

Behavioral Health Division Update
Behavioral Health Commission
March 2026 Data
April 15, 2026, Meeting

EL DORADO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION STAFFING

- **New Hires:**
 - Darin Ferguson, new hire WS Mental Health Clinician for Crisis Services
 - Aneesah Saeed, new hire WS SUDS Health Education Coordinator
 - Jessica Mahnken, new hire WS SUDS Prevention Health Education Coordinator
 - Miguel Porcayo transfer to SLT Mental Health Clinician
- **Promotions:**
 - None
- **Recruitments:**
 - Ongoing
 - Manager of Mental Health Programs, Crisis Services
 - WS MH Clinician - Substance Use Disorder Services Division- Quality Assurance
 - WS MH Clinician – Substance Use Disorder Services Division- Access
 - WS MH Clinicians 2 FSP, 4 Wellness/Access, 1 Forensic
 - WS Mental Health Workers
 - WS Sr. Office Assistant – Mental Health Clinic
 - WS Office Assistant – Substance Use Disorder Services Division
 - WS Advanced Level Substance Use Disorder Services Counselor
 - WS Prevention Coordinator
 - SLT Advanced Level Substance Use Disorder Services Counselor
 - SLT Mental Health Clinician
 - SLT Mental Health Worker
 - SLT Psych Tech
 - SLT Mental Health Program Coordinator
 - WS Mental Health Program Coordinator
- **Separations:**
 - Lonnie Ferguson, WS MH Clinician Mobile Crisis, Amergis Contract
 - Andrew Wilson, WS SUDS Health Education Coordinator
- **Position Changes:**
 - None

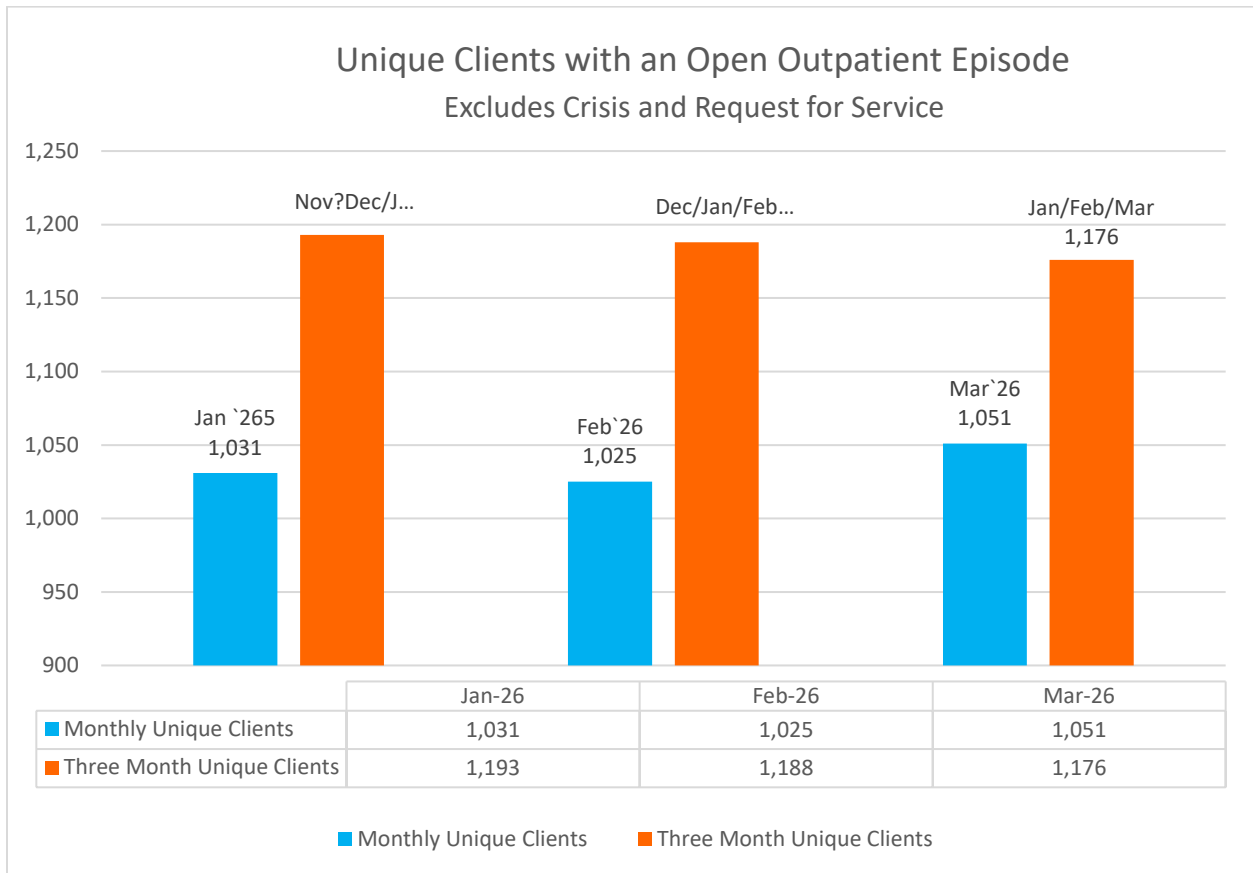
Filled and Vacant Clinician and Clinical Support Positions (as of 04/09/2025)

