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Save the Date: The Stepping Up California Summit

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The Stepping Up California Summit will bring together teams of county elected officials and criminal justice and behavioral health leaders to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in local jails.

Part of the national [Stepping Up](#) initiative, the California Summit will take place January 18–19, 2017, at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento, California. Participants will engage with national experts, peers from across the state, and people living with mental illnesses to advance county plans to improve the way counties respond to people with mental illnesses who come into contact with the justice system.

The California Summit will be open to teams from all of the state's 58 counties. County teams are strongly encouraged to include at least one appointed, elected, or other high-ranking official representing each of the following four interests: sheriffs and jail commanders; behavioral health agencies; probation agencies; and county supervisors or administrative officers. Additional team members can include other people from these agencies or people representing the judiciary, local police departments, criminal justice coordinators, jail mental health directors, psychiatrists, district attorneys, or public defenders.

More details on the summit will follow.



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