

Children and Youth
Prop 63 Mental Health Services Act
Preliminary Recommendations
May 24, 2005

Goal:

- ⇒ We want more feedback; here's what initial recommendations look like.
- ⇒ We hope to accomplish something significant in each of the following areas.

For people interested in PROBATION-related Mental Health Services:

- **Increase cooperation and training between substance abuse staff and mental health staff to improve services.**
- **Increase funding for the very highest need youth in the probation system.** This will allow new treatment options for the youth with extremely difficult and complex mental health and substance abuse issues.
- **Increase treatment for those probation youth who are returning to the community and are at highest risk for both mental health and substance abuse issues.**

For people interested in CHILD WELFARE (CPS) related Mental Health Services:

- **Develop services for parents (with children in the CPS system) who have both mental health and substance abuse issues.**
- **Increase Mental Health Treatment provided during visitation between biological parents and their children in foster care.**
- **Increase services to "transition age" youth (18-21 years old) who are leaving foster care to live on their own.**

For people interested in EDUCATION-related Mental Health Services:

- **Increase mental health services to children/youth at school sites.**
- **Increase consultation and training of school staff in mental health issues.**

For people interested in General COMMUNITY Mental Health Services:

- **Increase our ability to help parents seeking services connect with the agency that will be of most use to them.**
- **Improve our system so that at-risk youth are identified earlier and can get help before problems get serious.**
- **Increase services for youth with both mental health and substance abuse issues.**