Position Category	Allocated	Filled	Filled by Amergis Contracted Staff	Vacant	Vacancy by Position	Division-Wide Vacancy %
Manager of MH	4	3	0	1	25%	39%*
MH Coordinator	8	5.8	0	2.2	28%	
MH Clinician	34.5	14.8	3	16.7	48%	
MH Worker	27	15.3	n/a	10.7	40%	
Sup. MH Worker	1	1	n/a	0	0%	
Sr. Office Assistant	5	4	n/a	1	20%	
Medical Office Assistant	1	1	n/a	0	0%	
MH Aide	6.25	0.75	n/a	5.5	88%	
Psych Tech	3	2	0	1	33%	
SUDS Health Educator	11	9	n/a	1	18%	
Sup. Health Education Coordinator	2	2	n/a	0	0%	

*Division Wide Vacancy Rate not including temporary/contracted Amergis Staff: 42%

“Clinical Support” includes all Health Education Coordinators (even if assigned to Prevention activities), Program Assistants, Mental Health Workers, Mental Health Aides, and Psychiatric Technicians.

THIS MONTH'S SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS...



ADULT OUTPATIENT SERVICES

- West Slope: 423
- South Lake Tahoe: 174

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- Sierra Child & Family Services: 189
- Summitview Child & Family Services: 85
- Stanford Youth Solutions: 92
- New Morning Youth Services: 30

Access – Request for Service

Mental Health

Requests for Service - Received

MONTH	TOTAL #	ROUTINE	EXPEDITED	URGENT
04/2025	120	112	7	1
05/2025	124	113	11	0
6/2025	98	95	4	0
7/2025	104	94	10	0
8/2025	139	125	14	0
9/2025	128	116	12	0
10/2025	164	147	14	1
11/2025	119	113	6	0
12/2025	164	151	11	0
1/2026	111	105	6	0
2/2026	134	125	9	0
3/2026	170	165	5	0
Total	1575	1461	109	22

Disposition of Request of Service

MONTH	OPENED TO EDC BH	REFERRED TO MCP	REFERRED TO COMMUNITY	CANCELLED CONTACT, NO SHOW
4/2025	58	23	10	29
5/2025	58	16	7	43
6/2025	54	23	2	18
7/2025	40	31	12	21
8/2025	75	29	3	32
9/2025	72	29	3	24
10/2025	98	43	2	19
11/2025	68	33	1	17
12/2025	93	25	5	39
1/2026	61	25	6	20
2/2026	67	22	4	41
3/2026	98	22	6	37
Total	842	321	61	340

