

CalMHSA Express Week of September 16, 2013

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Week In Review:

- *CalMHSA Counties and Program Partners Strengthen Partnerships at Statewide Coordination Workgroup*
- *RAND Corporation Training and Technical Assistance Resources Now Available Online; Save the Date for Upcoming Webinar*

Hot News (funded by CalMHSA and Proposition 63)

CalMHSA Counties and Program Partners Strengthen Partnerships at Statewide Coordination Workgroup: This fall's Workgroup continues CalMHSA's efforts to help counties and program partners identify opportunities to strengthen partnerships between statewide and local programs. The bi-annual convening is focused on "Leveraging Statewide Projects with Local MHS Activities" and will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 18th and 19th, 2013 in Los Angeles. View the agendas for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#). For more information, contact Michelle Yang at michelle.yang@calmhsa.org.

RAND Corporation Training and Technical Assistance Resources Now Available Online; Save the Date for Upcoming Webinar: CalMHSA and participating counties are partnering with RAND Corporation and SRI International on training, technical assistance and capacity building (TTACB) activities to support Prevention and Early Intervention evaluation efforts. Past workshops, webinars, and additional resources are now available [here](#):

- *Cross-Program Evaluation Frameworks, Outcomes, and Reporting [Workgroup](#)*
- *Making the Value Case for PEI Funding [Workgroup](#)*
- *Data-Driven Program Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation: Getting to Outcomes© (GTO) for PEI Programs [Webinar](#)*

In addition, TTACB activities for the current fiscal year are outlined [here](#). Please save the date for the first offering: "[Describing County PEI Programs](#)" is a webinar on using standardized data collection and analysis tools to collect and present data across

programs. The webinar will be held Thursday, September 26th and Wednesday, October 2nd from 9:00-10:30 am. Please contact Sarah Brichler at Sarah.brichler@calmhsa.org for more information about the resources.

Prop. 63 in the News

[KSEE 24](#) previewed Fresno State's National Suicide Prevention Week activities and the University's efforts to enhance awareness of suicide prevention resources on campus.

[Sonoma State University's student newspaper](#) highlighted how the campus has put its CalMHSA Student Mental Health Initiative funding to work with a Student Health 101 magazine geared towards students. The magazine covers topics that impact student emotional health including money management, nutrition, stress and relationships.

Down the Pipeline

CA State Senate Select Committee on Mental Health Holds Informational Hearing on Suicide Prevention: On Tuesday, September 24th, from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, State Senator Jim Beall and members of the Senate Select Committee on Mental Health will hold an important informational briefing to discuss the future of suicide prevention in California. "Every Life Matters: Implementing Effective Suicide Prevention Strategies in California" will include guest speaker Kevin Hines, who will speak about living mentally well after a suicide attempt, along with other national, state and local officials. Event updates are available on [the Committee's homepage](#). Contact: Diana Traub at (916) 651-4015.

Disability Rights California (DRC) Offers Resources: Two upcoming San Diego-area events will make DRC resources available to the public:

- "Disability Rights California Overview and CalMHSA Stigma and Discrimination Reduction for those with Psychiatric Disabilities" will be offered September 20th, 2013 from 4:00-6:00 pm at San Diego State University. Seating is limited. RSVP to Charles Edmund Degeneffe at cdegeneff@mail.sdsu.edu or call (619) 594-6921.
- "Disability Rights with Service and Emotional Support Animals" will be offered on September 24th, 2013, from 1:00-3:00 pm, at 3851 Rosecrans St., San Diego (Coronado Room). RSVP to Mary Benson at mary.benson@recoveryinnovations.org or call (858) 274-4650.

Contact Margaret Jakobson-Johnson at margaret.jakobson@disabilityrightsca.org for more information on both programs.

"Send Silence Packing" Builds Awareness of Suicide Risk on College Campuses: The California Community Colleges Student Mental Health Program launches this week on California college campuses and will come to California's Capitol on October 11. The program promotes a positive dialogue about mental health on college campuses and raises awareness about student suicide with a powerful traveling public exhibit of 1,100 backpacks, representing the number of college students who die by suicide each year. For dates of other stops on the campus tour, visit [the CalMHSA Express from June 17, 2013](#). Contact Isabel Reyna at ireyna@foundationccc.org.

Do you have news to share? Send submissions to Jenna Thompson at Jenna@paschalroth.com.