



Building bridges to prevent incarceration

Lunch-and-Learn: Community Mental Health Equity Project

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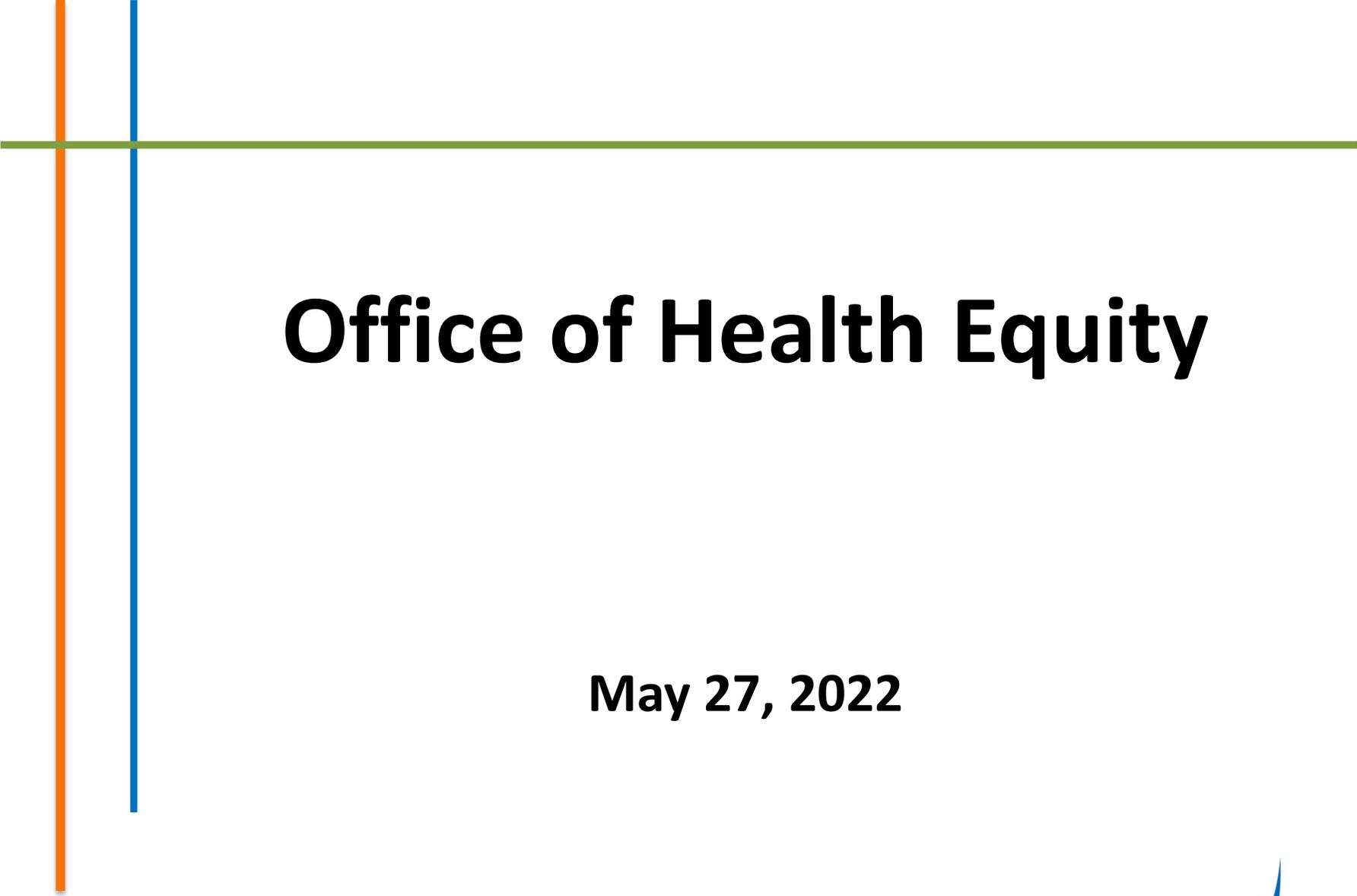
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Office of Health Equity

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OHE Mission, Vision, and Central Challenge

Vision:

Everyone in California has equal opportunities for optimal health, mental health and well-being.

Mission:

Promote equitable social, economic, and environmental conditions to achieve optimal health, mental health, and well-being for all.

