

# BHCIP Eligible Facilities: DHCS LCD Mental Health Program Certification Webinar










**Behavioral Health Continuum  
Infrastructure Program**

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# BHCIP Overview

- » In 2021 [legislation](#), the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) was authorized to establish BHCIP and award \$2.2 billion to eligible grantees to construct, acquire, and expand properties and invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to improve the quality of and access to behavioral health care across the state.
- » In March 2024, California voters passed [Proposition 1](#), a two-bill package including the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) ([Senate Bill 326](#)) and the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 (BHIBA) ([Assembly Bill 531](#)).
  - The BHIBA portion is a \$6.38 billion general obligation bond to develop an array of behavioral health treatment, residential care settings, and supportive housing to help provide appropriate care facilities for Californians experiencing mental health conditions and substance use disorders.
  - DHCS was authorized to award up to \$4.4 billion in BHIBA funds for BHCIP competitive grants for behavioral health treatment.
  - In addition, DHCS will enact changes resulting from Proposition 1 through the Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT) project, which aims to modernize the behavioral health delivery system, improve accountability, increase transparency, and expand capacity of behavioral health care facilities for California residents.

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# DHCS Mental Health Program Certification (MHPC) Section Overview

- » The Licensing Certification Division (LCD), MHPC Section provides oversight and determines compliance with State and federal law, regulations and other governing requirements for residential mental health treatment programs that serve children and adults.
- » MHPC Section is responsible for approving and/or certifying the mental health programs of licensed residential facilities on an annual basis.

# BHCIP Eligible Facility Mental Health Program Certification

Type of Program	Facility Types	Facility Licensure Required	DHCS Program Certification/Approval
Adult	Social Rehabilitation Facility/Social Rehabilitation Programs (SRF/SRP)	California Department of Social Services	Mandatory Certification
	Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program (SNF/STP)	California Department of Public Health	Mandatory Approval
Children	Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)	California Department of Social Services	Mandatory Approval
	Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP)	California Department of Social Services	Mandatory Approval
	Community Treatment Facility (CTF)	California Department of Social Services	Mandatory Certification

# Adult Residential Programs

SNF/STP/CRTS/SRP

# Adult Program Application Process SNF/STP

## » Program Description:

- STPs provide mental health services for patients in a SNF who have a diagnosed chronic psychiatric impairment and whose adaptive functioning is moderately impaired.
- Optional service provided in a SNF.
- Age range: 18 years and older.
- To qualify for STP services approval, the facility shall have, initially, a minimum of 30 patients whose need for STP services is reviewed and approved by the local mental health director or designee.

## » Application:

- Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program (SNF/STP).
- [DHCS 1733 \(04/2023\): Application for Approval STP](#).
- No fees are required for application or program approval.

## » Application Package:

- Attach this completed form with the facility's List of Interdisciplinary Professional Staff and the facility's written Special Treatment Program Plan ([see document requirements on pages 3- 4](#)).
- The written STP Program Plan must be in compliance with [§ 72443-72475. Special Treatment Program Service Unit regulations](#).

## » How to submit:

- Email the complete application and/or any questions related to the application to: [AdultMHCertification@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:AdultMHCertification@dhcs.ca.gov).

# Adult Program Application Process CRTS/SRP

## » Program Description:

- An alternative to acute psychiatric hospitalization and institutional care in a homelike setting. A level of care that includes individual and group counseling, psychiatric services, pre-vocational and vocational assistance, community participation, and linkages to other community services.
- Level of Residential Care/Program Certification: Short-Term Crisis, Transitional, Long-Term.
- Age range: 18 years and older.
- Bed limitation: 16 beds or less.

## » Application:

- Social Rehabilitation Programs (SRP).
- [DHCS 1734 \(04/2023\): Application for Certification of SRP.](#)
- No fees are required for application or program certification.

## » Application Package:

- Attach the completed application with the facility's written Mental Health Program Plan. ([See page 2 of application for instructions.](#))
- The written SRP Mental Health Program Plan must be in compliance with [Article 3.5. Standards for the Certification of Social Rehabilitation Programs.](#)

## » How to submit:

- Email the complete application and/or any questions related to the application to: [AdultMHCertification@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:AdultMHCertification@dhcs.ca.gov).