Substance Use Disorder Services

Requests for Service – Received

MONTH	TOTAL #	ROUTINE	EXPEDITED	URGENT
4/2025	45	42	0	3
5/2025	44	40	0	4
6/2025	34	33	0	1
7/2025	44	42	0	2
8/2025	36	36	0	0
9/2025	48	46	2	2
10/2025	30	30	0	0
11/2025	26	24	0	2
12/2025	29	28	0	1
1/2026	38	38	0	0
2/2026	37	35	0	2
3/2026	43	43	0	0
Total	454	437	0	17

Disposition of Request of Service

MONTH	ACCESS EPISODE OPENED – LoC PENDING	OPENED TO EDC SUDS	Does Not Meet Medical Necessity	REFERRED TO COMMUNITY	CANCELLED CONTACT, NO SHOW	MOVED OUT OF COUNTY
4/2025	25	11	1	2	6	0
5/2025	20	13	3	4	5	0
6/2025	18	10	1	0	5	0
7/2025	34	14	0	2	4	0
8/2025	17	7	2	3	5	0
9/2025	28	14	2	1	1	1
10/2025	20	6	1	1	2	0
11/2025	17	5	0	0	4	0
12/2025	17	7	0	3	2	0
1/2026	26	10	0	2	0	0
2/2026	24	6	0	0	6	0
3/2026	27	14	0	0	2	0
Total	273	117	10	19	42	1

Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (NOABD) Issued

Mental Health

Month	Delivery System – No Med Criteria	Delivery System – Admin Close	Delivery System - Timely Access	Modification Of Service	Term of Service	Pygmt Denial
4/2025	0	29	0	3	29	0
5/2025	0	25	0	1	14	0
6/2025	0	25	0	1	14	0
7/2025	0	13	0	1	19	0
8/2025	0	33	0	0	11	0
9/2025	0	16	0	2	8	0
10/2025	0	22	0	0	12	0
11/2025	0	10	0	1	30	0
12/2025	0	13	2	1	24	0
1/2026	2	13	0	0	17	0
2/2026	3	21	1	5	14	0
3/2026	1	29	0	8	37	0
Total	6	249	3	23	229	0

Substance Use Disorder Services

EDC SUDS NOABD type						
Month	Timely Access Notice	Termination Notice	Modification Notice	Denial Notice	Delivery System Notice	Payment Denial Notice
4/2025	11	14	0	0	2	0
5/2025	21	33	0	0	3	0
6/2025	21	32	0	0	1	0
7/2025	14	31	0	1	2	0
8/2025	21	38	0	0	2	0
9/2025	12	33	0	0	1	0
10/2025	18	27	0	0	0	0
11/2025	9	30	0	0	2	0
12/2025	12	37	0	0	2	0
1/2026	9	28	0	0	0	0
2/2026	25	14	0	0	0	0
3/2026	8	21	0	0	0	0
Total	181	338	0	1	15	0

