



Letter to Department of Health Care Services for 2025 Statewide Needs
Assessment and Planning (SNAP) Draft Report

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**Re: Draft 2025 Statewide Needs Assessment and Planning (SNAP)
Report for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery
Services Block Grant Federal Reporting Requirement**

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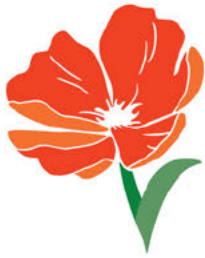
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Dear Community Services Division Team:

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council has the statutory authority to review, evaluate, and advocate for persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and youth with Severe Emotional Disturbances (SED) in Welfare and Institutions Code §5771 and §5772.

We would like to thank the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the opportunity to respond to the 2025 Statewide Needs Assessment and Planning (SNAP) Report, which provides California's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) incidence and prevalence rates among Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) members, racial and ethnic groups, and youth, and identifies related service utilization, client outcomes, and program performance. The Council reviewed the draft of the 2025 Statewide Needs Assessment and Planning Report and are in support of this document as written. We especially appreciate the detail provided to the community on statewide needs and description of how existing programs are performing. The Council recommends that feedback from individuals with lived experience and their families be prioritized in this stakeholder process.



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Sincerely,



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