.4%) were another non-Hispanic race (Asian, Native American/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, more than 1 race).

Across the study period, being in SUD recovery vs not was nearly equal across observations (48.4%; 95% CI, 47.3%-49.4% vs 51.6%; 95% CI, 50.6%-52.7%, respectively). Current smoking was the most common smoking status (47.2%; 95% CI, 44.6%-49.8%), followed by former smoking (44.3%; 95% CI, 41.7%-46.9%) and never smoking (8.5%; 95% CI, 6.6%-10.9%). All other time-varying descriptive results are reported in [Table 1](#).

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**Table 1. Weighted Estimates for Analytic Sample Across Wave 1 (2013/2014) to Wave 4 (2016/2018) of the PATH (Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health) Study<sup>a</sup>**

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### Fixed-Effects Logistic Regression Results

Regression results in [Table 2](#) showed that within-person change from current to former smoking was significantly and positively associated with being in SUD recovery. Year-to-year, within-person change to former cigarette use was associated with a 42% increase in the odds of being in recovery (odds ratio [OR], 1.42; 95% CI, 1.18-1.71;  $P < .001$ ), accounting for all between-person differences. This association was reduced after adjusting for time-varying covariates but remained strong and statistically significant (adjusted OR, 1.30; 95% CI, 1.07-1.57;  $P = .009$ ). There were statistically significant associations for time and health, indicating a positive trend in recovery over time (adjusted OR, 1.11; 95% CI, 1.05-1.17;  $P < .001$ ) and a



**Table 2. Weighted Fixed-Effects Logistic Regression Results for Substance Use Disorder Recovery and Within-Person Associations With Cigarette Smoking From Wave 1 (2013) to Wave 4 (2016) of the PATH (Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health) Study<sup>a</sup>**

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Additional models that removed the never-smoking category were examined. All results for all analyses remained identical for the transition from current to former smoking. The main results are based on the larger sample size that retained the never-smoking category.

## Sensitivity Analyses

eTable 1 in **Supplement 1** reports results for dynamic panel data models that assessed within-person change but also lagged the recovery outcome and smoking predictor by 1 wave (4585 observations, 1686 individuals). The positive association between within-person change from current to former smoking and being in SUD recovery remained statistically significant and increased in magnitude in these sensitivity analyses (OR, 1.46; 95% CI, 1.03-2.07;  $P=.03$ ). The association also remained statistically significant after accounting for time-varying covariates (adjusted OR, 1.43; 95% CI, 1.00-2.05;  $P=.04$ ).

eTable 2 in **Supplement 1** reports results for the sensitivity analyses that assessed the W4 cohort (11605 observations, 3340 individuals). The positive association between within-person change from current to former smoking and being in SUD recovery remained statistically significant in these sensitivity analyses (OR, 1.70; 95% CI, 1.40-2.05;  $P<.001$ ). This association remained positive and statistically significant after adjusting for time-varying covariates (adjusted OR, 1.37; 95% CI, 1.13-1.66,  $P=.002$ ).

## Discussion

This study's finding that smoking cessation was associated with recovery from nontobacco SUDs can be used to help justify incorporating smoking cessation treatment into virtually all SUD treatment. Using data from the nationally representative cohort included in the PATH Study, year-to-year transitions from current to former cigarette smoking were positively linked to SUD recovery. Moreover, this within-person change in smoking and its positive association with SUD recovery existed after accounting for any potential



tion by approximating experimental conditions that minimize confounders across individuals. This is critical because between-person confounders could influence smoking status, SUD recovery, and their association, but methods used in the current study removed any (measured or unmeasured) between-person confounders,<sup>31</sup> with potential examples including whether individuals had ever received SUD treatment in the past or the type of substance used at baseline. Previous research has been limited because studies on this topic have often used data from single treatment centers or single cessation trials,<sup>24,25</sup> and previous research using nationally representative samples were from studies using data that were at least 20 years old and did not use methods to help provide highly specific tests for the association with SUD recovery.<sup>32</sup>

This study's results also showed that the association between within-person changes in smoking and SUD recovery remained robust in sensitivity analyses. After considering changes in smoking that preceded changes in SUD status and after analyzing a second nationally representative cohort studied over a longer and later period, the transition from former to current smoking was still significantly associated with SUD recovery. In sum, this study's hypothesis, which stated that year-to-year change from current smoking to former smoking would be positively associated with SUD recovery on a given year net of between-person confounders, was supported in primary and sensitivity analyses.

These findings reinforce the importance of addressing tobacco use among individuals with an SUD, including not only those who are actively receiving treatment, but also the millions of adults with an SUD who do not seek treatment.<sup>19,32</sup> Future research and practice should test ways to implement tobacco treatment for patients within the health care system.<sup>8,46-50</sup> Population-based approaches to cessation should also continue to be tested to reach individuals with SUDs outside of the health care system, including targeted cessation strategies and approaches to increase access to care.<sup>51-53</sup> Population-based policies geared toward helping individuals decrease or quit smoking, such as consistent and robust tobacco taxes and programs designed to increase tobacco quit line utilization,<sup>53,54</sup> could potentially help individuals in their recovery process. Future research should also consider other tobacco or nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes, in the SUD recovery process, both in terms of their link to smoking cessation and cessation from those products.

## Limitations

Limitations to the current study include no direct measure of SUD treatment or medications, such as anti-craving prescriptions, but past-year medical visits and other potentially relevant medication use were accounted for. There could also be other time-varying variables that were not captured, and all measures were based on self-report data. Finally, abstinence was used as the measure of recovery, and results



Cigarette smoking remains persistently high among individuals with a nontobacco SUD, despite declines in cigarette smoking among the US population.<sup>6</sup> Health care professionals and systems that treat SUDs are in an opportune position to address tobacco use,<sup>8</sup> but tobacco use is often untreated in health facilities that treat SUDs.<sup>13,16</sup> In this cohort study, smoking cessation was linked to better SUD recovery outcomes, and it could improve overall health among the millions of US adults with a current SUD. Results suggest that smoking cessation could be used as a way to assist recovery processes among adults with an SUD.

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# Pharmacologic Product Guide:

## FDA-Approved Medications for Smoking Cessation

Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) Formulations						
	Gum	Lozenge	Transdermal Patch	Nasal Spray	Bupropion SR	Varenicline
Product	<b>Nicorette<sup>1</sup>, Generic OTC</b> 2 mg, 4 mg original, cinnamon, fruit, mint (various)	<b>Nicorette<sup>1</sup>, Generic; Nicorette<sup>1</sup> Mini OTC</b> 2 mg, 4 mg; cinnamon, cherry, mint	<b>Habitrol<sup>2</sup>, NicoDerm CQ<sup>1</sup>, Generic OTC</b> 7 mg, 14 mg, 21 mg (24-hr release)	<b>Nicotrol NS<sup>3</sup></b> Rx Metered spray 10 mg/mL nicotine solution	<b>Generic (formerly Zyban) Rx</b> 150 mg sustained-release tablet	<b>Generic (formerly Chantix<sup>4</sup>) Rx</b> 0.5 mg, 1 mg tablet
Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recent (≤ 2 weeks) myocardial infarction</li> <li>■ Serious underlying arrhythmias</li> <li>■ Serious or worsening angina pectoris</li> <li>■ Temporomandibular joint disease</li> <li>■ Pregnancy<sup>4</sup> and breastfeeding</li> <li>■ Adolescents (&lt;18 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recent (≤ 2 weeks) myocardial infarction</li> <li>■ Serious underlying arrhythmias</li> <li>■ Serious or worsening angina pectoris</li> <li>■ Pregnancy<sup>4</sup> and breastfeeding</li> <li>■ Adolescents (&lt;18 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recent (≤ 2 weeks) myocardial infarction</li> <li>■ Serious underlying arrhythmias</li> <li>■ Serious or worsening angina pectoris</li> <li>■ Pregnancy<sup>4</sup> and breastfeeding</li> <li>■ Adolescents (&lt;18 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Recent (≤ 2 weeks) myocardial infarction</li> <li>■ Serious underlying arrhythmias</li> <li>■ Serious or worsening angina pectoris</li> <li>■ Underlying chronic nasal disorders (rhinitis, nasal polyps, sinusitis)</li> <li>■ Severe reactive airway disease</li> <li>■ Pregnancy<sup>4</sup> and breastfeeding</li> <li>■ Adolescents (&lt;18 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Concomitant therapy with medications/conditions known to lower the seizure threshold</li> <li>■ Hepatic impairment</li> <li>■ Pregnancy<sup>4</sup> and breastfeeding</li> <li>■ Adolescents (&lt;18 years)</li> <li>■ Treatment-emergent neuropsychiatric symptoms<sup>5</sup></li> </ul> <p>Contraindications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Seizure disorder</li> <li>■ Concomitant bupropion (e.g., Wellbutrin) therapy</li> <li>■ Current or prior diagnosis of bulimia or anorexia nervosa</li> <li>■ Simultaneous abrupt discontinuation of alcohol or sedatives/benzodiazepines</li> <li>■ MAO inhibitors in preceding 14 days; concurrent use of reversible MAO inhibitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Severe renal impairment (dosage adjustment is necessary)</li> <li>■ Pregnancy<sup>4</sup> and breastfeeding</li> <li>■ Adolescents (&lt;18 years)</li> <li>■ Treatment-emergent neuropsychiatric symptoms<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>
Dosing	<p>1st cigarette ≤30 minutes after waking: 4 mg 1st cigarette &gt;30 minutes after waking: 2 mg Weeks 1–6: 1 piece q 1–2 hours*</p> <p>Weeks 7–9: 1 piece q 2–4 hours*</p> <p>Weeks 10–12: 1 piece q 4–8 hours*</p> <p>*while awake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Maximum, 24 pieces/day</li> <li>■ During initial 6 weeks of treatment, use at least 9 pieces/day</li> <li>■ Chew each piece slowly</li> <li>■ Park between cheek and gum when peppery or tingling sensation appears (~15–30 chews)</li> <li>■ Resume chewing when tingle fades</li> <li>■ Repeat chew/park steps until most of the nicotine is gone (tingle does not return; generally 30 min)</li> <li>■ Park in different areas of mouth</li> <li>■ No food or beverages 15 minutes before or during use</li> <li>■ Duration: up to 12 weeks</li> </ul>	<p>1st cigarette ≤30 minutes after waking: 4 mg 1st cigarette &gt;30 minutes after waking: 2 mg Weeks 1–6: 1 lozenge q 1–2 hours*</p> <p>Weeks 7–9: 1 lozenge q 2–4 hours*</p> <p>Weeks 10–12: 1 lozenge q 4–8 hours*</p> <p>*while awake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Maximum, 20 lozenges/day</li> <li>■ During initial 6 weeks of treatment, use at least 9 lozenges/day</li> <li>■ Allow to dissolve slowly (20–30 minutes)</li> <li>■ Nicotine release may cause a warm, tingling sensation</li> <li>■ Do not chew or swallow</li> <li>■ Occasionally rotate to different areas of the mouth</li> <li>■ No food or beverages 15 minutes before or during use</li> <li>■ Duration: up to 12 weeks</li> </ul>	<p><b>&gt;10 cigarettes/day:</b> 21 mg/day x 4–6 weeks 14 mg/day x 2 weeks 7 mg/day x 2 weeks</p> <p><b>≤10 cigarettes/day:</b> 14 mg/day x 6 weeks 7 mg/day x 2 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Rotate patch application site daily; do not apply a new patch to the same skin site for at least one week</li> <li>■ May wear patch for 16 hours if patient experiences sleep disturbances (remove at bedtime); before recommending, rule out other factors that might be contributing (e.g., drug interaction between caffeine and tobacco smoke, other medications, and lifestyle factors)</li> <li>■ Duration: 8–10 weeks</li> </ul>	<p>1–2 doses/hour* (8–40 doses/day) One dose = 2 sprays (one in each nostril); each spray delivers 0.5 mg of nicotine to the nasal mucosa</p> <p>*while awake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Maximum - 5 doses/hour or - 40 doses/day</li> <li>■ During initial 6–8 weeks of treatment, initially use at least 8 doses/day</li> <li>■ Gradually reduce daily dosage over an additional 4–6 weeks</li> <li>■ Do not sniff, swallow, or inhale through the nose as the spray is being administered</li> <li>■ Duration: 12 weeks</li> </ul>	<p>150 mg po q AM x 3 days, then 150 mg po bid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Do not exceed 300 mg/day</li> <li>■ Begin therapy 1–2 weeks prior to quit date</li> <li>■ Allow at least 8 hours between doses</li> <li>■ Avoid bedtime dosing to minimize insomnia</li> <li>■ Duration: 7–12 weeks, with maintenance up to 6 months in selected patients</li> <li>■ Dose tapering is not necessary</li> </ul>	<p>Days 1–3: 0.5 mg po q AM Days 4–7: 0.5 mg po bid Weeks 2–12: 1 mg po bid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Begin therapy 1 week prior to quit date</li> <li>■ Take each dose after eating and with a full glass of water</li> <li>■ Dosing adjustment is necessary for patients with severe renal impairment</li> <li>■ Duration: 12 weeks; an additional 12-week course may be used in selected patients</li> <li>■ May initiate up to 35 days before target quit date OR may reduce smoking over a 12-week period of treatment prior to quitting and continue treatment for an additional 12 weeks</li> </ul>

Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) Formulations						
	Gum	Lozenge	Transdermal Patch	Nasal Spray	Bupropion SR	Varenicline
Adverse Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mouth and throat irritation</li> <li>Jaw muscle soreness</li> <li>Hiccups</li> <li>GI complaints (dyspepsia, nausea)</li> <li>May stick to dental work</li> </ul> <p>■ Adverse effects more commonly experienced when chewing the lozenge or using incorrect gum chewing technique (due to rapid nicotine release):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lightheadedness/dizziness</li> <li>- Nausea/vomiting</li> <li>- Hiccups</li> <li>- Mouth and throat irritation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mouth and throat irritation</li> <li>Hiccups</li> <li>GI complaints (dyspepsia, nausea)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local skin reactions (erythema, pruritus, burning)</li> <li>Sleep disturbances (abnormal or vivid dreams, insomnia); associated with nocturnal nicotine absorption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nasal and/or throat irritation (hot, peppery, or burning sensation)</li> <li>Ocular irritation/tearing</li> <li>Sneezing</li> <li>Cough</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insomnia</li> <li>Dry mouth</li> <li>Nausea</li> <li>Anxiety/difficulty concentrating</li> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Tremor</li> <li>Rash</li> <li>Seizures (risk is 0.15%)</li> <li>Neuropsychiatric symptoms (rare; see Precautions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nausea</li> <li>Sleep disturbances (insomnia, abnormal/vivid dreams)</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>Flatulence</li> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Taste alteration</li> <li>Neuropsychiatric symptoms (rare; see Precautions)</li> </ul>
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Might serve as an oral substitute for tobacco</li> <li>Might delay weight gain</li> <li>Can be titrated to manage withdrawal symptoms</li> <li>Can be used in combination with other agents to manage situational urges</li> <li>Relatively inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Might serve as an oral substitute for tobacco</li> <li>Might delay weight gain</li> <li>Can be titrated to manage withdrawal symptoms</li> <li>Can be used in combination with other agents to manage situational urges</li> <li>Relatively inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once-daily dosing associated with fewer adherence problems</li> <li>Of all NRT products, its use is least obvious to others</li> <li>Can be used in combination with other agents; delivers consistent nicotine levels over 24 hours</li> <li>Relatively inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be titrated to rapidly manage withdrawal symptoms</li> <li>Can be used in combination with other agents to manage situational urges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twice-daily oral dosing is simple and associated with fewer adherence problems</li> <li>Might delay weight gain</li> <li>Might be beneficial in patients with depression</li> <li>Can be used in combination with NRT agents</li> <li>Relatively inexpensive (generic formulations)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twice-daily oral dosing is simple and associated with fewer adherence problems</li> <li>Offers a different mechanism of action for patients who have failed other agents</li> <li>Most effective cessation agent when used as monotherapy</li> </ul>
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for frequent dosing can compromise adherence</li> <li>Might be problematic for patients with significant dental work</li> <li>Proper chewing technique is necessary for effectiveness and to minimize adverse effects</li> <li>Gum chewing might not be acceptable or desirable for some patients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for frequent dosing can compromise adherence</li> <li>Gastrointestinal side effects (nausea, hiccups, heartburn) might be bothersome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When used as monotherapy, cannot be titrated to acutely manage withdrawal symptoms</li> <li>Not recommended for use by patients with dermatologic conditions (e.g., psoriasis, eczema, atopic dermatitis)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for frequent dosing can compromise adherence</li> <li>Nasal administration might not be acceptable or desirable for some patients; nasal irritation often problematic</li> <li>Not recommended for use by patients with chronic nasal disorders or severe reactive airway disease</li> <li>Cost of treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seizure risk is increased</li> <li>Several contraindications and precautions preclude use in some patients (see Precautions)</li> <li>Patients should be monitored for potential neuropsychiatric symptoms<sup>5</sup> (see Precautions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients should be monitored for potential neuropsychiatric symptoms<sup>5</sup> (see Precautions)</li> <li>Cost of treatment</li> </ul>
Cost/day <sup>5</sup>	2 mg or 4 mg: \$2.97–\$3.69 (9 pieces)	2 mg or 4 mg: \$3.42–\$4.05 (9 pieces)	\$1.83–\$2.84 (1 patch)	\$10.88 (8 doses)	\$0.46 (2 tablets)	\$6.82 (2 tablets)

<sup>1</sup> Marketed by GlaxoSmithKline.

<sup>2</sup> Marketed by Dr. Reddy's.

<sup>3</sup> Chantix, formerly marketed by Pfizer, was voluntarily recalled and has been unavailable since 9/16/2021, due to the presence of N-nitroso-varenicline at levels exceeding the FDA's acceptable intake limit.

<sup>4</sup> The U.S. Clinical Practice Guideline states that pregnant smokers should be encouraged to quit without medication based on insufficient evidence of effectiveness and theoretical concerns with safety. Pregnant tobacco users should be offered behavioral counseling interventions that exceed minimal advice to quit.

<sup>5</sup> In July 2009, the FDA mandated that the prescribing information for all bupropion- and varenicline-containing products include a black-boxed warning highlighting the risk of serious neuropsychiatric symptoms, including changes in behavior, hostility, agitation, depressed mood, suicidal thoughts and behavior, and attempted suicide. Clinicians should advise patients to stop taking varenicline or bupropion SR and contact a health care provider immediately if they experience agitation, depressed mood, or any changes in behavior that are not typical of nicotine withdrawal, or if they experience suicidal thoughts or behavior. If treatment is stopped due to neuropsychiatric symptoms, patients should be monitored until the symptoms resolve. Based on results of a mandated clinical trial, the FDA removed this boxed warning in December 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Approximate cost based on the recommended initial dosing for each agent and the wholesale acquisition prices for generic and brand formulations from Red Book Online. Thomson Reuters, January 2025.

Abbreviations: MAO, monoamine oxidase; NRT, nicotine replacement therapy; OTC, over-the-counter (nonprescription product); Rx, prescription product.

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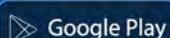
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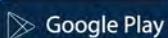
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# ASK, ADVISE, REFER

## Tobacco/Nicotine Cessation Intervention

### ASK

#### Ask about tobacco/nicotine use or exposure

##### Smoking



##### Smokeless/Oral



##### E-Cigarettes/Vapes



#### Have you ever used tobacco or nicotine products?

- If **YES**: "When was your last use?" If < 1 month, select "Current." If >1 month, select "Former."
- If **NO**: "Have you been regularly exposed to smoke or aerosol in the past couple of weeks?" If yes, select "Passive" exposure. If no, select "Never" user.

