

# Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 4: Children and Youth Listening Session

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# Listening Session Format

» **For each topic, DHCS will:**

1. Present the information specified in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure (BHCIP) program
2. Provide a prompt related to the policy decisions for Round 4: Children and Youth
3. Solicit stakeholder verbal or written feedback via chat on the prompt

» *Please Note: DHCS is **gathering information** and will not be responding to questions during the listening session. We will only offer points of clarification.*

# How to Provide Feedback

1. Type your feedback/comments in the chat box (click the chat icon located on your control panel).
2. Send an email to [BHCIP@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:BHCIP@dhcs.ca.gov) with the subject line “Round 4 Listening Session.” Feedback will be accepted through March 30, 2022.

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# Assessing the Continuum of Behavioral Health Services in California

- » To provide data and stakeholder perspectives for DHCS as it implements major behavioral health initiatives and expands the behavioral health infrastructure through BHCIP
- » Released by DHCS on January 10, 2022
- » [Assessing the Continuum of Care for BH Services in California](#)

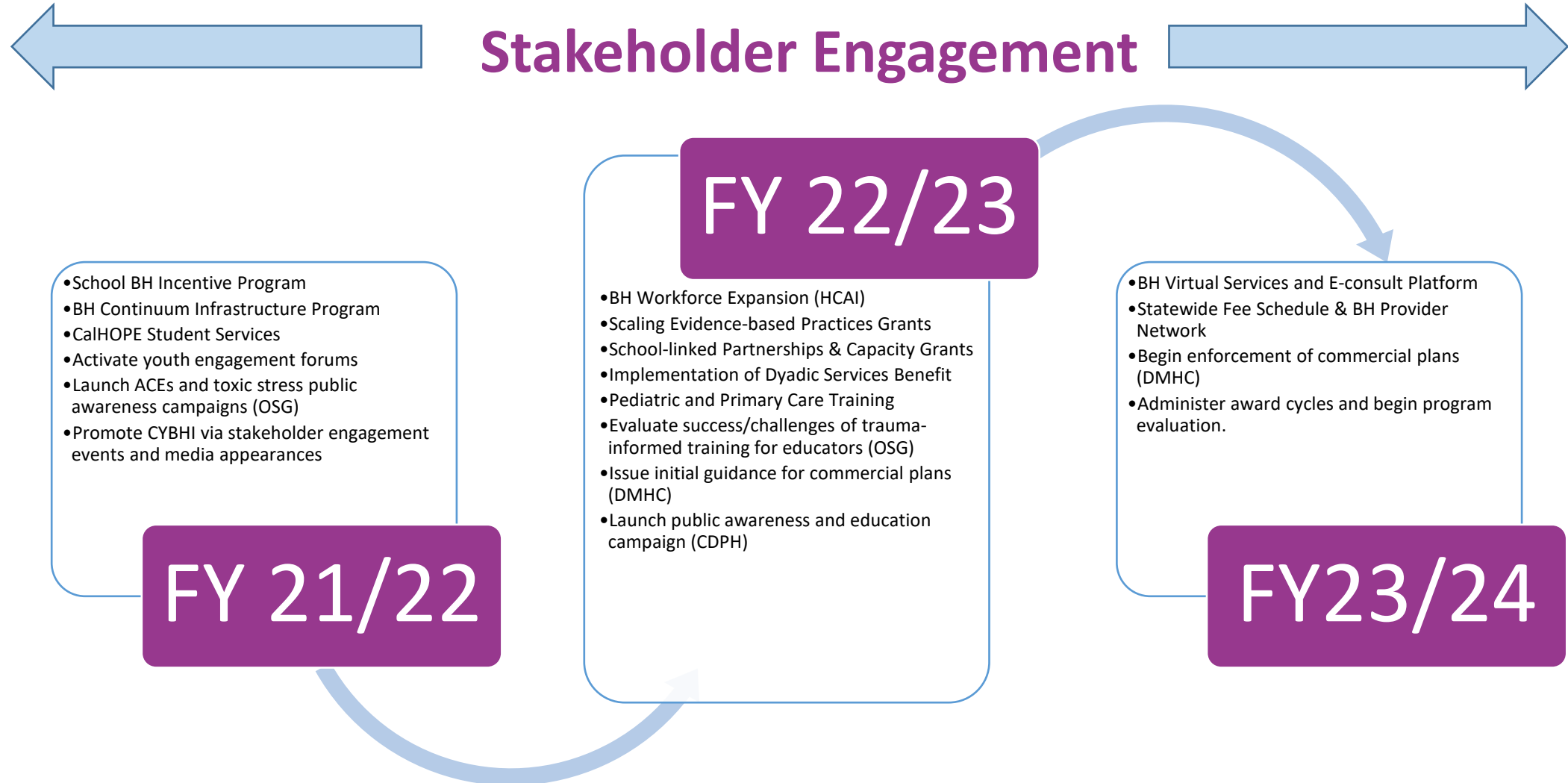
# The Behavioral Health and Well-being of California's Children and Youth

- » Data from the needs assessment demonstrates that the mental health and well-being of California's children (age 25 and younger) is a ***rising concern***
- » **One in 13 children has a serious emotional disturbance**, with higher rates for low-income children and those who are Black or Latino
- » The **suicide rate among youth continues to rise** and has been worsened by the pandemic
- » **Visits to emergency departments due to a mental health crisis have climbed 31%** for children between the ages of 12 and 17