# Children's Residential Programs

STRTP, CCRP & CTF



# Children Program Applications (STRTP)

## »Program Description:

- Integrated program of specialized and intensive 24- hour care, supervision, supports, and behavioral health care.
- Structured mental health program that provides onsite and makes available specialty mental health services.
- STRTP with a MHPA.
- Age range: Children 0 to 17 and Non-minor dependents 18 to 21.
- Bed limitation: 16 beds or less.

## »Application:

- STRTP Mental Health Program Approval.
- [DHCS 3131 Application for Mental Health Program Approval Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs.](#)
- No fees are required for application or program certification.

## »Application Package:

- The information outlined in the application must be submitted along with the DHCS 3131 form. Please check each box on the form to indicate information has been submitted. The Sections listed on the form for each item refer to the corresponding sections in [STRTP Regulations Version II.](#)

## »How to submit:

- Submit completed application to: Delegate County MHP and to DHCS at:
  - E-Mail: Attention: "STRTP MHPA application" to [ChildrensMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:ChildrensMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov)
  - Certified Mail: Department of Health Care Services  
Mental Health Program Certification Section  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 2633  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

# Children's Crisis Residential Program Applications (CCRP)

## »Program Description:

- Integrated program of specialized and intensive and 24-hour care, supervision, supports, and behavioral health care.
- CCRP approval certifies the provision of onsite crisis mental health services and availability specialty mental health services.
- A STRTP with a MHPA and CCRP in the same facility or location, or a STRTP that operates solely as a CCRP.
- Age range: Children 0 to 17 and Non-minor dependents 17 to 19.
- Bed limitations: 16 beds or less.

## »Application:

- Children's Crisis Residential Program.
- [DHCS 1741 \(01/19\): Application for Children's Crisis Residential Mental Health Program Approval.](#)
- No fees are required for application or program certification.

## »Application Package:

- The CCRP Mental Health Program Statement and supporting documentation must be attached, labeled to identify corresponding CCRP requirements, and submitted with the DHCS 1741. Please review [the CCRP Mental Health Program Interim Standards](#) to ensure the Program Statement content and supporting documents meet Section 5 requirements.

## »How to Submit:

- Submit completed application to Delegate County MHP and to DHCS at:  
Attention: CCRP MHPA application  
Email: [ChildrensMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:ChildrensMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov)

# Children's Crisis Residential Program Models

- » **STRTP-MHPA-CCRP:** A separate and distinct unit in a STRTP serving children who are experiencing a mental health crisis. (Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 1562.02(a)(2)). Must obtain:
  - A STRTP license
  - STRTP Mental Health Program Approval (Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) Section 11462.01)
  - CCRP mental health program approval
  - CCRP must be separate and distinct from the STRTP
  
- » **STRTP-CCRP (*Stand Alone*):** Operate solely as CCRP serving children who are experiencing a mental health crises. Must obtain:
  - A STRTP license
  - DHCS will not require a STRTP mental health program approval pursuant to W&I Code Section 11462.01
  - DHCS' approval of the CCRP mental health program as a stand-alone CCRP satisfies the approval requirements of HSC Section 1562.02(a)(2)

# Children Program Applications Process (CTF)

## »Program Description:

- Alternative to acute hospital stays, providing children with mental health needs to receive treatment in a less restrictive setting. Mental health services are provided onsite and made available to youth.
- CTFs can operate secure or nonsecure beds.
- Age range: Children ages 12-19 years old in need of more intensive services.
- Bed limitations: Bed limits are set statewide by facility and region.

## »Application:

- Community Treatment Facility.
- [DHCS 5501 \(06/2020\): Application for Certification Community Treatment Facility Services.](#)
- No fees are required for the application or program approval.

## »Application Package:

- The application is submitted to DHCS prior to CDSS to ensure, in accordance with Title 9 CCR §1904, that each applicant is within statutory statewide limits on the number of licensed CTF beds (Section 4094.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code) and regional restrictions on CTFs. If e-mailing the application, please print, sign, scan, and e-mail to mailbox.