### ADVISE

#### Advise to stop tobacco use or exposure

- "Quitting is one of the best things you can do for your health."
- "Smoke or aerosol causes inflammation to your heart and lungs."

### REFER

#### Refer to support that doubles the chances of quitting

- "Kick It California is our free state quitline. They can help you with a free plan to quit and can tell you about medications covered by most insurance. They also may have special offers. Can they call you?
  - If **YES** to referral order: "Kick It California will call you in a couple days."
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# Drug Interactions with Tobacco Smoke

Many interactions between tobacco smoke and medications have been identified. In most cases it is the tobacco smoke—not the nicotine—that causes these drug interactions. Tobacco smoke interacts with medications through pharmacokinetic (PK) and pharmacodynamic (PD) mechanisms. PK interactions affect the absorption, distribution, metabolism, or elimination of other drugs, potentially causing an altered response to those drugs. Most PK interactions with smoking result from induction of hepatic cytochrome P450 enzymes (primarily CYP1A2). People who smoke may require higher doses of medication that are CYP1A2 substrates. Upon cessation, dose reductions might be required. PD interactions alter the expected response or actions of other drugs. The amount of tobacco smoking needed to have an effect has not been established, and the assumption is that a person with any level of smoking is susceptible to the same degree of interaction. **The most clinically significant interactions appear in the shaded rows. Commonly available brand names are shown in parentheses.**

Drug/Class	Mechanism of Interaction and Effects
Pharmacokinetic Interactions	
Alprazolam (Xanax®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflicting data on significance, but possible ↑ plasma concentrations (up to 50%); ↓ half-life (35%).</li> </ul>
Caffeine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2); ↑ clearance (56%).</li> <li>Caffeine levels likely ↑ after cessation; recommend reduction in caffeine upon cessation</li> </ul>
Cilostazol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ Plasma concentrations (by 20%)</li> </ul>
Chlorpromazine (Thorazine®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ Area under the curve (AUC) (36%); ↓ plasma concentrations (by 24%).</li> <li>↑ Levels upon cessation have been reported causing sedation and hypotension.</li> </ul>
Clopidogrel (Plavix®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2) of clopidogrel to its active metabolite.</li> <li>Clopidogrel's effects may be enhanced in people who smoke (<math>\geq 10</math> cigarettes/day); may be dependent on CYP1A2 genotype; might also ↑ risk of bleeding.</li> <li>Smoking cessation should still be recommended in the at-risk populations needing clopidogrel.</li> </ul>
Clozapine (Clozari®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2); ↓ plasma concentrations (by 18%).</li> <li>↑ Levels upon cessation may occur; closely monitor drug levels and reduce dose as required to avoid toxicity.</li> </ul>
Duloxetine (Tarceva®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ AUC (33%)</li> <li>↑ Dosage modifications not routinely recommended</li> </ul>
Erlotinib (Clozari®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Clearance (24%); ↓ trough plasma concentrations (2-fold).</li> </ul>
Flecainide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Clearance (61%); ↓ trough plasma concentrations (by 25%).</li> <li>People who smoke may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Fluvoxamine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2); ↑ clearance (24%); ↓ AUC (31%); ↓ Cmax (32%); ↓ Css (39%).</li> <li>Dosage modifications not routinely recommended but smokers may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Haloperidol (Haldol®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Clearance (44%); ↓ plasma concentrations (by 70%); data are inconsistent therefore clinical significance is unclear.</li> </ul>
Insulin, subcutaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible ↓ insulin absorption secondary to peripheral vasoconstriction</li> <li>Smoking is reported to cause insulin resistance.</li> <li>PK &amp; PD interactions likely not clinically significant, but people who smoke may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Irinotecan (Camptosar®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Clearance (18%); ↓ AUC of active metabolite, SN-38 by 40% via induction of glucuronidation; ↓ systemic exposure resulting in lower hematologic toxicity and may reduce efficacy.</li> <li>People who smoke may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Methadone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2 [minor pathway for methadone]).</li> <li>↑ Levels upon cessation have been reported causing sedation, confusion and labored breathing which required dosage reduction. Carefully monitor response upon cessation.</li> </ul>
Mexiletine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Clearance (25%); ↓ half-life (36%).</li> </ul>

Drug/Class	Mechanism of Interaction and Effects
Nintedanib (OFEV®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreased exposure (21%) in people who smoke, which may affect efficacy.</li> <li>No dose adjustment recommended; however, avoid smoking during treatment.</li> </ul>
Olanzapine (Zyprexa®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2); ↑ clearance (40%); ↓ plasma concentrations (by 12%).</li> <li>People who smoke may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Pirfenidone (Esbriet®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2); ↓ AUC (54%) and ↓ Cmax (32%) compared to people who don't smoke.</li> <li>Decreased exposure in people who smoke may decrease efficacy.</li> </ul>
Pomalidomide (Pomalyst®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ AUC (32%) compared to people who don't smoke.</li> </ul>
Propranolol (Inderal®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Clearance (77%).</li> </ul>
Riluzole (Rilutek®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Elimination (20%)</li> <li>Dosage modifications not routinely recommended.</li> </ul>
Riociguat (Adempas®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ Plasma concentrations (by 50-60%).</li> <li>People who smoke may require dosages higher than 2.5 mg three times daily; consider dose reduction upon cessation.</li> </ul>
Ropinirole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ Cmax (30%) and ↓ AUC (38%) in study with patients with restless legs syndrome.</li> <li>People who smoke may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Tasimelteon (Hetlioz®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2); ↓ drug exposure (40%).</li> <li>People who smoke may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Theophylline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2); ↑ clearance (58-100%); ↓ half-life (63%).</li> <li>Monitor levels if smoking is initiated, discontinued, or changed. Maintenance doses are considerably higher in smokers; ↑ clearance with second-hand smoke exposure.</li> </ul>
Tizanidine (Zanaflex®)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ AUC (30-40%) and ↓ half-life (10%) observed in male individuals who smoke</li> </ul>
Tricyclic antidepressants (e.g., imipramine, nortriptyline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible interaction with tricyclic antidepressants in the direction of ↓ blood levels, but the clinical significance is not established.</li> </ul>
Warfarin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Metabolism (induction of CYP1A2) of R-enantiomer; however, S-enantiomer is more potent and effect on INR is inconclusive.</li> <li>Shown to impact INR. Consider monitoring INR upon smoking cessation.</li> </ul>
Pharmacodynamic Interactions	
Benzodiazepines (diazepam, chlordiazepoxide)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ Sedation and drowsiness, possibly caused by nicotine stimulation of central nervous system.</li> </ul>
Beta-blockers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less effective antihypertensive and heart rate control effects; possibly caused by nicotine-mediated sympathetic activation.</li> <li>People who smoke may need ↑ dosages.</li> </ul>
Corticosteroids, inhaled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People who smoke with asthma may have less of a response to inhaled corticosteroids.</li> </ul>
Hormonal contraceptives (combined)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Risk of cardiovascular adverse effects (e.g., stroke, myocardial infarction, thromboembolism) in women who smoke and use combined hormonal contraceptives. Ortho Evra® patch users shown to have 2-fold ↑ risk of venous thromboembolism compared to oral contraceptive users, likely due to ↑ estrogen exposure (60% higher levels).</li> <li>↑ Risk with age and with heavy smoking (≥15 cigarettes per day) and is quite marked in women ≥35 years old.</li> </ul>
Serotonin 5-HT <sub>1</sub> receptor agonists (triptans)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This class of drugs may cause coronary vasospasm; caution for use in people who smoke due to possible unrecognized coronary artery disease.</li> </ul>

Adapted and updated, from:

Zevin S, Benowitz NL. Drug interactions with tobacco smoking. *Clin Pharmacokinet* 1999;36:425-438, and Kroon LA. Drug interactions with smoking. *Am J Health-Syst Pharm* 2007;64:1917-21 and Li H, Shi Q. Drugs and diseases interacting with cigarette smoking in US prescription drug labelling. *Clin Pharmacokinet* 2015;54:493-501.

Information from individual drug package inserts is also used.

Abbreviations: AUC, area under the plasma concentration-time curve; Cmax, maximum plasma concentration; Css, steady-state plasma drug concentration; CYP, cytochrome P450; INR, international normalized ratio.

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# Special Population Identification KTA ICC/IHBS and ICC/IHBS & Documenting and Billing CFT Meetings in SmartCare



Excerpts from QA MH- Up to The Minute September 2024 &  
[Pathways to Well-Being County Webpage](#)

## QA MH - UP TO THE MINUTE September 2024

### **Special Populations Selection for Children/Youth receiving ICC and/or IHBS Services**

MHPs are obligated to provide ICC and IHBS through the EPSDT benefit to all children and youth under the age of 21 who are eligible for the full scope of Medi-Cal services and who meet medical necessity criteria for these services. Neither membership in the *Katie A.* class nor subclass is a prerequisite to consideration for receipt of ICC and IHBS, and therefore a child does not need to have an open child welfare services case to be considered for receipt of these services. All children and youth should be screened for ICC and IHBS services as part of the Assessment process, and these services should be provided to youth when medically necessary. ( [Medi-Cal Manual for ICC/IHBS/TFC Services Third Edition](#) )DHCS no longer requires the identification of class or subclass when determining eligibility for ICC/IHBS services, however, counties are recommended to continue tracking of those youth who would have been subclass.

When ICC/IHBS services are assessed to be medically necessary, these youth should be entered into the appropriate Special Populations category in SmartCare – this will link the appropriate modifier for billing and tracking purposes when providing these services. [How To Identify a Client as Katie-A or Other Special Population - 2023 CalMHSA](#)

- Special populations “ICC/IHBS” is used for any youth receiving ICC/IHBS services.
- Special populations “Katie A ICC/IHBS” is used for any youth that would have been considered “subclass” under previous PWB criteria.

