

This fact sheet is meant as a guide to encourage thinking around how to best support children and youth under the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA); it is not meant to be exhaustive, but instead an opportunity to demystify engagement and opportunities.

BHSA COMPONENTS

OPPORTUNITY

<p>PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION.</p>	<p>Opportunity: Under Proposition 1, counties must spend at least 51% of their early intervention dollars on children and youth under the age of 25 (Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5892), and the California Department of Public Health must provide population-based mental health and substance use disorder prevention programs, with at least 51% set aside for children and youth under the age of 25 (WIC Section 5892).</p> <p>Additionally, statute allows Early Intervention dollars to also be spent on direct prevention services (WIC Section 5840).</p>
<p>HOUSING SUPPORTS.</p>	<p>Opportunity: While not required, dollars for the new housing component can be used to support children, youth, and families (WIC Section 5830 and youth are defined in WIC Section 5892).</p>
<p>FULL-SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS (FSP).</p>	<p>Opportunity: While Proposition 1 does not require a minimum percentage of FSP funds to be used on children and youth, FSP programs for children and youth must contain high-fidelity wraparound services, which are billable as a specialty mental health service (WIC Section 5887).</p>
<p>A FOCUS ON 0-5.</p>	<p>Children ages 0-5 are listed as a priority population (WIC Section 5892).</p>
<p>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT.</p>	<p>Young people and youth-serving community organizations, including early childhood providers and local education agencies, are required to be meaningful participants in the Proposition 1 planning processes. Special emphasis is given to young people, including those from underserved communities (WIC 5963.03).</p>
<p>DIAGNOSIS NOT NEEDED.</p>	<p>Counties can use Early Intervention dollars for youth who do not have a diagnosis (WIC Section 5840 and in alignment with the Cal-AIM reforms to Medi-Cal).</p>

For more information go to: bit.ly/Prop1kids