

## **Foster Care/Child Welfare Panel** CSAC Health and Human Services Policy Committee

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## **County Behavioral Health Role**

Children/Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)



Complex Care Funding/Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot Behavioral Health Infrastructure Funding CalAIM and High-Risk Youth

# Children/Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (\$4.4 B)

#### **School-Based Services**

- Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) funds grants to school and county mental health partnerships
- School-Linked BH Services to support school-linked
  partnership, capacity, and infrastructure grants

#### Evidence-based and Community-Defined Interventions

 DHCS will select and scale-up evidence-based interventions and community-defined promising practices, to improve outcomes for children and youth with or at high risk for behavioral health conditions.

#### Behavioral Health Workforce

 Broad BH Workforce Capacity: Approves the allocation to be spent over five years on workforce capacity

#### **Behavioral Health Virtual Platform**

New Medi-Cal Dyadic Services

**Behavioral Health Public Education Campaign** 

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# **FFPSA**

### **Qualified Individual (QI)**

- QI Assessment is required for a court to determine the appropriateness of a residential treatment intervention in a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP)
- If the QI Report is not completed within 30 days of a youth residing in a STRTP, federal Title IV-E funds will be unavailable for the intervention.

### **STRTPs and the Institutions of Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion**

- California's STRTPs may be subject to the Medicaid IMD exclusion. An IMD is an institution of more than 16 beds, that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases
- There is a general prohibition on federal Medicaid payment for any services provided to an individual who has not yet attained 65 years of age who is residing in an IMD.
- Approx. 40 facilities where 700 foster youth reside may be impacted. CDSS has allocated \$10.3 M to assist in transition planning.

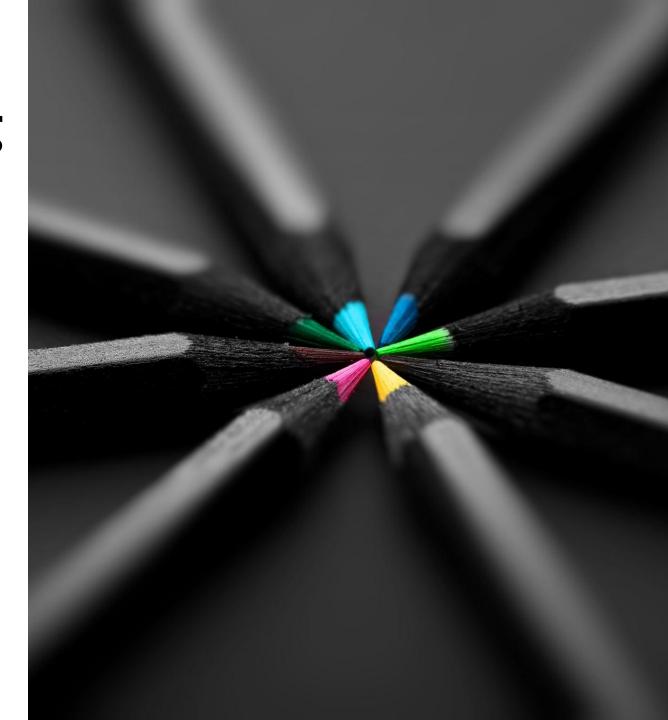
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## **Complex Care Funding**

#### DHCS - Funding to Support Mental Health Services for Out-of-State Foster Youth.

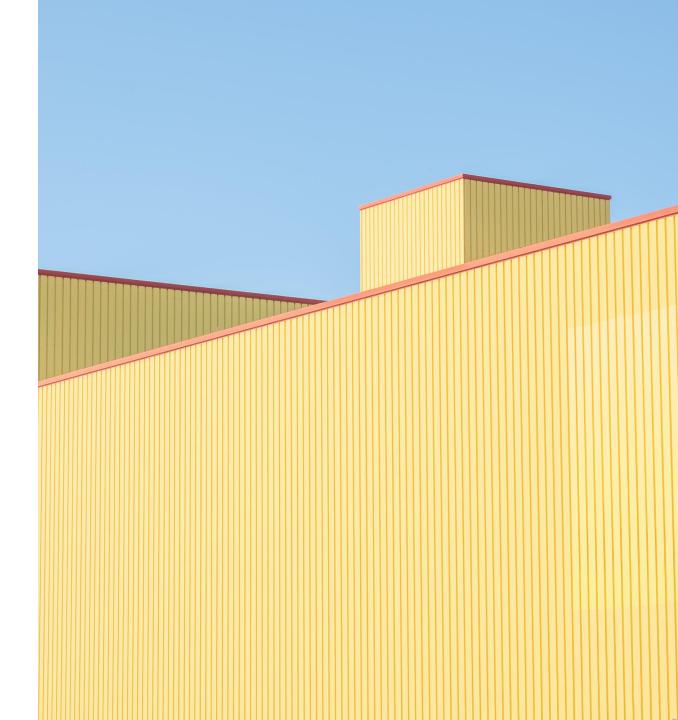
To provide specialty mental health services to foster youth returning from out-of-state placements and other youth with similar, higher levels of need that otherwise would have been placed out-of-state.

DHCS acknowledged the higher needs of foster youth previously residing out-of-state.



## Behavioral Health Infrastructure Funding

One-time competitive grants to qualified entities including county behavioral health agencies to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets or to invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to expand the community continuum of behavioral health treatment resources.



# CalAIM

Changes in eligibility criteria to address access barriers to behavioral health services under Medicaid including:

1) Remove requirement for a diagnosis: (Jan 2021 for DMC-ODS and Jan 2022 for SMH)

2) Creates automatic eligibility for the following groups of children (January 2022)

- Child welfare or juvenile justice involved
- Homeless children/youth
- Children/youth who meet a certain level of trauma (TBD)

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# Thank you