### **Documenting and Billing for CFT Meetings in SmartCare**

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Youth identified as being eligible for ICC and/or IHBS services are required to be provided CFT meetings at minimum of every 90 days. Providers should utilize **Procedure Code: CFT/MDT** when documenting a CFT meeting. This procedure code has been updated on the SmartCare Service Code Crosswalk. There have been no changes to the documentation or claiming requirements for CFT meetings. Each treatment team member that plans to bill for their time spent discussing the client with other treatment team members must create their own service note. Additional guidance on documenting CFT/Treatment Team Meeting: [How to Document Treatment Team Meetings - 2023 CalMHSA](#)

Providers should also ensure that youth receiving these services have been identified in the appropriate **Special Populations** category in SmartCare which will link the appropriate required modifier (HK) to the service for billing purposes as well allowing for tracking of these youth/services.

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# Vista Hill ChildNET

A SchooLink™ Program

Interim Program Manager: Annabel Mojica, LMFT, LPCC



# Overview of ChildNET

- New program partnering with pre-schools and daycares specifically located in the North-Inland San Diego County Region (with future expansion to the North-Coastal Region of San Diego County)
- Currently, initial partnership with Escondido Union School District State Pre-Schools (7 sites)
- Plans to expand to additional pre-school and daycare settings in the Vista and Oceanside communities (with established MOU's)
- Serving children ages 0–5 and their families
- ChildNET Office location:

425 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite #101, Escondido, CA 92025



# ChildNET Services Provided

- Focus on early childhood mental health and behavioral health.

## Services include:

- Intake & CalAIM Assessment
- Individual Therapy, Family Therapy and Parenting Classes utilizing the Incredible Years® curriculum
- Small Group support services (Incredible Years®) for children
- Behavioral support for children
- Case management services and psychiatric services (if warranted and with parent permission)



# Staffing: Licensed / Registered Clinician

- Completes comprehensive behavioral health assessments
- Works collaboratively with school team to support student in classroom setting and with the family to support student in home and community settings
- Provides Individual Therapy, Family Therapy and Group Therapy services



# Staffing: Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist (MHS)

- Supports students through behavioral interventions and small group sessions
- Provides small group intervention using social-emotional skill building activities
- Facilitates parenting classes utilizing the Incredible Years® curriculum
- Connects families with the necessary community resources



# Access to Psychiatric Support Services

- Clients have access to psychiatric evaluation and medication management as clinically indicated (and with parent consent)
- The program Psychiatrist collaborates with the Clinician and family to review progress and ensure continuity of care.



# Current Established Partners (MOU) Escondido Union School District (EUSD)

## State Pre-School Sites:

- Central
- Glen View
- Juniper
- Lincoln
- Oak Hill
- Pioneer
- Rose



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# Thank You!



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# EARLY CHILDHOOD EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS:  
INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL  
HEALTH

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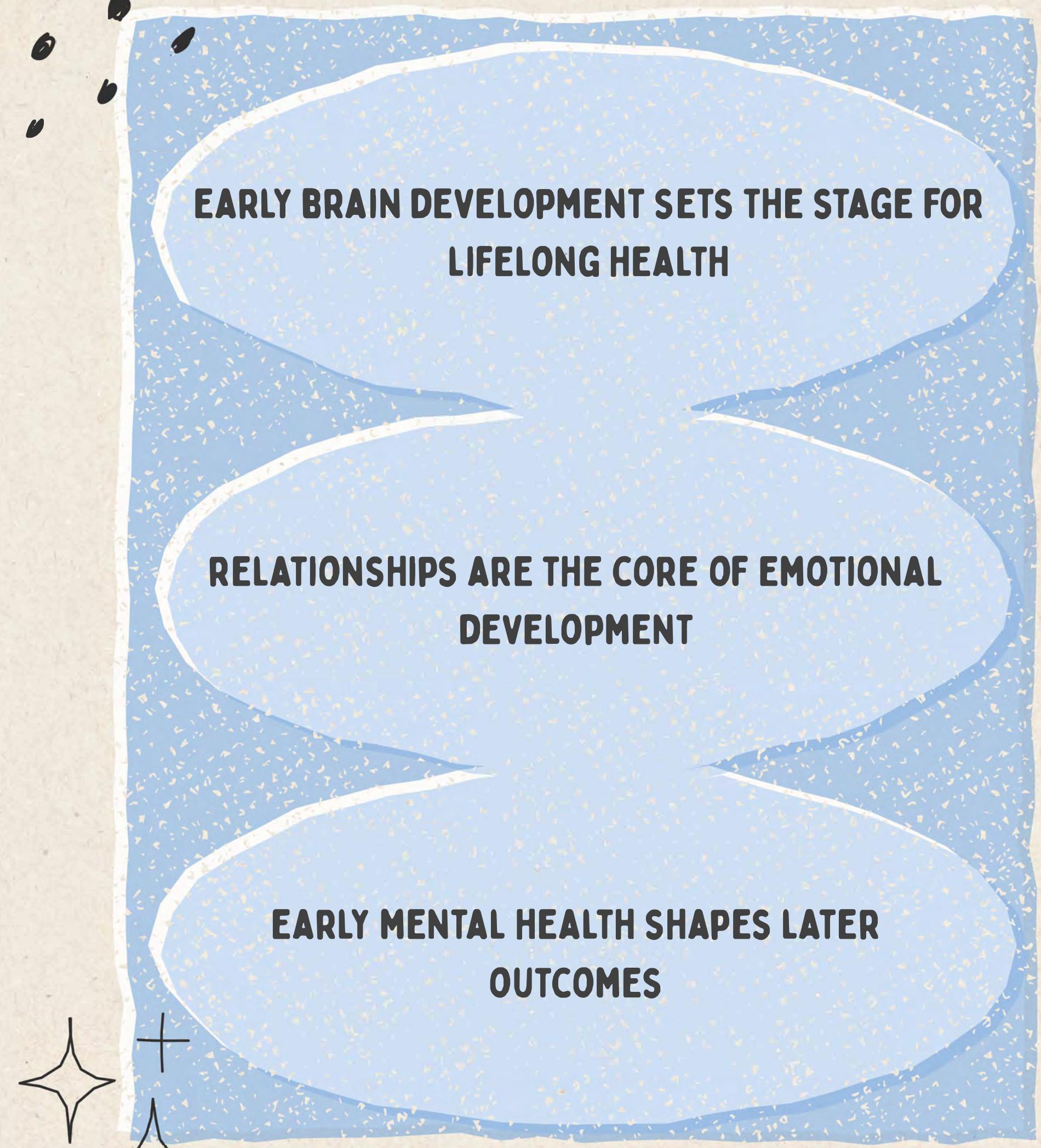
# WHAT IS INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (IECMH)

IECMH REFERS TO THE DEVELOPING CAPACITY OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO ABOUT 5 YEARS OF AGE TO:

- EXPERIENCE, REGULATE, AND EXPRESS EMOTIONS,
- FORM CLOSE AND SECURE RELATIONS, AND
- EXPLORE THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND LEARN - ALL WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND CULTURAL EXPECTATIONS

*(Source: Zero to Three, 2017)*

# WHY DOES IECMH MATTERS



EARLY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT SETS THE STAGE FOR  
LIFELONG HEALTH

RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE CORE OF EMOTIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

EARLY MENTAL HEALTH SHAPES LATER  
OUTCOMES

# WHY DOES IECMH MATTERS



EARLY SUPPORT OFFERS A POWERFUL WINDOW  
FOR GROWTH

CAREGIVER WELL-BEING IS CENTRAL TO INFANT  
MENTAL HEALTH

# ABOUT ECS - PARA LAS FAMILIAS

ECS PARA LAS FAMILIAS (PLF) IS AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC DEDICATED TO OFFERING A VARIETY OF BILINGUAL AND BICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO FAMILIES IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA OF SAN DIEGO. OUR SERVICES CATER TO FAMILIES WITH MEDI-CAL, PRIVATE INSURANCE, OR NO INSURANCE, SPECIFICALLY FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 12 YEARS.

## SERVICES OFFERED:

- ELIGIBILITY SCREENINGS
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS
- ATTACHMENT-BASED FAMILY THERAPY
- SCHOOL OBSERVATIONS
- TEACHER/PROVIDER CONSULTATIONS
- PARENTING CLASSES

## OUR FOCUS:

**Children who receive treatment at PLF acquire essential tools to build healthy emotional connections with their parents or caregivers, enabling them to achieve social and emotional stability. By fostering a secure attachment, the child gains a relational safe haven that acts as a source of social-emotional support. This supportive mechanism also helps to mitigate behavioral challenges, alleviate anxiety, and cushion the impact of trauma and other stressors.**

# HOW DO WE DO IT:

**By helping caregivers strengthen their parent-child relationship through teaching parenting skills, psychoeducation on attachment-based interventions, and providing corrective relational experiences between child and their caregivers in family sessions**

**PLF collaborates with various dedicated community organizations to connect clients and their parents with additional services. These partnerships aim to empower families, helping them reach their fullest potential and enhance opportunities for their children.**

# THERAPEUTIC PROCESS: CIRCLE OF SECURITY

01

**Increasing parent's  
observational skills from  
developmental perspective**

02

**Respond to child's  
needs for exploration  
and back to a safe-  
haven**

03

**Support reflective  
dialogue between  
therapist-caregiver  
to explore strengths  
and difficulties**

## STRUCTURE

Creates a predictable world that organizes a child's experiences, fostering a sense of safety. Roles are clearly defined, allowing the child to exercise age-appropriate control.

## THERAPEUTIC PROCESS: THERAPLAY

## Nurture

Experiencing a sense of worthiness for love brings comfort and tranquility to the child. It reinforces the idea that love can be received without the need to "work for it" or "ask" for it.

## Engagement

Connecting through playful interactions, a child experiences safety when their adult is able to enjoy with them. Play is a child's main language.

## Challenge

This supports children in feeling capable and fosters self-efficacy by encouraging them to take age-appropriate risks with the guidance of an adult.