Central Challenge:

Mobilize understanding and sustained commitment to eliminate health inequity and improve the health, mental health, and well-being for all.

Statute

Established, as authorized by Section 131019.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, to provide a key leadership role to reduce health and mental health disparities to vulnerable communities.



OHE Framework

The image shows the cover of a report titled "Portrait of Promise: The California Statewide Plan to Promote Health and Mental Health Equity". The cover features a collage of three circular images: a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities standing together outdoors; a person riding a bicycle on a bridge; and two women smiling while holding a basket of fresh vegetables. The CDPH logo is in the top left corner. The title "PORTRAIT OF PROMISE:" is in large yellow letters, followed by the subtitle "The California Statewide Plan to Promote Health and Mental Health Equity" in white. Below that, it says "Report to the Legislature and the People of California by the Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health, August 2015".

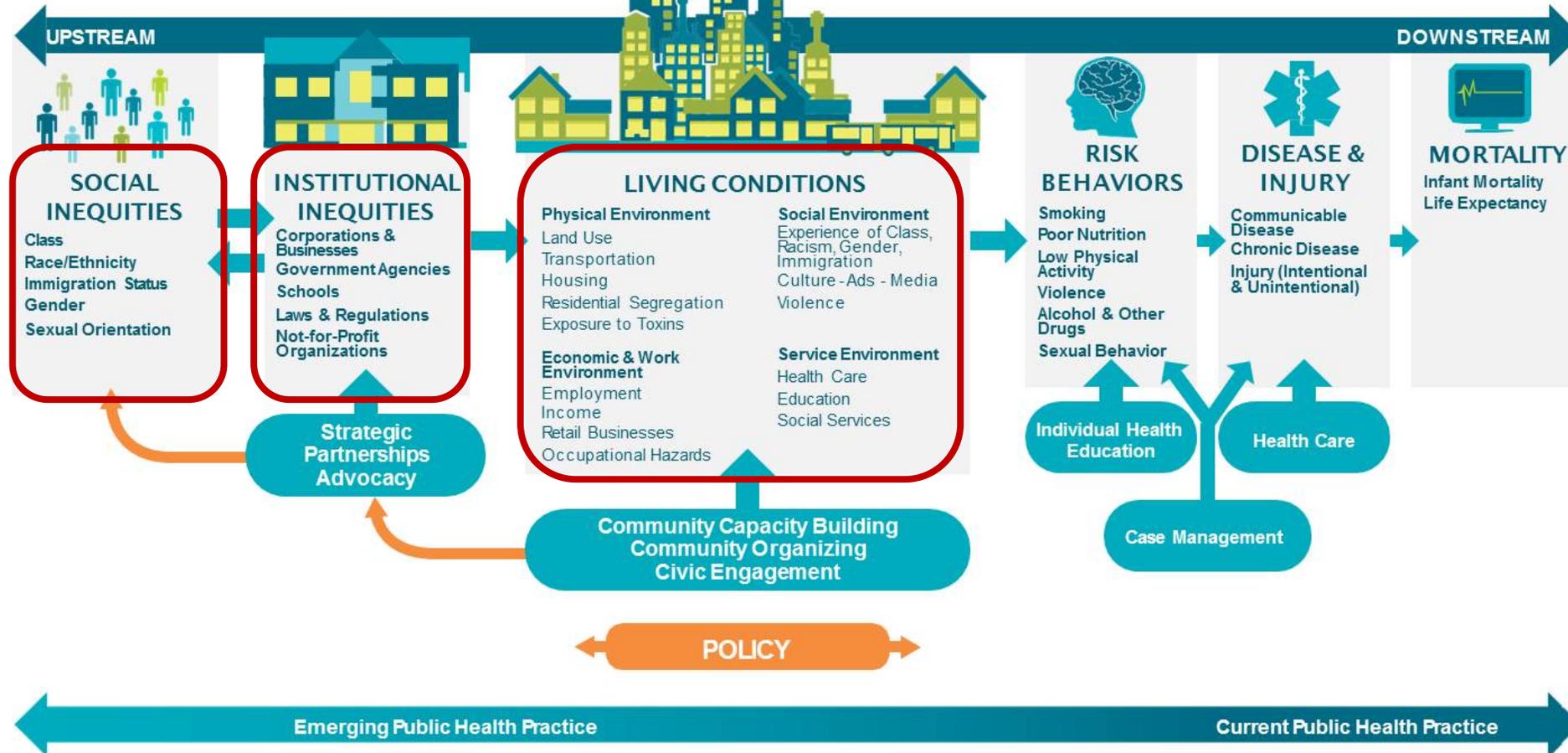
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Office of Health Equity Overview

A PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK FOR REDUCING HEALTH INEQUITIES
 BAY AREA REGIONAL HEALTH INEQUITIES INITIATIVE



Source: Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) Conceptual Framework, 2006.