# Data from Needs Assessment

- » 75% of stakeholders report an urgent need for psychiatric acute care and inpatient treatment beds for youth
- » 32% of outpatient facilities do not treat children and youth
- » 25% of counties report issues with finding providers who are willing to treat youth involved in the justice system
- » 75% of counties lack residential beds specifically for youth
- » 68% of counties lack providers with the training and experience to meet the needs of youth with SUDs

# Children and Youth BH Initiative (CYBHI)





# BHCIP Guiding Principles and Priorities

- » Invest in behavioral health and community care options that advance racial equity
- » Seek geographic equity of behavioral health and community care options
- » Address urgent gaps in the care continuum for people with behavioral health conditions, including seniors, adults with disabilities, and **children and youth**
- » Increase options across the life span that serve as an alternative to incarceration, hospitalization, homelessness, and institutionalization

# BHCIP Guiding Principles and Priorities

- » Meet the needs of vulnerable populations with the greatest barriers to access, including people experiencing homelessness and justice involvement
- » Ensure care can be provided in the least restrictive settings to support community integration, choice, and autonomy
- » Leverage county and Medi-Cal investments to support ongoing sustainability
- » Leverage the historic state investments in housing and homelessness

# BHCIP Overview

- » Passed in FY 2021-22 State budget
- » \$2.1B total
- » Amends [Welfare and Institutions Code](#)
- » Provides competitive grants for counties, tribal entities, non-profit and for-profit entities to build new or expand existing capacity in the continuum of public and private BH facilities
- » Funding will be **only** for new or expanding infrastructure (brick and mortar) projects and not BH services

# BHCIP Overview

- » DHCS will release Request for Applications (RFAs) for BHCIP through multiple rounds
- » Rounds will target various gaps in California's BH facility infrastructure
- » Rounds will remain open until funds are awarded
- » Different entities will be able to apply in each round for specific projects to address identified infrastructure gaps
- » Stakeholder engagement will occur throughout the project

# Round 4: Children and Youth

- » This round authorizes \$480.5 million in funding opportunities through competitive grants to qualified entities to construct, acquire and rehabilitate real estate assets for children and youth.
- » The population for this round are children and youth ages 25 and younger. Applicants must demonstrate that facility expansion will only be for this population.

# Populations Considered for Round 4 Expansion

Perinatal

Children

Transition-age  
youth (TAY)

Family-based  
services

# Feedback

1. How can BHCIP: Round 4 support the infrastructure needs specific to different populations of children and youth?
2. How does DHCS ensure that it selects applicants that will primarily serve children and youth ages 25 and younger?



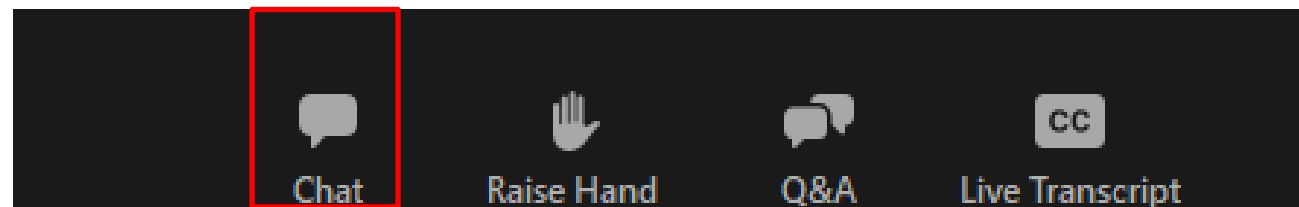
# Round 4 Potential Eligible Facilities

- Community mental health clinic
- Community treatment facility (CTF)
- Outpatient treatment for substance use disorders (SUD)
- Partial hospital for mental health
- Partial hospital for SUD
- Perinatal SUD facilities
- Psychiatric health facility
- Psychiatric acute care hospital
- Adolescent residential treatment facilities for SUD
- Crisis stabilization unit (CSU)
- Children's crisis residential program (CCRPs)
- Short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP)
- Community wellness center
- Youth behavioral health prevention center
- Behavioral Health Wellness Centers



# Feedback

1. Are there other facilities that primarily provide BH services for children and youth not listed here for BHCIP Round 4 funding?
2. How can DHCS encourage regional approaches or collaborative partnerships to expand behavioral health facilities for children and youth?
3. What are the barriers to using this funding opportunity to expand behavioral health services for children and youth?



# Match

- » Matching funds or real property will be required and are still under development
- » Launch Ready match guidelines were set according to applicant type
  - Tribal entities = 5% match
  - Counties, cities, and nonprofit providers = 10% match
  - For-profit providers and/or private organizations = 25% match
- » Services will *not* be allowed as a match

# Feedback

1. DHCS is considering using the same Launch Ready match requirements for Round 4. What is your feedback on the proposed match for Round 4: Children and Youth?



# Grant Funding and Set Asides

- » **20%** of funds available for BHCIP will be set aside for use in regions at the state's discretion to ensure funding is effectively aligned with need
- » **5%** of funds will be set aside for tribes
- » Amounts available per region will be determined based on the Behavioral Health Subaccount

# Feedback

1. What is your feedback on the proposed funding methods for Round 4: Children and Youth?



# Technical Assistance

- As administrative entity, Advocates for Human Potential is assisting DHCS with BHCIP project implementation, including:
  - Planning grants (contracts/funding/TA)
  - Applicant and grantee assistance including preparation of proposals for rounds
  - Real estate TA for grantees (land use zoning, permitting, real estate acquisition, applicable exemptions)
  - Additional TA
  - Data collection and program evaluation

# Feedback

1. What are the TA needs for applicants in administering Round 4: Children and Youth funds?



# For More Information

<https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/>

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