# GOALS OF TREATMENT:

- SUPPORT DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS
- IMPROVE AFFECT REGULATION
- DEVELOP TRUST IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS
- JOY IN EXPLORATION AND LEARNING
- ESTABLISH SAFE HAVEN



# FUNDING SOURCES & REFERRAL SOURCES

## Funding sources:

- HDS First 5 funding
- San Diego County MHSA
- SAMHSA
- San Diego Foundation
- Donations/Fundraising

## Referral Sources:

- Healthy Development Services
- CFWB & Foster Care System
- Early Head Start and Head Start
- Community Pediatricians
- San Ysidro Health
- Rady Children's
- 211 Info Line
- Word of Mouth
- Community Agencies



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**SB  
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# **THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES**



# TODAY's FOCUS

- **What is TBS?**
- **TBS eligibility and service delivery requirements**
- **Prior Authorization and Referral Process (Optum)**
  - ◆ How to complete referral
  - ◆ How to follow up on submitted referrals
- **TBS and SMHP Partnership**
- **FAQs**
- **TBS Referral, Brochure, and Contact information**

# WHAT IS TBS?

- **An intensive**, home-based, short-term, behavioral modification program
- **Designed** to help youth reduce high risk behaviors
- **Supplemental** to therapy
- **Can serve youth in any home setting: homes, foster homes, STRTPs**
  - ◆ **School shifts** at times, if appropriate



# WHO DOES TBS SERVE?

## → TBS serves youth...

- ◆ who are up to the age of 21
- ◆ who reside in San Diego County
- ◆ with full-scope Medi-Cal
- ◆ who meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - require support to maintain the current placement
  - require support to reduce the need for psychiatric hospitalization, and/or
  - require support to transition to a lower level of care
- ◆ and who are working with a Specialty Mental Health Provider (**SMHP**)

# THE TBS TEAM

## → **TBS Case Manager**

- ◆ Manages youth's services
- ◆ Develops TBS Cal-AIM Assessment and TBS Care Plan
- ◆ Coordinates treatment team meetings

## → **TBS Coach**

- ◆ Provides one-to-one behavioral modification in the youth's environment
- ◆ Implements individual interventions based on youth's TBS Treatment Plan & need
- ◆ Includes everyone in the home to ensure lasting change

## → **TBS Parent Partner (as needed)**

- ◆ Works one-to-one with caregivers, teaching parenting techniques, self-care and provides them with resources



# THE FOCUS OF TBS

## → **To reduce Target Behavior(s)**

- ◆ Target Behaviors are identified by the TBS Case Manager with client and family. A few of the behaviors we address:
  - Reactive Outburst Behaviors
  - Anger Outburst Behaviors
  - Depressive Behaviors
  - Unsafe Behaviors
  - Poor Social Skills
  - Sexualized Behaviors
  - Obsessive/Compulsive Behaviors
  - Anxious Behaviors

# ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY

- Youth has full-scope MediCal
- Youth receives consistent individual or family therapy from MediCal provider (SMHP)
- Youth and caregiver are available for intensive services (in home or in community). Caregiver present at all TBS coaching shifts, typically 2-3 hours.
  - ◆ Shifts available afternoon, evening, weekends
- SMHP available to collaborate with TBS Case Manager on regular basis

# THE COURSE OF SERVICES

**1)** SMHP completes Prior Authorization Request & Referral Form and sends to **OPTUM** for approval

**2)** Prior Authorization Request is processed by **OPTUM**, faxed to TBS Referral Specialist who then assigns referral to a TBS Case Manager

**3)** Case Manager provides intake and completes Cal-AIM Assessment

**4)** Case Manager identifies target behavior & creates TBS Care Plan

**5)** Case Manager conducts Implementation meeting to review Care Plan

**6)** TBS Coach(es)/ Parent Partners are assigned and TBS Coaching begins

**7)** Bi-Weekly & Monthly meetings with Treatment Team throughout coaching

**8)** The youth meets goals and has a TBS Graduation or Celebration of Learning!

# HOW TO REFER

- 1) Assess if youth meets criteria for TBS services
  - a) Requires support to maintain the current placement
  - b) Requires support to reduce the need for psychiatric hospitalization, and/or
  - c) Requires support to transition to a lower level of care
- 2) Discuss TBS services with youth and family
- 3) Complete the *TBS Prior Authorization Request/Referral Form*
- 4) Fax the *TBS Prior Authorization Request/Referral Form* to Optum at (866) 220-4495
- 5) Contact Optum or our Referral Specialist with questions at (858) 256-2180 ext. 535

\* Release of Information is not required to proceed with referral



# TBS REFERRAL FORM



FAX TO: (866) 220-4495  
Optum Public Sector San Diego  
Phone: (800) 798-2254, Option 3, then option 4

## THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES (TBS)

### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST & REFERRAL FORM

Initial Request  Continuing Request (6 mos.)  
 (submitted by SMHP)  (Submitted by TBS provider)

\* Indicates a required section for initial Requests

#### Youth Information\*:

*Name: _____	*DOB: _____	*Medi-Cal or SSN: _____
*Current Address: _____		
School: _____	School District: _____	
*Parent/Caregiver Name: _____		*Parent/Caregiver Phone: _____

**Referring Party/Therapist Information\*:** Please Note: Client must be receiving services from a Specialty Mental Health Provider (SMHP) billing Medi-Cal.

*SMHP Name: _____	*SMHP Credential: _____
*SMHP Program Name: _____	
*Phone: _____	
*Fax: _____	

**Additional Referring Party Information:** (If same as SMHP, please leave blank)

Name: _____	Agency: _____	Relationship: _____
Address: _____		
Phone: _____	Fax: _____	E-Mail: _____

**CWS/Probation Involved:**  Yes  No CWS Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Probation Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: _____	Fax: _____	E-Mail: _____
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**Other Party Involvement:** (i.e. CASA, Mentor, Attorney, Big Brother/Sister, etc.)

Name/Relationship: _____	Contact Phone: _____
Name/Relationship: _____	Contact Phone: _____

**Specific requests with regard to TBS Coach's language, culture, gender, etc.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TBS Class Criteria / Eligibility Per DMH Information Notice NO: 08-38 (Completed by SMHP)\* – All questions below require completion.**

1. Is Youth a full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiary under age 21?  Yes  No **AND**
2. Is Youth receiving specialty mental health services from a Medi-Cal funded therapist/case manager?  Yes  No
3. Which of the following conditions have been met by the Youth? (\*Check all that apply, must check a minimum of 1)
  - Youth is at risk for emergency psychiatric hospitalization as one possible treatment option, though not necessarily the only treatment option or has had at least one emergency psychiatric hospitalization within the past 24 months
  - Youth is placed in or being considered for placement in a group home facility of RCL 12 or above/STRTP or is in a locked treatment facility for the treatment of mental health needs
  - Youth may need out of home placement, a higher level of residential or acute care
  - Youth is transitioning to a lower level of care and needs TBS to support the transition
  - Youth has previously received TBS while a member of the certified class



# TBS REFERRAL FORM

FAX TO: (866) 220 – 4495  
Optum Public Sector San Diego  
Phone: (800) 798-2254, Option 3, then option 4

Class membership criteria as listed above has not been established but maximum 30 calendar day unplanned contact is requested due to urgent or emergency conditions that jeopardize child/youth current living arrangement

## Determination Criteria, (completed by the SMHP)\*:

1. \*Diagnosis for focus of TBS: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \*Medical Necessity (**BHIN 21-073**) is met  Yes  No
3. \*TBS shall focus on (client challenges/behaviors): \_\_\_\_\_
4. \*Date of most recent Behavioral Health Assessment (BHA), Outpatient Authorization Request (OAR), or Progress Note that demonstrates need Click to enter a date.
5. \*SMHP Clinician is requesting the following TBS services: (*Must include amount, scope & duration*)  
 Up to 25 hours of TBS Intervention per week - amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 TBS scope inclusive of Assessment (SC48), Plan Development (SC46), Intervention (SC47) and Collateral (SC49)  
 Up to 6 months of TBS Intervention – duration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (*explain any changes to amount, scope or duration being requested. Please note each authorization cycle is 6 months- Re-authorization may be obtained for additional services*): \_\_\_\_\_

SMHP submitted form to Optum on: Click to enter a date.  
(Optum shall notify provider of determination within 5 business days of receipt)

## FOR USE BY OPTUM ONLY/AUTHORIZATION DETERMINATION

OPTUM Reviewed BHA, OAR or Progress Note  
 TBS scope, amount and duration authorized as requested: START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ END DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional TBS hours authorized per week (beyond 25 hours per week): \_\_\_\_\_  
TBS Request is Reduced/Modified as follows:  scope \_\_\_\_\_  amount \_\_\_\_\_  duration \_\_\_\_\_  
TBS request is  denied  modified  reduced  terminated or  suspended  
NOABD was issued to the beneficiary and provider on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Optum unable to confirm SMHP. Authorization is contingent on TBS provider confirming active SMHP claiming Medi-Cal.

Optum Clinician Signature/Date/Licensure:

*Typically, within two business days of Optum clinician signature, authorization will be forwarded to TBS and referring provider.*  
^Date pre-authorization received by TBS Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ (^completed by New Alternatives)



# STATUS OF REFERRAL SUBMISSIONS

- Call Optum to ensure receipt of referral and authorization
  - ◆ (800) 798-2254 (select option 3 then option 4)
  - ◆ If Optum requires a correction, they will fax provider (no phone calls)
- Check Client Programs List Page in SmartCare
  - ◆ TBS will be listed as “Requested” in SmartCare when authorized and fax received at TBS office
- Call TBS directly once referral is authorized for referral assignment information

# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SMHP?

- Collaboration and Communication
  - ◆ Participation in TBS Meetings
    - Celebrate and maintain progress
    - Provide feedback
    - Advocate for engagement in TBS services
  - ◆ Feedback and collaboration with TBS Case Manager
    - Monthly at minimum aligning with update meetings
  - ◆ Support TBS interventions
- Maintain active therapy services with the TBS youth and family at least 2-4 times per month.

# ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY FAQs

- Client/caregiver have not heard from TBS. What happened?
- Can a client see a case manager instead of a therapist at the primary program?
- Can the primary program end services once TBS opens?
- What if client's family is not available for intensive services?
- What if the SMHP cannot collaborate with TBS? Can communication be email or voicemail only?