Community Development and Engagement Section

- ❖ To strengthen CDPH's focus and ability to advise and assist other state departments in their mission to increase access to, and the quality of, culturally and linguistically competent mental health care and services.
- ❖ To create a public mental health system for a diverse California that advances an authentic commitment to community engagement, cultural knowledge, accessibility, quality, resilience, and wellness.

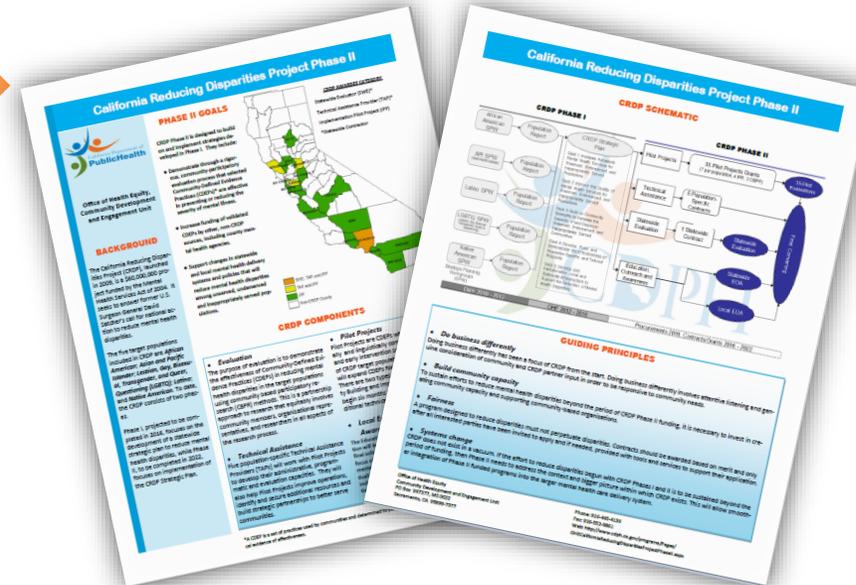


CRDP – Making the Case for CDEPs

CRDP Phase I Reports



CRDP Phase 2 Fact Sheet



Phase 1 – Building a Foundation for Success (2009-2018):

Community assessments of mental illness, needs, and recommendations on how to address them. The Strategic Plan synthesizes recommendations and provides a roadmap.

Phase 2 – Pilot Project Implementation and Evaluation (2016-2022):

Provides \$60 million in grants and contracts to support implementation and evaluation of recommendations through Community Defined Evidence Practices (CDEPs).

The Impact of Community Collaboration

CDES Staff, Contractors and Grantees come together to lay the groundwork to “*Do Business Differently*”



Community Mental Health Equity Project (CMHEP)

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OHE Community Development and Engagement Section



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COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH EQUITY PROJECT



Why CMHEP?

At the Office of Health Equity, we believe culture catalyzes change and gives hope to every community. A reimagined culturally inclusive mental health system acknowledges and respects the beliefs and behaviors of underserved consumers and subsequently heals from the roots.



