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PROPOSITION 63 & PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION

What is Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)?

Early treatment for mental illness can improve lives and ultimately lower related health care costs. Individuals who wait to receive treatment for serious mental illness can be at risk of lifelong disabilities, jail time, hospitalization or suicide.

California's landmark commitment to prevention and early intervention through Prop 63 moves the mental health system from a "fail-first" to a "help-first" system.

This "help-first" system allows individuals and families with or at risk of serious mental illness to get treatment before the mental illness becomes severe and disabling.

Goals of PEI:

- reduce or prevent the results of untreated mental illness such as suicide, incarcerations, school failure or dropout, unemployment, prolonged suffering, homelessness, and removal of children from their homes.
- improve access for people who have been underserved in the past
- serve Californians of all ages and populations

Twenty percent of the money generated by Prop 63 funds Prevention and Early Intervention programs.