# MORE INFORMATION

- Visit the TBS info page on the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services Website
  - ◆ [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/mental health services children/therapeutic behavioral services.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/mental_health_services_children/therapeutic_behavioral_services.html)
- Access TBS MHP Provider Documents at Optum San Diego
  - ◆ <https://optumsandiego.com/content/SanDiego/sandiego/en/county-staff---providers/smh-dmc-ods-health-plans.html>

The screenshot shows a navigation menu with various links. The 'MH Resources' link is highlighted with a blue box and an arrow pointing to it. Below the menu, there is a list of service categories. A large blue arrow points down from the 'MH Resources' link towards the list of services.

SmartCare   Communications   Beneficiary   NOABD   Incident Reporting   UTTM   Training   Billing   UCRM / SUDURM   OPOH / SUDPOH  
SUD Resources   **MH Resources**   Manuals   Monitoring   Forms   IHCP   LPS   OOC/OON   Provider Certification

**MH Resources**

- References
- PWB
- STRTP
- Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)
- Mobile Crisis Response
- Day Services

# QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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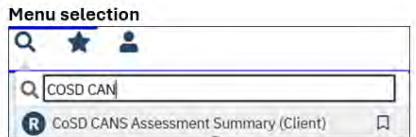
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# CANS Assessment Summary Report

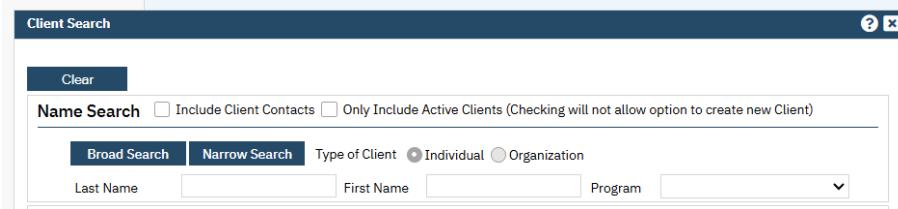
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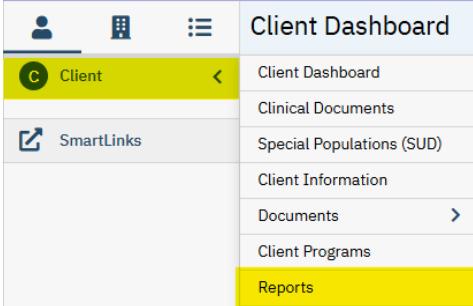
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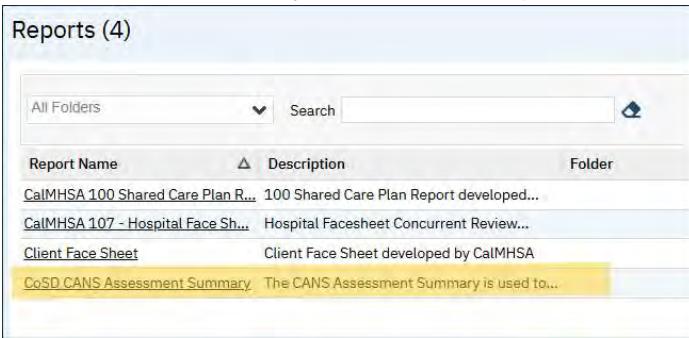
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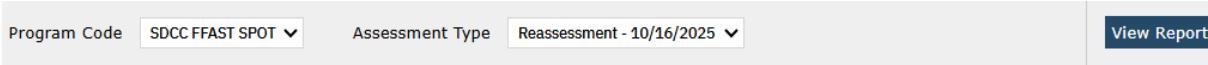
3. Toggle client icon and select Reports



4. Select CANS Summary Assessment Report



5. Enter Program Code and Assessment Type then select View Report



# CANS Assessment Summary Report (4 pages)

Assessment Summary		Reassessment
Name: [REDACTED]	Client ID: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]
Enrolled Date: 7/29/2025	Discharge Date: [REDACTED]	Assigned Staff: [REDACTED]
Program: SDCC FFAST SPOT	CANS Date: 10/16/2025	
Assessor: [REDACTED]		
Strengths to leverage to achieve goals		
Strengths (item rated '0' or '1')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family Strengths</li> <li>- Talents and Interests</li> <li>- Natural Supports</li> <li>- Resiliency</li> </ul>	
Core Modules		
	High Need: Act Immediately and/or Intensively (item rated a '3')	Help is Needed: Address in Services (item rated a '2')
Behavioral/Emotional Needs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anxiety</li> <li>- Adjustment to Trauma</li> </ul>
Life Functioning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family Functioning</li> <li>- Living Situation</li> <li>- Social Functioning</li> <li>- School Behavior</li> <li>- School Achievement</li> <li>- School Attendance</li> </ul>
Risk Behaviors		
Cultural Factors		
Caregiver Resources and Needs		
# OF 'HIGH NEEDS' ITEMS = 0		# OF 'HELP IS NEEDED' ITEMS = 8

## Follow-up Assessment Modules

Trauma Module Clinician endorsed 'Yes'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neglect</li> <li>- Witness to Family Violence</li> <li>- Disruption in Caregiving/Attachment Losses</li> <li>- Parental Criminal Behaviors</li> </ul>
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## Parent PSC Respondent: Other

Parent PSC Date: 10/15/2025	Staff: [REDACTED]
PSC for Ages 6 and up	
Attention Problems Subscale (0-10)*	Score: 1
Internalizing Problems Subscale (0-10)*	Score: 7
Externalizing Problems Subscale (0-14)*	Score: 2
Total Scale Score (0-70)*	Score: 29
Clinical Cutoff Score	
Attention Problems Subscale (0-10)*	Not At-Risk (Under 7)
Internalizing Problems Subscale (0-10)*	At-Risk (5 or higher)
Externalizing Problems Subscale (0-14)*	Not At-Risk (Under 7)
Total Scale Score (0-70)*	Impaired (28 or higher)

- a. AT RISK - Children with scores of 7 or higher on this subscale usually have significant impairments in attention.
- b. AT RISK - Children with scores of 5 or higher on this subscale usually have significant impairments with anxiety and/or depression.
- c. AT RISK - Children with scores of 7 or higher on this subscale usually have significant problems with conduct.
- d. IMPAIRED

- PSC Parent - Children ages 6-18 with scores of 28 or higher and children ages 3-5 with scores of 24 or higher usually have psychological impairment.

**Strengths:**

**FAMILY STRENGTHS:** Families who have strength in this area display qualities or behaviors that give hope to the family as a whole. This could include showing love and respect for one another. There is at least one member of the family who has a strong, loving relationship with the child and is able to provide support.

**TALENTS/INTERESTS:** Children who have strength in this area have a talent, interest, or hobby that makes them happy and feel good about themselves (for example, athletics or music).

**NATURAL SUPPORTS:** Children who have strength in this area have support from unpaid helpers outside the family (for example, neighbors) who help support the child's healthy development.

**RESILIENCY:** Children who have strength in this area are able to adapt to new situations, manage difficult challenges successfully, and identify as well as use their own strengths.

**Child Behavioral/Emotional Needs:**

**ANXIETY:** Children who need support in this area may seem nervous and fidgety. Even with support and coaching, they may avoid doing things children usually enjoy because they are too scared. Young children may have an especially hard time being away from their caregivers and may cling and cry more intensely or for longer than expected when they are away from their caregivers.

**ADJUSTMENT TO TRAUMA:** Children who need support in this area a) have experienced a stressful event that was perceived as having the ability to cause harm and b) show signs of difficulty coping with feelings that are triggered by the memory of that event. Some of these signs include nightmares, excessive clinginess, fear of things/people that remind them of the traumatic event, increased jumpiness, changes in their eating/sleeping/toileting habits, irritability, aggression to self and others, and difficulty calming down.

**Life Functioning:**

**FAMILY FUNCTIONING:** Children who need support in this area may struggle in developing or keeping positive relationships with family members. It may also refer to struggles with relationships within the family. It may look like the child or family member is cautious or uncertain when engaging in play with one other, the child or family member may struggle saying good-bye, or the child or family member may be hesitant to comfort or be comforted by one other. Relationships may not appear close. The child may become easily angered or hit, kick or throw things at the caregiver. In some cases, the relationship puts the child at risk of being emotionally harmed, physically injured, or sexually abused.

**LIVING SITUATION:** Children who need support in this area have problems in their current living situation. They may have inappropriate behavior, difficulty interacting with their caregiver, or may be at-risk for removal due to their difficult behavior.

**SOCIAL FUNCTIONING:** Children who need support in this area have difficulty making and keeping social relationships. They may have no friends or have constant conflict with others.

**SCHOOL BEHAVIOR:** Children who need support in this area behave in ways that cause problems at school (for example, they are disruptive and may have been suspended).

**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT:** Children who need support in this area have low grades, are falling behind in subjects, or have been held back a grade level.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** Children who need support in this area are frequently absent and the absences are interfering with their academic progress.

**Trauma/Transition:**

**NEGLECT:** Physical neglect happens when a child is not given the food, clothing, shelter, or supervision they need to grow and be safe. Medical neglect happens when a child does not get the medical care they need. Educational neglect happens when caregivers do not enroll a child in school or make sure that the child attends school and receives an education.

**WITNESS TO FAMILY VIOLENCE:** This occurs when children are exposed to violence in their home or in their family. A child may see the violence, they may hear sounds when it is happening, or they may later see things that happened because of the violence (for example, seeing broken furniture).

**DISRUPTION IN CAREGIVING/ATTACHMENT LOSSES:** This occurs when a child has had one or more major changes with their caregivers such as being separated because of separation or divorce, death of a caregiver or because a caregiver is being deported or sent to prison. Caregivers could be parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters, or other family members who help look after the child.

**PARENTAL CRIMINAL BEHAVIORS:** Actions and/or behaviors that parent/caregiver display which are criminal and have been witnessed by child.

