



# TRINITY COUNTY

## Behavioral Health Services

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Dear Community Partner,

In recent months, because of a law suit brought against Los Angeles County and the State Department of Mental Health, a Superior Court Judge has ordered that a nine point plan be implemented across the State to increase community awareness about Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS). TBS is a Specialty Mental Health Service specific to a class of youth who hold full scope Medi-Cal and have either been admitted to a psychiatric hospital in the past two years or have been enrolled in or are considered at risk for enrollment to a group home rated at a level 12 or higher. TBS can be an effective short - term intervention for youth who have specific symptoms that can be addressed through targeted behavioral plans implemented by rehabilitation specialists under the direction of the parent and the clinician.

Trinity County is planning to hold two forums in the coming weeks. We would like to be both in compliance with the requirement to inform the community about TBS, but more importantly, we want to do a true analysis of the community need for this service and figure out a way to provide it. We invite you to attend a public forum to be held at our main office located at 1450 Main St. Weaverville in the large conference room. The forums will be held on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 until 5:00 PM and again on Wednesday morning on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Refreshments will be served.

If you have questions about either forum, please contact the Weaverville Office and ask to speak with Deputy Clinical Director Ann Houle or the Agency Director Noel J. O'Neill. Both of these individuals will be presenting during the forums. We appreciate your interest in this subject, and it is our hope to improve the TBS response in our county.

Sincerely,

Noel J. O'Neill LMFT, Director for Trinity County Behavioral Health Agency