Inpatient and Residential Treatment

Mental Health

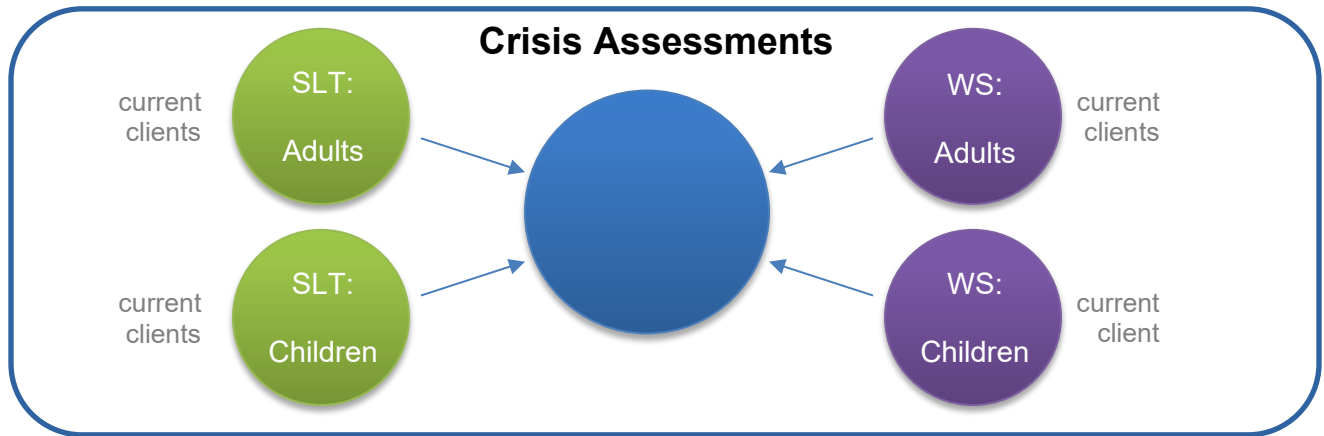
Month	Telecare PHF	Average Length of Stay – PHF	Crisis Res Tx - Adult	Out of County – Adult	Out of County – Youth	Average Length of Stay - OUCH	Residential	Long-Term Care/Skilled Nursing
4/2025	21	10.00	2	5	4	6.00	30	18
5/2025	25	10.77	4	12	4	7.06	30	18
6/2025	11	10.73	6	9	5	7.29		
7/2025	13	33.76	6	21	4	13.96		
8/2025	23	13.13	6	12	13	6.76	29	15
9/2025	24	19.04	8	11	7	6.44	31	15
10/2025	18	16.43	11	28	12	6.05	29	13
11/2025	20	18.15	5	15	6	10.19	32	14
12/2025	17	14.41	9	23	5	5.71	28	13
1/2026	13	37.38	6	20	9	12.24	26	13
2/2026	8	17.36	6	7	7	5.07	26	13
3/2026	21	35.31	2	12	18	6.33	27	15
Total	214	19.71	71	175	94	7.76		

Substance Use Disorder Services

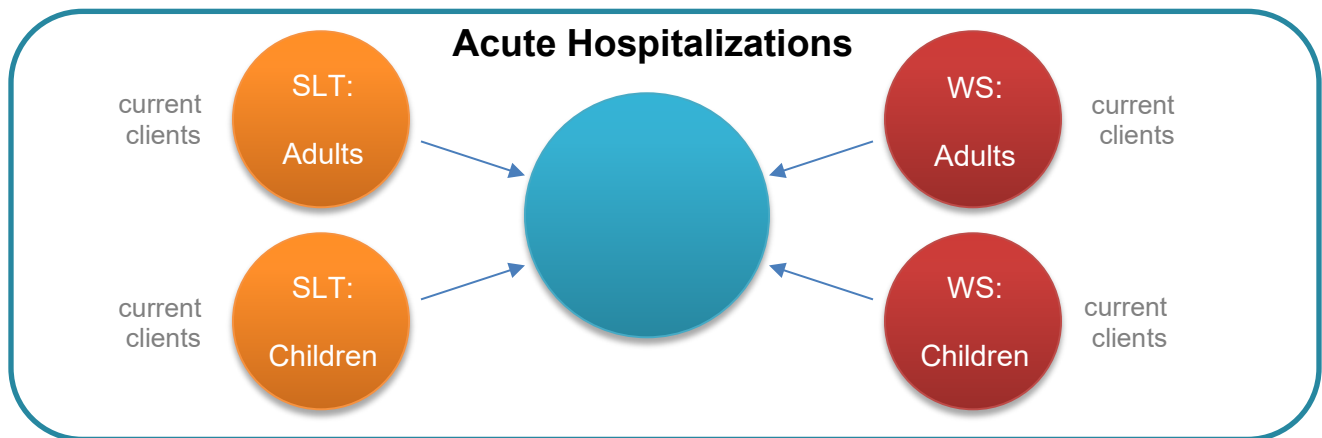
Month	Clients in Residential Treatment
4/2025	20
5/2025	23
6/2025	21
7/2025	24
8/2025	34
9/2025	36
10/2025	28
11/2025	22
12/2025	20
1/2026	14
2/2026	11
3/2026	25
Total	278

Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) (Crisis Services)

*MARCH 2026 DATA PENDING



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___ Adults were placed in Acute Hospital

- ___ placed at EDC Telecare PHF
- ___ El Dorado County Medi-cal beneficiaries placed at an Out of County Hospital by EDCBH
- ___ Medicare as primary coverage
- ___ with Private Insurance or Medi-Cal from another California county, placement approved by County of responsibility.

