# CYBHI: Grants to Scale Evidence-based and Community-defined Practices

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)



## Evidence-based and community-defined evidence practices (EBP/CDEP) grant program: overview and stakeholder engagement

In 2021, \$4.7B of State General Funds was invested to establish the CYBHI to improve access to behavioral health services for children and youth across California

Per the legislative mandate, **DHCS**, in partnership with the MHSOAC, will disburse \$429M in grants to EBPs and **CDEPs** seeking to improve youth behavioral health

DHCS intends to improve access to critical behavioral health interventions, specifically for children and youth from populations of focus

To inform EBP/CDEP workstream development, **DHCS applied a community-driven approach**:

- 11 Think Tank and Public Work Group sessions completed between April and October
- **EBPs and CDEPs generated** through stakeholder input
- **100+** Members of the public engaged
- ~65 Empaneled Think Tank and Work Group members

Source: W&I Code, section 5961.5

#### **EBP/CDEP Grant Program: Stakeholder-prioritized Outcomes**

Throughout the stakeholder engagement process, Think Tank and Workgroup members prioritized three outcomes for the EBP/CDEP grant program:

1

Increase protective factors for children and youth, as measured by improvements in reported well-being for children, youth, parents, and caregivers 2

Build incremental capacity, access, integration, and uptake in selected evidence-based and community-defined evidence BH services, including in non-clinical settings

3

Support codification of practices that can be adapted or normed on populations of focus

#### **EBP/CDEP Grant Program: Equity-driven Approach**

Reducing health disparities and promoting health equity is a central component of the overall grant strategy.

#### Taking an equity-driven approach, DHCS selected EBPs/CDEPs that:

- Maximize impact and reduce disparities for all children and youth with an emphasis on programs/practices that focus on marginalized communities
- **Incorporate youth and family voices** to ensure that the selected programs/practices resonate with a diverse audience
- Focus on the upstream continuum of care to reduce the risk of significant BH concerns in the future
- Affirm the right to access timely help and provide accessible, high-quality, appropriate care for all children and youth
- **Destigmatize community support** to enable every community to recognize the signs of BH concerns and be willing to support those with BH concerns without prejudice and discrimination.
- **Have a data driven-approach** to expand the use of evidence-based and community-defined evidence BH services

#### **EBP/CDEP Grant Program: Stakeholder-identified Populations of Focus**

## Populations of focus as identified by the California Reducing Disparities Project:<sup>1</sup>

- African Americans
- Asians and Pacific Islanders
- Latinos
- LGBTQIA+
- Native Americans

## Other populations of focus identified through the stakeholder engagement process:

- Justice-involved
- Low-income
- Persons with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities
- Refugees, migrant workers, and immigrants
- Rural communities
- Non-English speakers
- Those experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness
- Children in foster care

<sup>1</sup> California Reducing Disparities Project

## DHCS published a grant strategy overview document

## DHCS, in partnership with the MHSOAC, is scaling EBPs/CDEPs across six distinct rounds of grant funding

To be implemented in partnership with MHSOAC (as lead)

RFA Released December 2022 RFA Released February 2023 Anticipated RFA Release June 2023

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#### Parent and caregiver support programs

To increase supports and improve parental and caregiver involvement





#### Early childhood wrap around services

To increase access to home visiting and consultation services that are responsive to community needs



#### Youth-driven programs

To increase peer-to-peer support with programs informed through youth voice



#### Community-defined evidence practices

To increase access to culturally relevant and responsive prevention and early intervention services



#### **Early intervention**

To increase early identification and intervention services for children and youth with, or at high risk for BH conditions

#### Trauma -informed practices and programs

To increase access to services which address BH needs and the impact of adverse childhood events

## **EBP/CDEP Grant Program: Grant Round Focus Areas** and Practice Selection

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For Rounds 3-6,

the final list of programs and practices will be included in the published RFA for each grant round and may be subject to change and/or coverage requirements. In addition to round 6, CDEPs are eligible across grant rounds. **Funding allocation** across rounds 3-6 is TBD.

Round 3
March 2023

Round 4
March/April 2023

Round 5
April/May 2023

Round 6
May/June 2023

Early childhood wraparound services

Youth-driven programs

Early intervention programs and practices

Community-defined evidence programs and practices

Healthy Families America

Nurse Family Partnership

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

Other practices for specified populations of focus

Peer Support Youth drop-in centers (e.g., allcove™)

Other practices for specified populations of focus, for example: Fostering Healthy Futures – Preteen, Peer respite, TIP Model

Early psychosis services (e.g., Coordinated Specialty Care)

Other practices for specified populations of focus, for example:

Blues Program, CIFFTA, Familias Unidas, RAP-A

TBD: DHCS is partnering with the Office of Health Equity at the CA Department of Public Health to identify CDEP selection and scaling strategy that will complement the work done under the CA Reducing Disparities Project

### **MHSOAC Interagency Agreement**

- » MHSOAC, in collaboration with DHCS, with lead grant administration activities for rounds 4 (youth driven programs) and round 5 (early interventions)
  - Round 4 includes allcove
  - Round 5 includes Coordinated Specialty Care First Episode Psychosis
- » MHSOAC will leverage existing contracts with Stanford and UC Davis to provide training and technical assistance to grantees
- The IAA is with MHSOAC for final review anticipate execution no later than early May

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## **Appendix**

## **EBP/CDEP Grant Program: Grant Round Focus Areas and Practice Selection**

DHCS issued RFAs for these rounds in December and February, respectively

**DHCS** published an **EBP/CDEP Grant Strategy Overview** outlining its robust stakeholder process and overall approach to scaling **EBPs/CDEPs** across the state

Round 1 - \$30 million <sup>1</sup> December 2022  Parent/caregiver support	Round 2 - \$100 million February 2023  Trauma-informed programs and practices
Positive Parenting Practices (Triple P)  Other practices for specified populations of focus (e.g., Parents Anonymous®, Effective Black Parenting Program, Strong African American Families, Positive Indian Parenting)	Family Centered Treatment  Modular Approach to Therapy for Children with Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, or Conduct Problems  Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy  Multisystemic Therapy  Functional Family Therapy  Cross-over Youth Practice Model
	Other practices for specified populations of focus (e.g., Family Acceptance Project)