## How do BHS providers complete and utilize CANS results?

- CANS are completed at intake, every 6 months following the first administration, at 'triggering conditions' and at discharge from BHS SOC – 'One Youth, One CANS' which may mean that CANS are completed when youth is enrolled in different programs or through child welfare / juvenile probation departments
- The CANS tool provides a framework for developing and communicating a shared story and incorporates youth and family information to inform planning, support decisions and monitor progress
- The assessment process aims to create and establish an authentic partnership with youth and families, which promotes coordinated and integrated plans that are individualized to address the unique needs of each child / youth / family members
- CANS Assessment Summary when reviewed with the youth, family, and as appropriate with the Child and Family Team (CFT) can be utilized to:
  - Develop a cohesive care plan
  - Identify successful outcomes
  - Establish consensus ratings to support collaboration during CFT meetings and promoting a shared vision, transparency, and communication with partners



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# Our Safe Place



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## **Who we are:**

**5 Drop in Centers**

**Medi-Cal Clinic - Therapy**

**Psychiatry Services**

**Community Outreach and  
Trainings**

# Who Do We Serve:



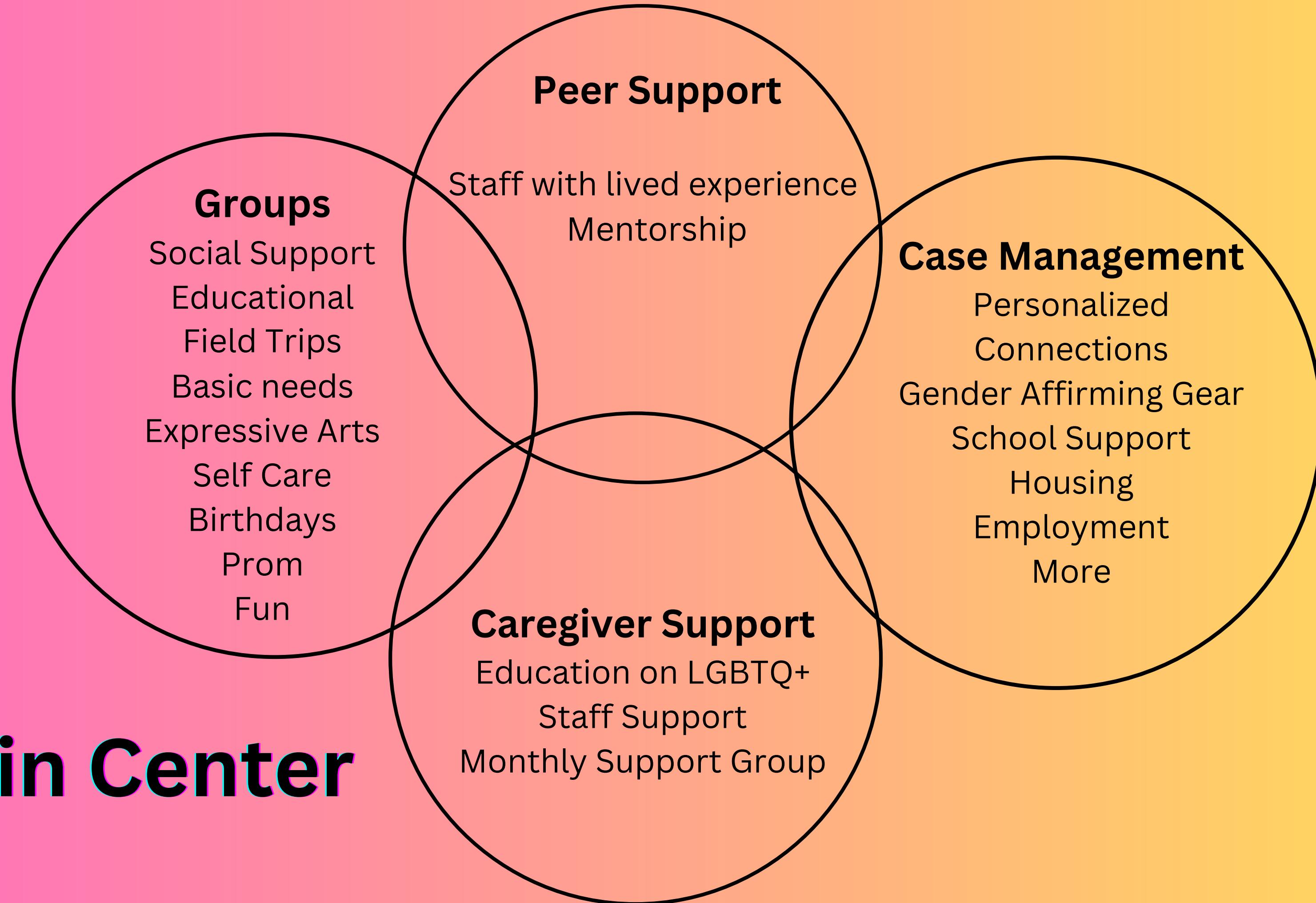
**LGBTQ+ Young Folks**

**Up to Age 21**

**Caregivers**



# Drop in Center



# Mental Health Clinic

Our current clinicians hold specialities and training In:

Individual, Group, Family

Meet clients where they're at:  
School, DIC, Home, ETC

Telehealth

Psychodynamic

Psychoanalysis

Expressive Arts

Narrative Therapy

Drama Therapy

Movement Therapy

CBT

DBT

Neurolingistic Programming

EMDR

Internal Family Systems

Mindful Self Compassion

Ecosystem Family Therapy

3 Clinicians  
1 Case Manager

Up to 6 months of treatments  
with reassessment possible

Optional psychiatry with  
Medication Prescriptions

# Where we are:



SDYS OSP Clinic  
3427 4th Ave, San Diego

Central - SDYS Golden Hill  
Youth Center  
2220 Boardway, San Diego

East - SDYS SVECC  
3845 Spring Drive, Spring  
Valley

North - YMCA  
150 La Terraza Blvd  
Escondido

North - Oceanside YMCA  
215 Barnes St, Oceanside

South -SBCS Trolley Trestle  
746 Ada St Chula Vista





## Pride Season: June



# OSP Prom

**CARNIVAL Queer Prom**

Step Into the Spotlight for a Night of Carnival Magic!

Roll up, roll up! Get ready for prom, where the thrill of the carnival meets the glamour of the dance floor. Join us under the dazzling lights for a night of music, laughter, and unforgettable memories!

Carnival games and drag performance included!

Saturday, June 14 2025, From 3:30pm-7pm  
3845 Spring Dr, Spring Valley Dr. CA 91977  
For more information contact Gaby at (619) 990-3651

QR code for RSVP

QR code for DJ song request

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SB CS  
SAN DIEGO YOUTH SERVICES  
the YMCA  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
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# San Diego Pride Parade & Festival



## Pride Season: July



# Patio Grand Opening



**Pride Season:  
August**



# Humble Horse: OSP Summer Series

Pride Season: June-Aug



# Referring Youth:



- Can be referred by a provider, teacher, friend
- Can self refer
- Can visit first before intake or referral
- Clinic accepts: Medi-cal, Underinsured, or Uninsured
- Please consider youth safety and if they are out to caregivers

# Who to Contact:



Clinic: [kdeberardinis@sdyouthservices.org](mailto:kdeberardinis@sdyouthservices.org)

Central & East: [jbarnes@sdyouthservices.org](mailto:jbarnes@sdyouthservices.org)

South : [oursafeplace@csbcs.org](mailto:oursafeplace@csbcs.org)

North: [afavela@ymcasd.org](mailto:afavela@ymcasd.org)

**Email us if you're interested in your group receiving this outreach presentation, our LGBTQ+ training, or if you would like to be added to our month activity calendar and newsletter mailing list.**

Thank  
you!

# Holiday Closure

## Holiday Closure Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for BHS Programs



County of San Diego – Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)

### **Behavioral Health Services (BHS) – Contractor Information Notice**



<b>To:</b>	<b>BHS Contracted Service Providers</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Behavioral Health Services</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>November 22, 2024</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Holiday Closure Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for BHS Programs</b>

#### **Holiday Closures**

As the holiday season approaches, please review the office closure protocol for holidays or organizational events provided below. Programs can locate specific program expectations in the contract Statement of Work and/or in the Substance Use Disorder Provider Operations Handbook (SUDPOH)/Organizational Provider Operations Handbook (OPOH).

- **Outpatient programs** generally follow the County of San Diego (County) holiday schedule, which is attached for reference.
- **Residential programs** remain open 365 days a year. If staffing is reduced during the holidays, required program activities such as group sessions, individual sessions, and/or assessments are expected to continue.

Programs requesting to have a closure that is not specified in the Statement of Work or provided for in the SUDPOH/OPOH need to proactively reach out to their Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) in advance of the requested closure to provide rationale and obtain written approval.

#### **Office Closure Protocol**

The standard closure procedures for outpatient programs include:

- All clients and/or caregivers to receive advance notice of closure.
- Stakeholders and referral sources to be notified of closure in advance.
- Visible and legible signs regarding closure to be displayed, minimally, at the entrance(s) of the building/program.
- Outgoing phone and email messages (such as out of office alerts) to inform callers of closure and available alternative resources (i.e., hotline numbers, cell phone numbers, or other emergency numbers).
- Proposed closures to be finalized only upon written approval from the COR.

The BHS team wishes your team and those you serve a happy and safe holiday season!

*Attachment: County Observed Holiday Schedule FY 24-25*

#### **For More Information:**

- Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)

# BHSA Input Opportunities

## [Behavioral Health Services Act](#)

### [Behavioral Health Services Act Online Input Form](#)

### [Behavioral Health Services Act \(BHSA\) Updates Sign-Up Form](#)

## [Engagement Activities](#)



## Behavioral Health Services

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### Behavioral Health Services Act

The Behavioral Health Services Act, also known as BHSA, is a state law passed by voters in March 2024. BHSA updates the [Mental Health Services Act \(MHSA\)](#) by:

- Expanding service access to include treatment for people with substance use disorders,
- Prioritizing care for people with the most serious mental illness,
- Providing ongoing resources for housing and workforce development, and
- Continuing investments in prevention, early intervention, and innovative behavioral health pilot programs.

