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A MESSAGE FROM CYBHI DIRECTOR MELISSA STAFFORD JONES

In the [conversations we've had with youth and families](#) one major theme is the need for behavioral health support to be available where young people already are. In addition to time at home with family, youth spend a large portion of their time in school. As we kick off the new school year, it is an opportune time to share updates and highlights about partnerships with [public schools](#).

There is tremendous alignment between the health and education sectors in our values and commitment to healthy, learning, thriving kids, as well as in our focus on equity and a whole-child approach. [Integrating the efforts of these systems](#) means identifying opportunities to work across sectors, as we saw in the [East Kern County Cross-Agency Collaboration Meeting](#). It means uniting our efforts to create innovative solutions to behavioral health challenges, as they're doing in [Humboldt County](#). Shared vision, shared outcomes and coordinated efforts are critical to realizing the potential of these investments and transforming the way we serve youth and families. Thank you to everyone who has joined us in this endeavor. I am grateful for your commitment and collaboration.

In Partnership,

Melissa Stafford Jones

Director, Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Current Funding Opportunities

- **Grant** Scaling of EBPs/CDEPs Round 4: Youth-Driven Programs:
 - For individuals, organizations, and agencies to scale youth drop-in centers or other youth-driven programs.
 - Application due **September 15, 2023, by 3 p.m.** 
- **Grant** Scaling of EBPs/CDEPs Round 3: Early Childhood Wraparound Services
 - For individuals, organizations and agencies to scale evidence-based practices and community-defined evidence practices (EBP/CDEP) for early childhood wraparound services.
 - Application due **October 6, 2023, by 5 p.m.** 
- **Grant** Health Professions Pathways Program (HPPP):
 - For organizations to develop and implement health professions pathways programs, including pipeline programs, summer internships, and post-undergraduate fellowships.
 - Application due **October 16, 2023.** 
- **Grant** Justice-System Involvement Youth: Behavioral Health Pipeline (JSIY BH Pipeline):
 - For organizations to support and encourage underrepresented and disadvantaged individuals to pursue behavioral health careers to develop a more culturally and linguistically competent behavioral healthcare workforce, including providing comprehensive wrap-around supports.
 - Application due **October 16, 2023.** 

Upcoming Webinars

- **Webinar** CYBHI Quarterly Webinar
 - Please register to join this webinar.
 - Join on **September 14, 2-4 p.m.** 
- **Webinar** Strengthening SEL, Wellbeing, Mindfulness, and Resilience (MTSS Tier 1)
 - Learn about new communities of practice, funding, and tools available to strengthen MTSS/PBIS Tier 1 strategies for student behavioral health and wellbeing, including insights from partnership approaches with health insurance plans.
 - Join on **September 20, 2-4:30 p.m.** 

SPOTLIGHTS

Every month, we highlight stories that provide insight into the behavioral health needs of California youth and families, uplift some of the efforts and approaches to transform our systems and illustrate values that guide our efforts.



Stories From the Field: Building A Local Behavioral Health Workforce Through Career Technical Education

Like other counties across the state, Humboldt County faces growing youth behavioral health needs and the need for a larger, more culturally responsive workforce that can address them. In this audiocast from WestEd, discover how local agencies are coming together to meet those challenges and build stronger economic futures for youth through a new high school course that engages the next generation of mental health providers. [Read Humboldt County's Story.](#)



Collaboration for Youth Behavioral Health in East Kern County

On July 28, leaders from more than 20 local, county, and state agencies came together in Mojave to explore how they could collaborate to expand the behavioral health services available to East Kern County youth and families. Discover how they're building connections and mapping out resources to take on the region's unique challenges by [reading our article.](#)



Access and Share Back-to-School Mental Health Resources

On the CalHHS [Back-to-School Mental Health Resources Hub](#), young people, family and friends, educators and schools can find links to easy-to-use resources that help young people stay healthy, safe and ready to learn in school. Help us spread the word about these resources with social media posts, graphics and newsletter language you can share, available through this [Social Media Toolkit.](#)



New Training Creates Safe Spaces for Kids

[Safe Spaces: Foundations of Trauma-Informed Practice for Educational and Care Settings](#) is a free, voluntary online training developed by the Office of the California Surgeon General which is designed to help early care providers, TK-12 educators and other school personnel recognize and respond to trauma and stress in children. Each module is about two hours and is filled with case examples, videos, strategies and practices and can be viewed on the [Surgeon General's site.](#)

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

Learn more about what the State of California is doing to support the well-being of children, youth and families.

- [EdSource: New Resource Provides Trauma-informed Training for Educators](#)
- [Applications Open for Rounds Three and Four of Evidence Based and Community Defined Evidence Practices Grant Program](#)
- [OSG seeks early care providers, educators and classified employees to evaluate its new online trauma-informed training.](#)
- [California announces an additional \\$73 million to replace asphalt in schools with green spaces, trees and vegetation to protect kids against extreme heat.](#)
- [New animated explainer video available from OSG depicts how ACEs can trigger long-term toxic stress, impacting our health throughout life - especially among children and youth.](#)

ABOUT THE CYBHI

The [Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative \(CYBHI\)](#) is a five-year, \$4.7 billion initiative that is transforming the way California supports children, youth and families. Learn more at cybhi.chhs.ca.gov.

You can also [view past updates and webinars.](#)

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