The MHP is contracted with the State to provide Psychiatric Emergency Services to any individual within the boundaries of the County, regardless of insurance or residency status.

MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES MONTHLY ENCOUNTERS

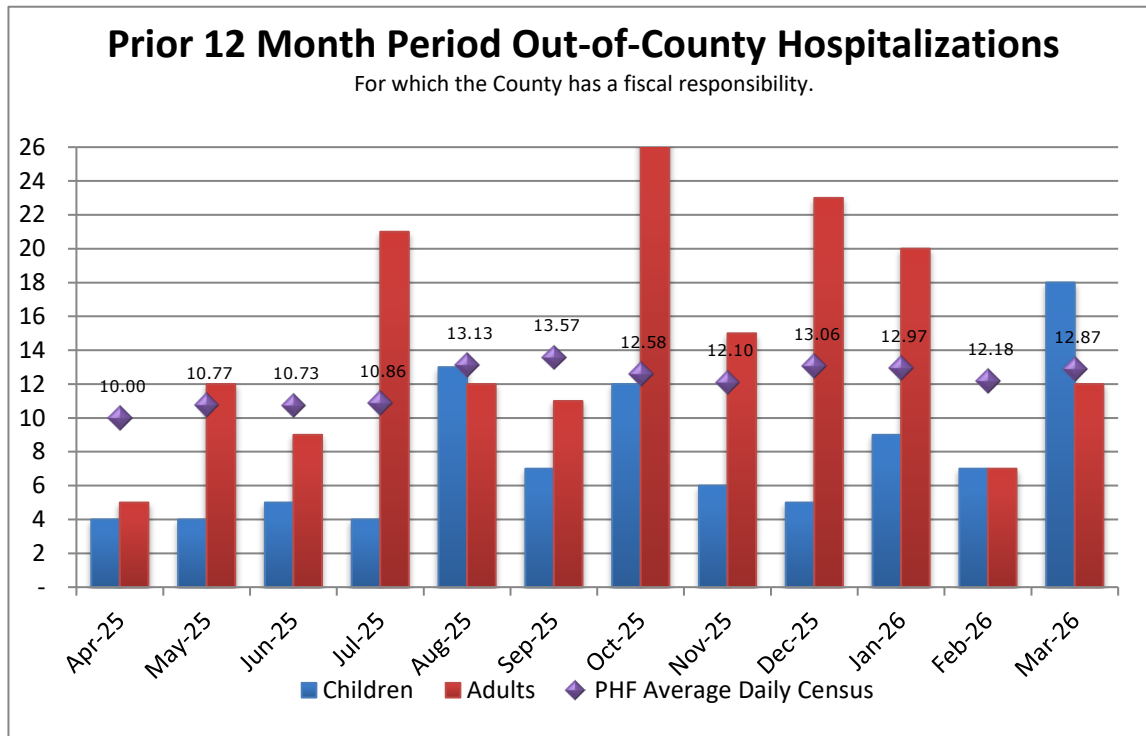
MCT NUMBERS	
Calls to Crisis Line	384
Dispatched to MCT	121
MCT Transport to ED	4
5150 by MCT	17

Psychiatric Health Facility (Moriah Weldy)

