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## CALIFORNIA CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF EXPANDED INDIO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY

***ABC Recovery Center's residential treatment capacity will more than double***

**SACRAMENTO** — On July 1, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and ABC Recovery Center (<https://abcrecoverycenter.org/>), celebrated the groundbreaking of a facility expansion that will serve people who need mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. DHCS awarded ABC Recovery Center more than \$27 million through the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (<https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/>) (BHCIP) to build two adult SUD residential units, expanding residential treatment capacity by 120 total beds, in addition to an intensive outpatient treatment for SUD projected to serve 400 people annually.

With the recently approved Proposition 1 bonds, even more behavioral health treatment facilities will be funded and built in 2025 and 2026.



### **Groundbreaking for ABC Recovery Center SUD Residential Units**

"Equity-driven organizations like ABC Recovery Center have proven they are more than capable of providing innovative, life-changing care to people in their communities with mental health and substance use disorder," said **DHCS Director Michelle Baass**. "We want to empower them to not only continue this critical work, but expand it to serve more Californians."

"This funding is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for facilities like ours that serve the lower socioeconomic population. This funding propels our mission into the future," said **Chris W. Yingling, Chief Executive Officer of ABC Recovery Center**.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXPANSION PROJECT:** The expansion will provide medication-assisted withdrawal management and intensive clinical services in a residential care setting and intensive outpatient services to treat many issues related to SUD. Currently, ABC Recovery Center offers a full continuum of services, including detoxification, primary residential treatment, perinatal residential treatment, individualized day treatment, intensive outpatient programs, and a sober living program.

**WHY BHCIP IS IMPORTANT:** Through BHCIP, DHCS competitively 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 mental health and substance use disorders. BHCIP is addressing historic gaps in the behavioral health care system to meet the growing demand for services and support throughout the lifespan of people in need. ABC Recovery Services received BHCIP Round 3 (Launch Ready) grant funding.

DHCS was authorized through 2021 legislation to award \$2.2 billion in BHCIP competitive grants. In addition, DHCS will distribute roughly \$4 billion in BHCIP grants under Proposition 1 bond funds. [Behavioral Health Transformation \(/BHT/Pages/home.aspx\)](#) is DHCS' work to implement [Proposition 1 \(https://www.mentalhealth.ca.gov/\)](https://www.mentalhealth.ca.gov/). DHCS holds regular public listening sessions. Updates and recordings of the sessions are available on the [Behavioral Health Transformation webpage \(/BHT/Pages/Stakeholder-Engagement.aspx\)](#).

**ABOUT BHCIP ROUND 3 (LAUNCH READY):** BHCIP Round 3 (Launch Ready) supported preparation activities to plan for the acquisition and expansion of behavioral health infrastructure throughout the state. The 45 facilities totaling \$518.5 million allowed for new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation of real estate assets to expand the behavioral health continuum of treatment and service resources. BHCIP applicants were required to demonstrate that their projects would expand behavioral health treatment and services in settings that serve Medi-Cal members and have a valid planning process to ensure projects are ready for implementation.

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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