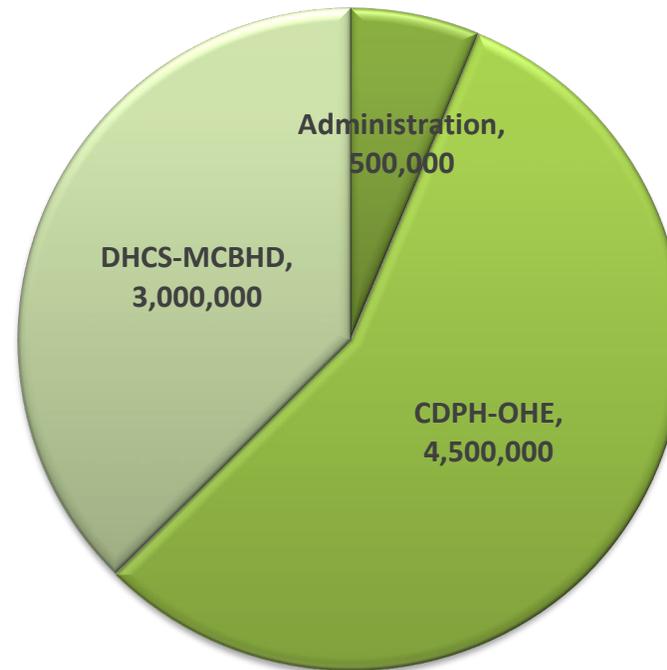
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Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 74 (Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019) authorized **\$8,000,000** to fund mental health equity programs



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Project Domains

CDPH has designed five **CMHEP Project Domains** with integrated COVID-19 response for work plan selection:

1. Improving Communication and Outreach Efforts
2. Support Workforce Development
3. Increased Access and Case Management
4. Technology Access and Enhancement
5. Mental Health Services



Evaluation Concept

- The CMHEP evaluation will be led by OHE
- OHE is also working to closely align evaluation with grant management process
- Where possible OHE is building on existing data collection tools used in CRDP



Collaborative CDPH Role

- Serve as principal project manager
- Update and solicit input from the CDPH OHE Advisory Committee
- Work in consultation with DHCS and other stakeholders
- Convene regular meetings between DHCS and CDPH staff
- Procure contracts with community-based organizations to implement community-defined approaches

