



FACT SHEET

California Outcomes Measurement Services for Prevention (CalOMS Pv)

Overview

The California Outcome Measurement Service for Prevention (CalOMS Pv) is a web-based primary prevention data collection service accessible by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), counties and prevention providers.

CalOMS Pv was designed around the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) structure, a five-step process that provides a systematic approach to evidence-based, outcome-oriented prevention planning at the county level. CalOMS Pv allows counties to link service/activity data to objectives, track information and produce reports on:

- Needs assessment data
- Problem statements, goals and objectives
- Funding sources
- Service activities
- Progress made toward meeting county established goals and objectives

Use of CalOMS Pv Data

Service/activity data submitted by each county and their sub-contracted prevention providers are analyzed to help counties and communities:

- Identify substance use trends and risks
- Identify local prevention needs
- Set priorities
- Allocate resources
- Demonstrate service effectiveness
- Demonstrate cost effectiveness of services

- Identify ways to continuously improve services
- Identify effective practices
- Increase provider, county and state collaboration

Also incorporated into CalOMS Pv are data elements used by the California Friday Night Live (FNL) System for their reporting needs (See FNL Fact Sheet for more information about FNL Programs).

CalOMS Pv data is used by DHCS to meet annual reporting requirements for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant application which includes the National Outcome Measures.

In addition to using the CalOMS Pv data to meet federal reporting requirements, DHCS staff also uses it to assist counties with the SPF process and reach prevention goals and objectives. The relationship between the counties and DHCS staff helps identify appropriate technical assistance and training to meet local needs.

The data collection service contractor used by DHCS provides similar services to 15 states, representing approximately 43% of the national population. Many of these states now use the SPF-based design developed by California.

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