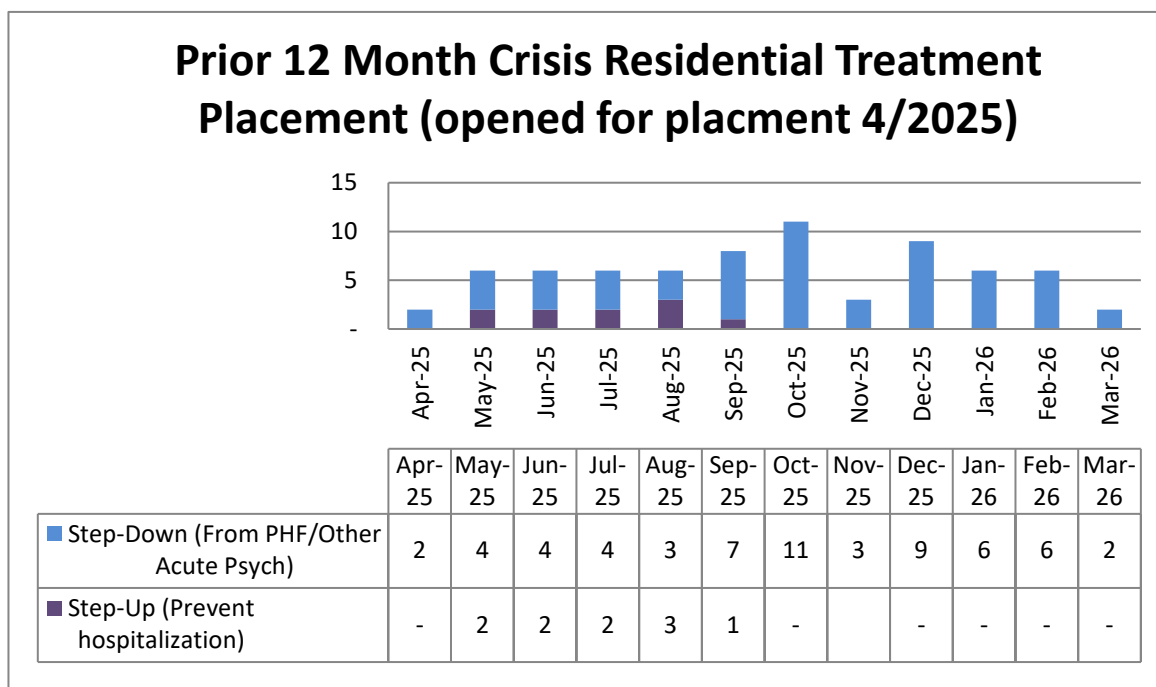
*MARCH 2026 DATA INCOMPLETE PENDING FINAL INFORMATION FROM PHF

- There were **21** Admissions; ___ Admissions were El Dorado County residents and ___ were Out of County residents.
- There were ___ El Dorado County residents discharged; ___ to Home with Support, ___ to Home without support, ___ MHRC/IMD, ___ Board and Care, ___ to ICM T-House, ___ to CRT, ___ to Shelter, ___ to Other/Homeless, and ___ to Emergency Department.
- Upon discharge, ___ El Dorado County residents were insured and ___ El Dorado County residents were pending insurance.
- There were ___ Seclusion Episodes, ___ Physical Restraint Episodes for ___ minutes, ___ Patient to Patient Assaults, ___ Patient to Staff Assault, ___ Elopements, ___ Medication Errors (medication errors with no patient involvement), Client Surveys **14**
- There was ___ denial of El Dorado County referrals: N/A.
- Average daily census was **12.87**(range 8-15) with **35.31** average length of stay of days.
- Concurrent Reviews resulting in no medical necessity found.

Out-of-County Acute Psychiatric Hospitalizations (Medi-Cal Beneficiaries Only) (Moriah Weldy)



Oak Lane Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) Center Placement (Moriah Weldy/Christy Sonnenburg)



PATIENTS' RIGHTS

PHF Hearing Information:

Hearing Type	Upheld			Denied			Discharged before Hearing			Writs Held		
	1/26	2/26	3/26	1/26	2/26	3/26	1/26	2/26	3/26	1/26	2/26	3/26
5150 (AB 2275)	0	0	4	0	0	0	0		4	0	0	0
5250	8	6	12	1	2	4	1	2	2	0	0	0
5270	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	12	8	18	1	2	4	1	3	6	0	0	0

5150 Hearing (AB2275) This new law became effective on January 1, 2023.

EDCBH has implemented a process to facilitate a due process hearing no later than 7 days from the initial detainment. A Certification Review Hearing is to be held at the ED (MMC/Barton), if a client continues to meet criteria for a 5150, and has been placed on a second hold, until transfer and placement arrangements to a LPS designated facility are completed or the hold is lifted.