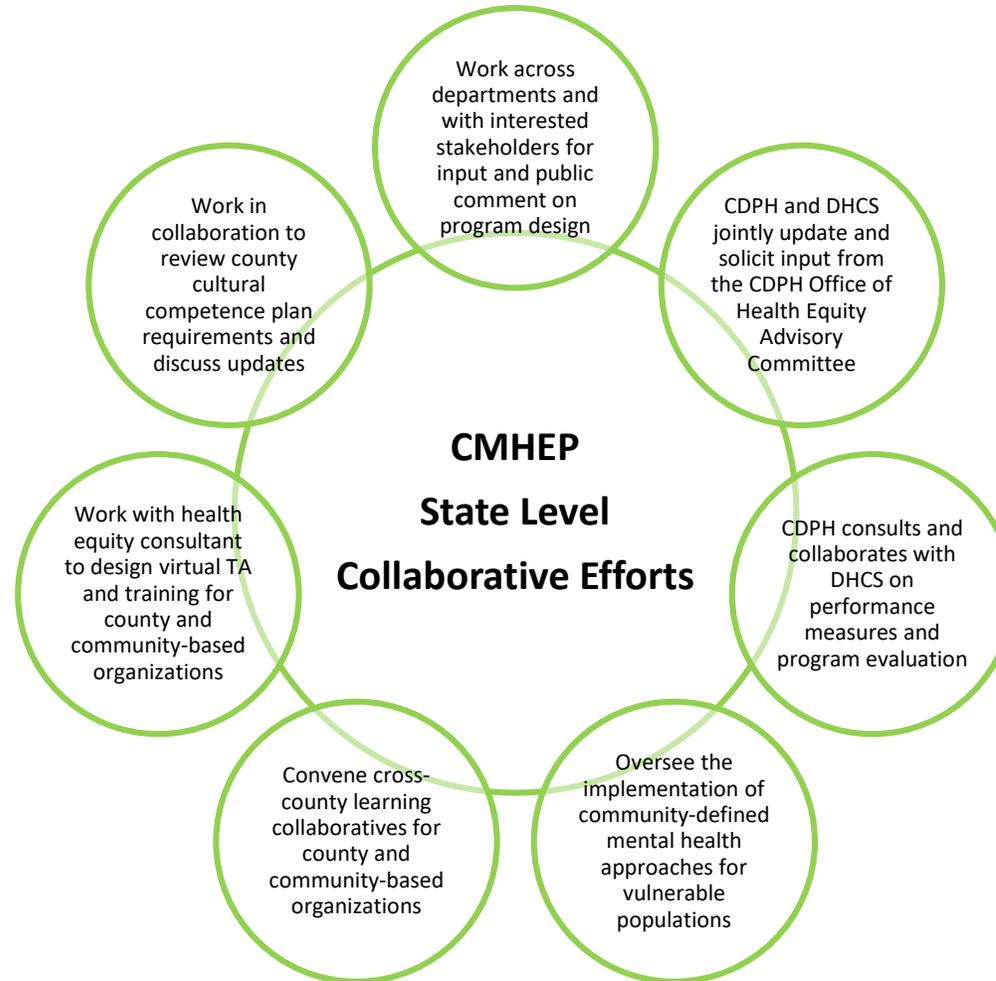


Collaborative DHCS Role

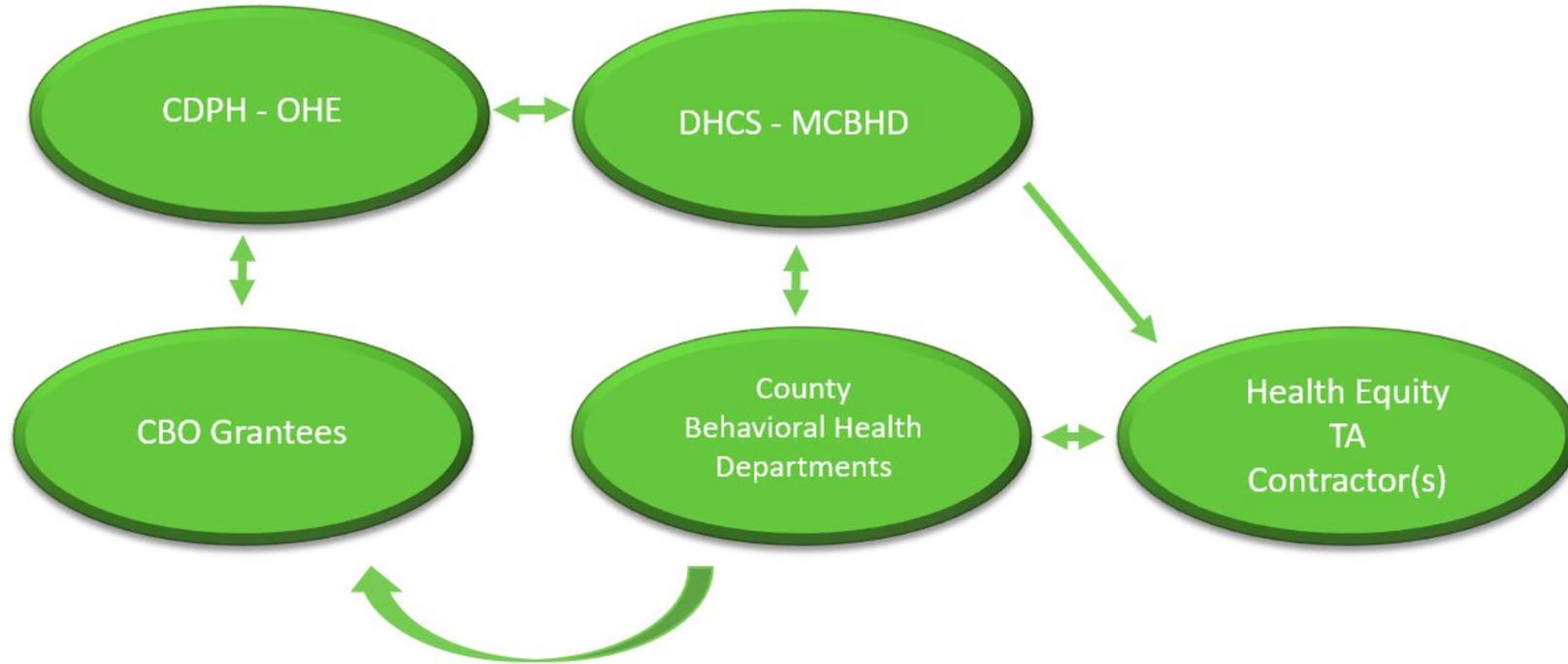
- Conduct state and national level research on efforts
- Convene cross-county virtual learning collaboratives
- Design and provide virtual TA and training for community-based organizations to enhance data collection, data analysis, and quality improvement efforts
- Participate in CDPH OHE Advisory Committee and report on DHCS' progress
- Hire a health equity expert consultants