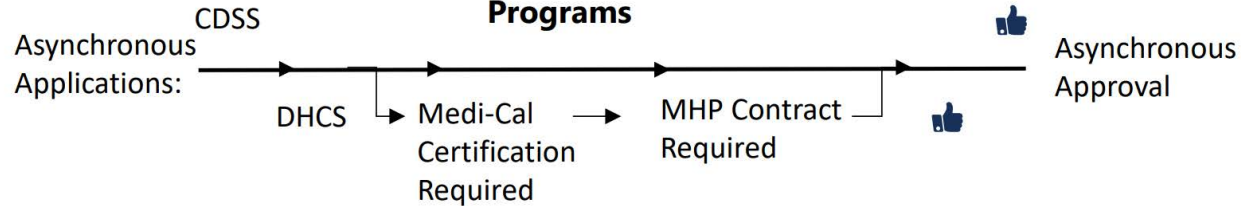
## »How to submit:

- Submit completed application, which includes a Plan of Operation that meets Title 9 CCR § 1919, to DHCS at:
  - E-Mail Attention: CTF Certification application, [ChildrensMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:ChildrensMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov).
  - Certified Mail: Department of Health Care Services  
Mental Health Program Certification Section  
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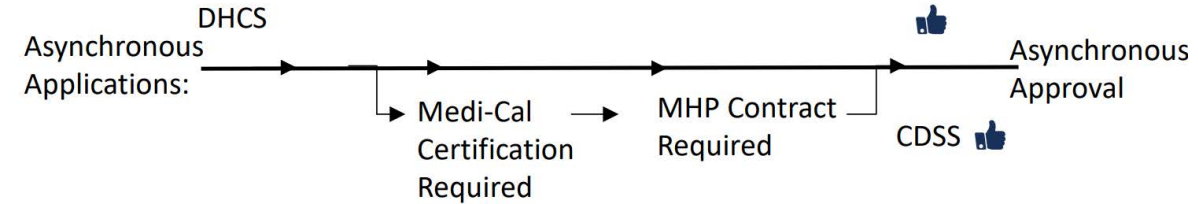
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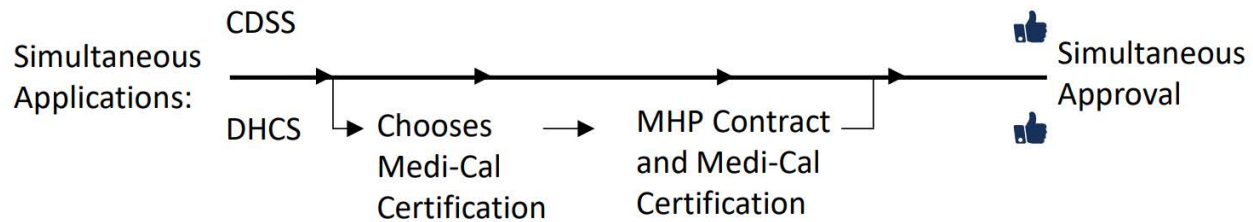
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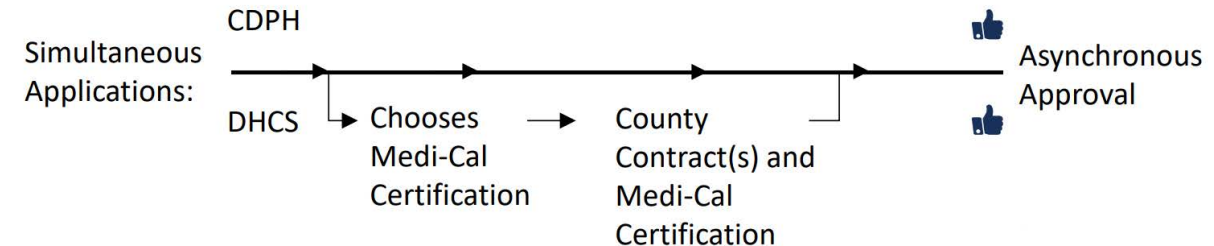
## Community Treatment Facilities



## Social Rehabilitation Programs



## Special Treatment Programs



# Resources and Contact Information

- » DHCS Mental Health Program Certification Website:
  - [Mental-Health-Program-Certification-Section](#)
- » Mental Health Program Certification Section
  - Adult Programs: [ADULTMHCERTIFICATION@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:ADULTMHCERTIFICATION@dhcs.ca.gov)
  - Children's Programs: [CHILDRENSMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:CHILDRENSMHPA@dhcs.ca.gov)
- » Regulation Links:
  - [§ 72443-72475. Special Treatment Program Service Unit](#)
  - [Article 3.5. Standards for the Certification of Social Rehabilitation Programs](#)
  - [Interim STRTP Regulations Version II](#)
  - [CCRP Interim Standards](#)
  - [Chapter 12. Mental Health Program Standards for the Community Treatment Facility](#)

# Questions?