5150: A person, as a result of a mental health disorder is a danger to others, or to themselves, or gravely disabled, can be taken into custody for a period of up to 72 hours for assessment, evaluation, and crisis intervention or placed for evaluation and treatment in a facility designated by the county for evaluation and treatment. California Code, WIC 5150

5250: Additional 14 days of intensive treatment related to mental health disorder or chronic alcoholism. California Code, WIC 5250.

5270: After completion of 14-day intensive treatment pursuant to 5250, the person may be certified for an additional 30-days of intensive treatment. California Code, WIC 5270.15.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS:

Month Filed	Month Completed	Type of Grievant	Status	Timely Resolution 30 days	Location	Topic
January	February	Previous Member/Client	Resolved	Yes	SLT - Outpatient	Quality of Care
January	February	Member/Client	Resolved	Yes	SLT - Outpatient	Customer Care
February	NO Grievance or Appeals in 02/2026					
March		Family/Caregiver	Active		WS - Outpatient	Quality of Care

WELLNESS CENTER ACTIVITIES

South Lake Tahoe:

Wellness is open five days a week providing groups and activities to enhance Clients' lives (games, snacks, outings, art, independent living skills, symptom management, skills educational groups, and more).

SLT Wellness Center Groups

- Peer Support
- Anger Management
- DBT Distress Tolerance
- Expressive Arts
- Forensic
- Friends & Fitness
- Games & Socialization
- Seasonal Cooking
- Independent Living Skills
- Trauma & Resiliency Training
- Gardening
- Sports
- Nature Hiking
- Field trips

West Slope:

The WSOP Wellness Center is open four days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 1pm – 4pm. Wellness Center is closed Wednesdays, holidays and weekends. The Wellness Center is a safe, welcoming space to partake in a meal, socialize, participate in a variety of groups, activities, and outings that emphasize independence, self-sufficiency, healthy living, healthy relationships, self-improvement and to share, learn, and to secure support, resources, education, and information in efforts to enhance and transform lives and improve futures.

WSOP Wellness Center Groups:

- Art
- Co-Occurring / Process Groups
- Conflict Resolution
- Cooking daily
- Current Events
- DBT
- Forensic Check-In (Closed Group)
- Games & Socialization daily
- Gardening
- Healthy Habits
- Menu Planning
- Mindfulness
- Movement
- Movie Mondays
- Music
- Music Improv & Intro to the Dried Mangoes Band
- Outside sports
- Outings
- T-House T-Skills
- Walking
- Writing Circle

There have been several Wellness Center participants who have begun to volunteer regularly and consistently in the Wellness Center in various roles such as thoughtfully engaging participants in activities to encourage socialization, decorating for the seasons and kitchen and overall clean-up activities, stating that they want to “give back” because they have benefitted from attending and have received so much from their participation at the Wellness Center.

INITIALS & DEFINITIONS

Initials	Definition
AB	Assembly Bill
ACEs	Adverse Childhood Experiences
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADP	Alcohol and Drug Programs
AMFT	Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
AOT	Assisted Outpatient Treatment
APCC	Associate Professional Clinical Counselor
APS	Adult Protective Services
ARF	Adult Residential Facility
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
B&C	Board and Care
BHBH	Behavioral Health Bridge Housing
BHC	Behavioral Health Court
BHD	Behavioral Health Division (formerly the Mental Health Division)
BOMUSD	Black Oak Mine Unified School District
BSCC	Board of State and Community Corrections
CalAIM	California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal
CalMHSA	California Mental Health Services Authority
CalQIC	California Quality Improvement Coordinators
CANS	Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths
CARE Act	Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Act
CBHDA	County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
CBO	Community Based Organization
CBT	Cognitive Behavior Therapy
CCC	Community Corrections Center or California Conservation Corps
CCMU	Crisis Care Mobile Unit
CCP	Community Corrections Partnership
CCR	Continuum of Care Reform
CDCR	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CFMG	California Forensic Medical Group
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFT	Children and Family Teams
CFTN	Capital Facilities and Technology Needs
CHP	California Highway Patrol
CIT	Crisis Intervention Team
CIT	Crisis Intervention Training
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CPP	Community Planning Process
CPS	Child Protection Services

