

- 5878.2 For purposes of this article, severely mentally ill children means minors under the age of 18 who meet the criteria set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 5600.3.
- 5878.3 (a) Subject to the availability of funds as determined pursuant to Part 4.5, county mental health programs shall offer services to severely mentally ill children for whom services under any other public or private insurance or other mental health or entitlement program is inadequate or unavailable. Other entitlement programs include but are not limited to mental health services available pursuant to MediCal, child welfare, and special education programs. The funding shall cover only those portions of care that cannot be paid for with public or private insurance, other mental health funds or other entitlement programs.
- (b) Funding shall be at sufficient levels to ensure that counties can provide each child served all of the necessary services set forth in the applicable treatment plan developed in accordance with this Part, including services where appropriate and necessary to prevent an out of home placement, such as services pursuant to Chapter 4 of Part 6 of Division 9 (commencing with Section 18250).
- (c) The Department of Mental Health shall contract with county mental health programs for the provision of services under this article in the manner set forth in Section 5897.

SECTION 6. Section 18257 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code to read as follows:

18257. (a) The Department of Social Services shall seek applicable federal approval to make the maximum number of children being served through such programs eligible for federal financial participation and amend any applicable state regulations to the extent necessary to eliminate any limitations on the numbers of children who can participate in these programs.
- (b) Funds from the Mental Health Services Fund shall be made available to the Department of Social Services for technical assistance to counties in establishing and administering projects. Funding shall include reasonable and necessary administrative costs in establishing and administering a project pursuant to this chapter and shall be sufficient to create an incentive for all counties to seek to establish programs pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 7. Section 5813.5 is added to Part 3 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

- 5813.5. Subject to the availability of funds from the Mental Health Services Fund, the Department of Mental Health shall distribute funds for the provision of services under Sections 5801, 5802 and 5806 to county mental health programs. Services shall be available to adults and seniors with severe illnesses who meet the eligibility criteria in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5600.3(b) and (c). For purposes of this act, seniors means older adult persons identified in Part 3.
- (a) Funding shall be provided at sufficient levels to ensure that counties can provide each adult and senior served pursuant to this Part with the medically necessary mental health services, medications and supportive services set forth in the applicable treatment plan.

- (b) The funding shall only cover the portions of those costs of services that cannot be paid for with other funds including other mental health funds, public and private insurance, and other local, state and federal funds.
- (c) Each county mental health programs plan shall provide for services in accordance with the system of care for adults and seniors who meet the eligibility criteria in Section 5600.3(b) and (c).
- (d) Planning for services shall be consistent with the philosophy, principles, and practices of the Recovery Vision for mental health consumers:
 - (1) To promote concepts key to the recovery for individuals who have mental illness: hope, personal empowerment, respect, social connections, self-responsibility, and self-determination.
 - (2) To promote consumer-operated services as a way to support recovery.
 - (3) To reflect the cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of mental health consumers.
 - (4) To plan for each consumer's individual needs.
- (e) The plan for each county mental health program shall indicate, subject to the availability of funds as determined by Part 4.5, and other funds available for mental health services, adults and seniors with a severe mental illness being served by this program are either receiving services from this program or have a mental illness that is not sufficiently severe to require the level of services required of this program.
- (f) Each county plan and annual update pursuant to Section 5847 shall consider ways to provide services similar to those established pursuant to the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant Program. Funds shall not be used to pay for persons incarcerated in state prison or parolees from state prisons.
- (g) The department shall contract for services with county mental health programs pursuant to Section 5897. After the effective date of this section the term grants referred to in Sections 5814 and 5814.5 shall refer to such contracts.

SECTION 8. Part 3.1 is hereby added to Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code commencing with Section 5820 to read:

PART 3.1 EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

- 5820.
- (a) It is the intent of this Part to establish a program with dedicated funding to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals to provide services to address severe mental illnesses.
 - (b) Each county mental health program shall submit to the department a needs assessment identifying its shortages in each professional and other occupational category in order to increase the supply of professional staff and other staff that county mental health programs anticipate they will require in order to provide the increase in services projected to serve additional individuals and families pursuant to Parts 3, 3.2, 3.6, and 4 of this Division. For purposes of this Part, employment in California's public mental health system includes employment in private organizations providing publicly funded mental health services.
 - (c) The department shall identify the total statewide needs for each professional and other occupational category and develop a five-year education and training development plan.
 - (d) Development of the first five-year plan shall commence upon enactment of the initiative. Subsequent plans shall be adopted every five years.
 - (e) Each five-year plan shall be reviewed and approved by the California Mental Health Planning Council.

5821. (a) The Mental Health Planning Council shall advise the Department of Mental Health on education and training policy development and provide oversight for the department's education and training plan development.
- (b) The Department of Mental Health shall work with the California Mental Health Planning Council so that council staff is increased appropriately to fulfill its duties required by Sections 5820 and 5821.
5822. The Department of Mental Health shall include in the five-year plan:
- (a) Expansion plans for the capacity of postsecondary education to meet the needs of identified mental health occupational shortages.
- (b) Expansion plans for the forgiveness and scholarship programs offered in return for a commitment to employment in California's public mental health system and make loan forgiveness programs available to current employees of the mental health system who want to obtain Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Masters Degrees, or Doctoral degrees.
- (c) Creation of a stipend program modeled after the federal Title IV-E program for persons enrolled in academic institutions who want to be employed in the mental health system.
- (d) Establishment of regional partnerships among the mental health system and the educational system to expand outreach to multicultural communities, increase the diversity of the mental health workforce, to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and to promote the use of web-based technologies, and distance learning techniques.
- (e) Strategies to recruit high school students for mental health occupations, increasing the prevalence of mental health occupations in high school career development programs such as health science academies, adult schools, and regional occupation centers and programs, and increasing the number of human service academies.
- (f) Curriculum to train and retrain staff to provide services in accordance with the provisions and principles of Parts 3, 3.2, 3.6, and 4.
- (g) Promotion of the employment of mental health consumers and family members in the mental health system.
- (h) Promotion of the meaningful inclusion of mental health consumers and family members and incorporating their viewpoint and experiences in the training and education programs in subdivisions (a) through (f).
- (i) Promotion of the inclusion of cultural competency in the training and education programs in subdivisions (a) through (f).

SECTION 9. Part 3.2 Commencing with Section 5830 is added to Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code to read:

Part 3.2 Innovative Programs

5830. County mental health programs shall develop plans for innovative programs to be funded pursuant to paragraph (6) of subdivision (a) of Section 5892.
- (a) The innovative programs shall have the following purposes:
- (1) To increase access to underserved groups.
 - (2) To increase the quality of services, including better outcomes.
 - (3) To promote interagency collaboration.
 - (4) To increase access to services.