

# CALIFORNIA EXPANDS VITAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN NAPA COUNTY

*Projects Expected to Serve Nearly 2,000 People Annually*

**SACRAMENTO** — The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Mentis are expanding outpatient services for people with mental health needs in Napa County. Just eight months ago, DHCS and Mentis [broke ground \(/formsandpubs/publications/oc/Pages/2024/24-22-Napa-BHCIP-7-2-24.aspx\)](/formsandpubs/publications/oc/Pages/2024/24-22-Napa-BHCIP-7-2-24.aspx) on the Napa Valley Youth Wellness Campus, supported by [Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program \(https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/\)](https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/) funding totaling more than \$4.7 million.

On March 5, DHCS and Mentis celebrated the ribbon cutting of the new outpatient community mental health clinic and community wellness/youth prevention center, which opened for services and includes 121 new treatment slots and will serve nearly 2,000 people annually.

"DHCS is committed to working with partners like Mentis to rapidly expand mental health and substance use disorder treatment services for California youth," said **DHCS Director Michelle Baass**. "BHCIP continues to address historic gaps in the behavioral health care system to meet the growing demand for services and supports throughout the lifespan of people in need."



### **Ribbon Cutting for Napa Valley Youth Wellness Campus Project**

**NAPA VALLEY YOUTH WELLNESS CAMPUS:** This project will serve the behavioral, mental, and emotional needs of children and youth in Napa Valley and their families. The project involves rehabilitating an existing private middle school campus building to incorporate a supportive art studio, community space, and therapy rooms. Services include children and youth wellness prevention activities, mental health treatment, group therapy and/or family activities, and individual therapy sessions. Programs are offered in English and Spanish and are free and accessible for all. Located within walking distance of three high schools, the campus' continuum of care is intended to attract a diverse youth population, including youth of color and LGBTQIA+ and justice-involved youth.

"Our community clinic and youth wellness campus will provide much-needed support to youth who continue to struggle with life's stresses," said **Mentis Executive Director Rob Weiss**. "We are eager to expand our continuum of care to serve children and youth with a wide spectrum of needs, and we are grateful to DHCS for making this vision possible."

**WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT:** BHCIP is part of California's ongoing commitment to expand behavioral health services for all Californians. With the passage of Proposition 1, even more behavioral health treatment facilities (<https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/bond-bhcip-rounds/>) will be funded and built in 2025 and 2026. Through BHCIP, DHCS awards eligible entities funding to construct, acquire, and expand properties and invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to further expand the range of community-based behavioral health treatment options for people with co-occurring mental health treatment needs and substance use disorders.

DHCS has awarded \$1.7 billion in BHCIP competitive grants. In addition, DHCS will distribute up to \$4.4 billion in competitive Bond BHCIP funding, including \$3.3 billion for Round 1: Launch Ready grants as part of [Behavioral Health Transformation \(/BHT/Pages/home.aspx\)](/BHT/Pages/home.aspx), DHCS' work to implement [Proposition 1 \(https://www.mentalhealth.ca.gov/\)](https://www.mentalhealth.ca.gov/). DHCS holds regular public listening sessions on this effort. Updates and recordings of the sessions are available on the [online \(/BHT/Pages/Stakeholder-Engagement.aspx\)](/BHT/Pages/Stakeholder-Engagement.aspx).

**ABOUT BHCIP ROUND 4: CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**[BHCIP Round 4](#)

[\(https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/children-and-youth/\)](https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/children-and-youth/) focused on Californians ages 25 and younger, including pregnant and postpartum women and their children and youth ages 16-25, along with their families. Through funding made possible by California's [Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative \(https://cybhi.chhs.ca.gov/\)](https://cybhi.chhs.ca.gov/), the 52 awards totaling \$480.5 million allowed for new construction and expansion of multiple outpatient and residential facility types, including children's crisis residential programs, perinatal residential substance use disorder facilities, community wellness/youth prevention centers, and outpatient treatment for substance use disorders. Please see the [BHCIP website \(https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/\)](https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/) for more information about grant recipients and additional details about all BHCIP funding rounds.

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