CPT	California Psychiatric Transitions
CRRSAA	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021
CSS	Community Services and Supports
CWS	Child Welfare Services
DBT	Dialectical Behavior Therapy
DHCS	Department of Health Care Services (California)
DMC-ODS	Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System
DUI	Driving Under the Influence
Dx	Diagnosis
ED	Emergency Department
EDC	El Dorado County
EDCMH	El Dorado County Mental Health
EDCOE	El Dorado County Office of Education
EDCSO	El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
EDSO	El Dorado Sheriff's Office
EDCVC	El Dorado Community Vision Coalition
EH	Extra Help
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment
EQRO	External Quality Review Organization
ER	Emergency Room
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
FEP	First Episode Psychosis
FFPSA	Families First Prevention Services Act
FSP	Full Service Partnership
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
FURS	Foster Youth Urgent Response System
FY	Fiscal Year
HHSA	Health and Human Services Agency
HOT	Homeless Outreach Team
Hubs	Reference to the Innovation Program "Community-Based Engagement and Support Services", also called "Community Hubs"
IA	Intergovernmental Agreement
ICC	Intensive Care Coordination
ICM	Intensive Case Management
IHBS	Intensive Home-Based Services
IMD	Institution for Mental Disease (facility)
ITWS	Information Technology Web Services
Katie A.	<i>Katie A. vs. Bonta</i> Lawsuit and/or resulting programs/services
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LL	Laura's Law
LoC	Level of Care
LOCUS	Level of Care Utilization System
LPCC	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
LPS	Lanterman Petris Short

LT	Limited Term
LTCC	Lake Tahoe Community College
MAR	Medication Administration Record
MCT	Mobile Crisis Team
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
M-F	Monday through Friday
MH	Mental Health
MHBG	Mental Health Block Grant
MHD	Mental Health Division
MHRC	Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (facility)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
MHSOAC	Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission
MHSUDS	Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, a division of the State's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
MHW	Mental Health Worker
MIOCR	Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction
MOA	Medical Office Assistant
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRT	Moral Reconation Therapy
NACT	Network Adequacy Certification Tool
NM	New Morning Youth & Family
NMD	Non-Minor Dependent
NOABD	Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination
NTE	Not-to-Exceed
NTP	Narcotic Treatment Program
OAC	Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, also MHSOAC
OP	Outpatient
PA	Physician Assistant
PATH	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PD	Police Department
PEI	Prevention and Early Intervention
PERT	Psychiatric Emergency Response Team
PES	Psychiatric Emergency Services
PG	Public Guardian
PHF	Psychiatric Health Facility
PIP	Primary Intervention Program or Program Improvement Plan
PL	Public Law
POC	Plan of Correction
PPD	Placerville Police Department
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PSC-35	Pediatric Symptom Checklist
QA/UR	Quality Assurance/Utilization Review
QI	Quality Improvement or Qualified Individual
QI/UR	Quality Improvement/Utilization Review

QIC	Quality Improvement Committee
RIF	Reduction in Force
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
ROI	Authorization for Release of Information
ROC	Restoration of Competence
RV	Remi Vista
SABG	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SB	Senate Bill
SCF	Sierra Child & Family
SLT	South Lake Tahoe
SLTPD	South Lake Tahoe Police Department
SMHS	Specialty Mental Health Services
SO	Sheriff's Office
STACS	South Tahoe Alternative Collaborative Services
STHS	South Tahoe High School
STRTP	Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program
SUD	Substance Use Disorders
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SV	Summitview Child & Family
SYS	Stanford Youth Solutions
T-House	Transitional Housing
TAY	Transitional Age Youth
TBD	To Be Determined
TCH	Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless
TFC	Therapeutic Foster Care
TYFS	Tahoe Youth and Family Services
Tx	Treatment
TY	Tahoe Youth and Family Services
UR	Utilization Review
VA	United States Department of Veterans Affairs
WET	Workforce Education and Training
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WOIA	Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act
WS	West Slope