Cross-Department Linkages



Project Flow

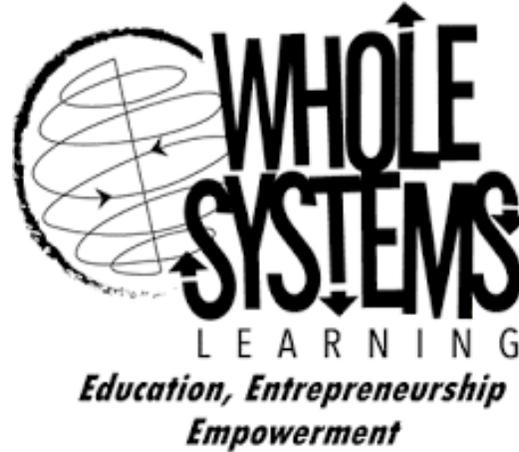


Guiding Principles

- Honor beliefs, traditional healing, values, religions, and spirituality of California's cultures
- Promote and create effective engagement between diverse consumers and mental health community-based organizations
- Create intersectional partnerships and movement building around mental health
- Advocate for cultural inclusion and promote tailored mental health service delivery
- Capture and capitalize on the strength of people power to advance mental health equity



Justice Involved Community Based Organizations



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Social and Economic Development Initiative

The Social Justice Career Pathway, a program designed and run by Safe Passages, provides young people growing up in poverty with the resources and support they need to pursue their goals and develop skills that prepare them to succeed in the workforce.

The Law and Social Justice Career Program (LSJC)

- Improved school attendance
- Improved academic skills
- Greater employability
- Less recidivism
- Less violence among participants

safepassages.org



Justice Involved Community Based Organization



Street Team

EBAYC's Street Team provides intensive support and guidance to youth to help them overcome challenges and envision brighter futures.

Over 70% of young people who participate in Street Team programming do not recidivate. They also demonstrate improved school attendance and decreased school suspensions, and many of our participants who are involved with the justice system earn early dismissals from court-ordered probation.

ebayc.org



Additional Info

- What is it, why a year? CMHEP is a demonstration project between DHCS and CDPH to expand culturally tailored mental health services. Sunset will be in two 2 phases, the final one ending in Dec 30, 2022.
- What went into the development? Significant stakeholder engagement in a variety of approaches and team of consultants.
- Why is CMHEP needed? To expand and enhance investments in culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health care. To link the community with local county behavioral health.
- What it is not? Sustainable, project is designed to be strategic and targeted. As a demonstration project it is time bound, one year implementation.
- Why county linkages? DHCS will help us with this part, they have authority over cultural competence plans, and we can provide links to our 35 CBOs.



Join a Virtual Listening Session with the Community Mental Health Equity Project (CMHEP)

These virtual Listening Sessions will address:

- experiences of access to culturally responsive and equitable behavioral health services
- desired changes to service delivery
- experiences participating in community planning activities related to behavioral health services

Please [join us](#) on one of the following dates:

Monday, June 13, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. PT

Tuesday, June 14, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. PT

Friday, June 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PT

Tuesday, June 21, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. PT

Thursday, June 23, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. PT

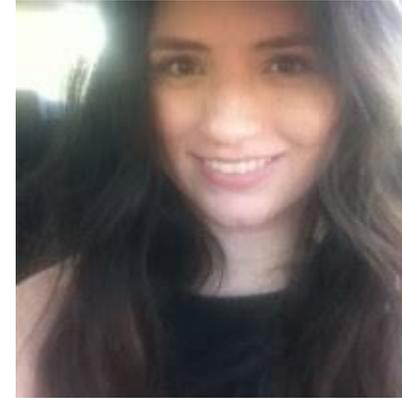


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Upcoming Events

Juvenile Justice Workgroup

Friday, July 15, 2022, 12:45 – 2:45 PM

Board of Parole Hearings Room, 1515 K St. Suite 550, Sacramento, CA 95811

Diversion and Reentry Workgroup

Friday, July 15, 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Board of Parole Hearings Room, 1515 K St. Suite 550, Sacramento, CA 95811

CCJBH Full Council Meeting

Friday, July 29, 2022, 2:00 - 4:30 PM

8260 Longleaf Dr. Building C-1 Room 101, Elk Grove, CA 95758

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