BHSA aims to close service gaps and ensure equitable access to quality care across the state. New BHSA requirements will also enhance oversight, transparency, and accountability at the state and local levels.

To learn more about BHSA:

#### [Behavioral Health Transformation \(DHCS\)](#)

To receive updates about BHSA, subscribe to these statewide sites:

- [Department of Health Care Services \(DHCS\)](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#)

## Community Planning

BHSA requires counties to look at their whole behavioral health system of care through a formal Community Planning Process (CPP). The CPP supports the County of San Diego's goal to involve communities in meaningful conversations and decision-making about local behavioral health services to ensure programs reflect their unique needs and voices.

### Sign Up to Receive Updates

By providing your information, you are signing up to receive key information about the BHSA and updates about opportunities to provide input to help inform the BHSA Integrated Plan for Fiscal Years 2026–2029.

### Share Input via Our Online Form

Access this online form to share insights and recommendations with BHS to help guide the development of San Diego County's first BHSA Integrated Plan for Fiscal Years 2026–2029.

### Join Us in Upcoming Activities

View upcoming and past engagement activities hosted by the department, including community workshops, town halls, and input opportunities to help inform the BHSA Integrated Plan for Fiscal Years 2026–2029.

### BHSA Virtual Input Session

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- Ensure & Record that Staff Obtained Annual Training
- Make Required Forms Available at Required Intervals
  - An attached Voter Registration Form, General and State Instructions Form and DSS 16-64 form shall be included in all intake/admission packets
  - For Children's programs, voter registration services shall be offered to parents/guardians of clients less than 18 years of age
  - Submit any completed forms to state
- Document in SmartCare in intake note
  - Include in documentation: "Offered Voter Registration Forms" and note any refusal to complete form



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**National Voter Registration Act of 1993**

The [National Voter Registration Act \(NVRA\)](#) requires that behavioral health provider agencies (including contracted providers) make voter registration opportunities available at the time clients enroll for services, at renewal of services, and when a change of address is reported. All provider staff are required to complete an annual training that outlines the legal requirements and State/County expectations under this Act. The NVRA training presented on this website through the four links below can fulfill the requirement. If you have questions about this requirement, please contact your Contracting Officer Representative (COR).

**Required Training**

Review the four links below to understand NVRA compliance requirements.

1. NVRA/SB35 Slideshow: [\(PPT\)](#) | [\(PDF\)](#)
2. NVRA Agency Video: [Open Captioned](#) | [Open Captioned-Audio Described](#)
3. [NVRA Basics - Quick Reference Sheet](#)
4. [Training Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**Additional Resources**

- [California's NVRA Manual \(2013\)](#)
- [NVRA Voter Preference Forms](#)

[Register to Vote Online in Various Languages](#)

# SPC LGBTQIA+

## Safer Spaces

### 1.0 & 2.0 Training



#### 2025 Training Dates:

- 1.0 Virtual- Oct. 28 & Oct.30 from 2 - 3:45 pm at  
<http://sdcoe.k12oms.org/918-272894>
- 2.0 Virtual- Dec. 2 & Dec. 4 from 2 - 3:45 pm at  
<http://sdcoe.k12oms.org/918-272897>

This training provides participants with the following:

#### 1.0 Training:

- Relevant terms/concepts
- Lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ youth
- Federal and state laws protecting LGBTQIA+ youth
- Importance of inclusive curriculum
- How to be an ally to LGBTQIA+ youth
- Resources from the Suicide Prevention Council

#### 2.0 Training:

- Review 4 pillars
- Reflections on your allyship and going beyond
- Intersectionality
- Inclusive sex education
- Transgender and gender non-binary experiences

**NO COST!**

**Target Audience: All who have contact with K-12 students in an educational setting to create a safer learning environment.**

In partnership with the San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council and the County of San Diego.



Questions? Contact: Elizabeth Campos  
[ecampos@sdcoe.net](mailto:ecampos@sdcoe.net)  
858-295-8992



Participants may be photographed for use in promotional and/or news materials.

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# Are You Impacted



## by the Government Shutdown?

***Find Food Resources Near You!***

➤ ***Visit 211sandiego.org***



***SCAN ME!***

You can find information about:

- CalFresh (aka SNAP, EBT, Food Stamps)
- Helpful FAQ's, including FREE Student Breakfast and Lunch
- How to Find Food Resources Near You
- ***And More!***

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# ¿Está Afectado



## por el Cierre del Gobierno?

*¡Encuentre Recursos Alimentarios Cerca de Usted!*

➤ Visite [211sandiego.org](http://211sandiego.org)



**¡ESCANÉAME!**

Puede encontrar información sobre:

- CalFresh (también conocido como SNAP, EBT, Cupones de Alimentos)
- Preguntas Frecuentes de Ayuda, incluyendo Desayuno y Almuerzo GRATIS para Estudiantes
- Cómo Encontrar Recursos Alimentarios Cerca de Usted
- ¡Y Más!

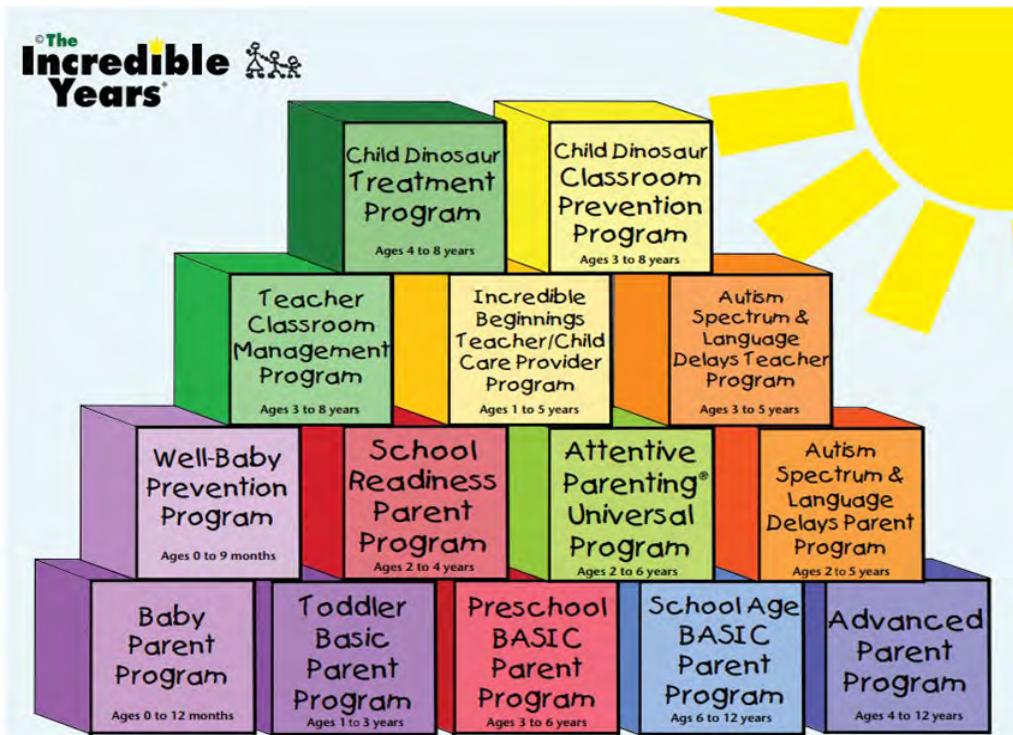
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Llámenos marcando 2-1-1.

Disponible las 24 horas del día. En más de 200 idiomas.

# Incredible Years' Training

[Basic Workshop Handouts 4.20-online-workshop-WEB.pdf](#)



## *The Incredible Years® Parent Group Leader Workshop Agenda*

### **Day 1**

#### **Morning**

Overview of the Webster-Stratton program

Family and child risk factors

Content of program

Research findings

Group leader roles

Child-Directed Play Promotes Positive Relationships

#### **Afternoon**

Descriptive Commenting, Academic & Persistence Coaching

Emotional & Social Coaching

Logistics: Getting your first group started (recruitment, location, leader preparation, child care, incentives)

### **Day 2**

#### **Morning**

Praise Program

Tangible Rewards Program: (Routines & Rules, Limit Setting)

#### **Afternoon**

Handling Misbehavior: Follow Through & Ignore

Maximizing your results (partners, role playing, home assignments, buddy system, collaboration between home and school, "principle training," ensuring generalization, self-monitoring checklist, make-up sessions, ending the group)

### **Day 3**

#### **Morning**

Handling Misbehavior: Time Out to Calm Down

Handling Misbehavior: Logical Consequences

#### **Afternoon**

Problem Solving

Weekly evaluations

Self and peer evaluations

Ongoing consultation

Certification of group leaders

## Two options for Incredible Years (IY) Training for BHS IY programs

- BHS IY programs will have option to send staff to (1) IY training course hosted by developers or (2) organized by Incredible Families (IF) program.
- Contingent on participation, IY training organized by IF program are projected to have lower cost.
- Cost per staff under option 2 will be calculated by number of BHS staff attending the training.

### Option 1 – Directly from IY Developer

#### INCREDIBLE YEARS TRAINING COST:

##### EXAMPLE

December 2025

Dates: December 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 2025,

7:00am-10:15am US PST

Venue: Online (Zoom)

Led by: Kate Rhee, D.Clin Psy.

Cost: \$890 per person

Contact: [incredibleyears@incredibleyears.com](mailto:incredibleyears@incredibleyears.com)

### Option 2 – Organized locally for BHS providers via the Incredible Families (IF) program annually

#### INCREDIBLE FAMILIES PROGRAM IY TRAINING COST:

**Total training cost - \$10,500.00** (includes training and trainer expenses)

Will be divided based on per staff cost: Min 15 staff and up to a max of 25 attendees

15 participants = \$700 per staff

20 participants = \$525 per staff

25 participants = \$420 per staff