
Allcove Youth Drop-In Center Program Summaries

Wellnest

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Collaborative Partners: 29

Wellnest's youth drop-in center is located in south Los Angeles where one of Los Angeles County's largest youth population is living in poverty and experiencing homelessness. South Los Angeles youth are more likely to experience trauma and engage with the foster care and juvenile justice systems. Wellnest's Allcove youth drop-in center will address the most pressing needs such as:

- Increasing youth access to mental health treatment
- Increasing access to substance use treatment for youth with co-occurring disorders
- Reducing housing insecurity
- Strengthening the voice and positive influence of youth within their communities
- Providing daily comprehensive services and amenities within a safe and respectful space

Peninsula Health Care District

Location: Burlingame, CA

Collaborative Partners: 11

Current services are offered in a variety of settings throughout the community including school sites, wellness centers, clinics, and after school programs. Funding will be used to establish a dedicated facility for an Allcove center. The Allcove center will provide a central point of access and will seek to improve the continuum of care in three ways:

1. Increase access to early intervention and treatment through the physical, mental, and early addiction services.
2. Create a network of community partners and processes to achieve seamless transitions from referrals through different levels of care.
3. Engage our Youth Advisory Group in developing and launching an impactful mental wellness promotion campaign.

The Regents of the University of California, Irvine

Location: UC Irvine (Hub) and Orange County Wellness and Prevention Center (Spoke)

Collaborative Partners: 13

The Orange County Allcove youth drop-in center project will use a "hub and spoke" approach to advance behavioral health care to youth across Orange County. This program will build upon existing collaboration between Orange County, UCI, and community partners. UCI will serve as the hub and the Orange County Wellness and Prevention Center will serve as the first of several

future spokes. Both sites will offer a full range of services for youth including mental health, substance use and primary care. The long-range plan will be to develop future “spokes” throughout Orange County with UCI as the central training and support center. Grant funds will be used to address the following program goals include:

- Reduce suicide and suicide ideation
- Reduce homelessness
- Reduce unemployment with linkage to vocational training programs
- Reduce school failure through linkage to educational support services
- Provide peer support services

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services

Location: Sacramento, CA

Collaborative Partners: 14

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services currently contracts with two local organizations, Wind Youth Services and the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, to operate a respite and outreach program to meet the needs of transition age youth who are experiencing homelessness in Sacramento county. Having a youth drop-in center in one location will support Sacramento county youth with follow through, engagement, building their own community, and de-stigmatizing access to multiple types of services such as mental health, physical health, substance abuse, and educational and vocational support. Sacramento county will contract with a community-based organization who is Medi-Cal certified to provide Youth Drop-In Center services utilizing the Allcove model.

Beach Cities Health District

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Collaborative Partners: 161

In 2016, Beach Cities Health District – a preventive health agency that has been serving the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach since 1955 – identified substance use prevention and mental health as top health priorities for Beach Cities youth and began exploring how to support the community-level efforts already in place. A communitywide Coalition, the Beach Cities Partnership for Youth, was established in 2017, including five separate workgroups of students, parents, school leadership, healthcare providers and the community at large.

Grant funding will allow BCHD to expand the catchment area of the Allcove Youth Drop-In Center to neighboring communities in Service-Planning Area 8 including Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance and the Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington communities of the City of Los Angeles, along with the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4.