



California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

Advancing Equity in Ventura County Mental Health and Substance Use

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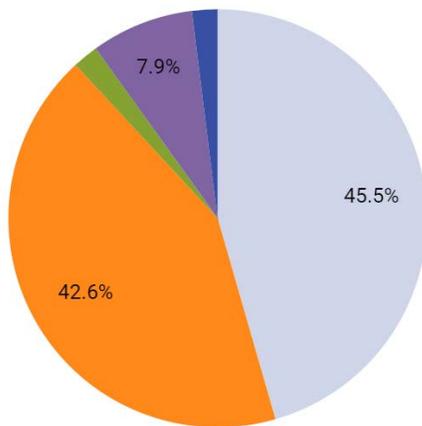
Mental health and substance use are critical public health concerns. CPEHN, in partnership with local organizations, compiled this overview of the state of mental health and substance use issues and access to care in the county, as well as key recommendations for advancing equity.

County Demographics

Race / Ethnicity

U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program (PEP), 2016

● White ● Latino ● Black ● Asian/Pacific Islander ● Native American



Health Facts¹

- 241,182 (28%) of Ventura County residents are enrolled in Medi-Cal
- 68,132 Ventura County residents were enrolled through Medi-Cal Expansion
- 7% in Ventura County suffer from psychological distress; mental health has been identified among the top community health need
- 18% of Ventura County residents report their health status as fair or poor, similar to all Californians

Primary Language Spoken

U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Atlas, 2015

Spanish	30%
Asian-Pacific Islander (including Tagalog, Chinese, & Vietnamese)	3%

Poverty

California Health Interview Survey, 2015

	Below 100% FPL	Below 200% FPL	Above 300% FPL
Ventura County	18%	37%	44%
California	19.8%	39.5%	46.5%

¹ Sources: California Department of Health Care Services (2017); California Department of Finance (2017); UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Health Interview Survey (2015); City of Hope Community Health Needs Assessment (2016).



Delivery of Services

Medi-Cal enrollees receive mental health and substance use services primarily through Medi-Cal Managed Care plans (MCPs) and Ventura County's Mental Health Plan (MHP). Ventura's one MCP and the county MHP provide Medi-Cal services through a coordinated system of care in which enrollees may receive a portion of their care from the MCP and other portions from the MHP depending upon their mental health and substance use care needs. *MCPs in Ventura: (1) Gold Coast Health Plan.*

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs)	Service Coordination & Referral	County Mental Health Plan (MHP) [§]
MCPs and their subcontractors primarily deliver outpatient mental health services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient individual or group therapy Medication management Psychological testing Outpatient supplies, labs, & medications Psychiatric consultation 	MCP & MHP 	The MHP provides specialty services for adults & meeting medical necessity criteria and children including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitative mental health services Targeted case management Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization EPSDT, including supplemental services <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">[§] Access services 24/7 by calling 1-866-998-2243.</p>

- In the Works:**
- 5 housing developments providing nearly 113 housing units upon completion.
 - Ventura County Behavioral Health offers indigenous languages translation services through a contract with Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project
 - Whole Person Care Pilot Program providing approximately 2,000 Medi-Cal enrollees with additional care coordination services.



Community Recommendations to Advance Equity

CPEHN facilitated a community dialogue on October 19, 2016 to identify recommendations.

Policy & Practice	Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Create a workforce pipeline for jobs in the behavioral health field. ■ Increase the use of health navigators. ■ Create campaigns and programs to target foster youth. ■ Develop training programs for providers to better equip them to serve the needs of the community ■ Participate in the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, expanding substance use treatment services for Medi-Cal enrollees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Work with community organizations, clinics, and advocates to break the stigma of seeking mental health and substance use services. ■ Educate people on their rights, regardless of immigration status. ■ Encourage the use of these vital services for communities of color. ■ Educate county officials on community recommendations to improve access to services and culturally appropriate services. ■ Develop a campaign to raise awareness of mental health services covered by insurance plans.

Participants included Ventura County Behavioral Health, Casa Pacifica, Hip Hop Collective Group, Adizes Institute, SYC, Cabrillo Economic Development Corp..