



Mental Health Services  
Oversight & Accountability Commission

# Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy

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# Stakeholder Contract Purpose and Goals

Enhance the voice of specific populations regarding mental health service needs:

- State and Local Advocacy
- Training and Education
- Outreach and Engagement

# Stakeholder Contracts

- Consumers
- Diverse Racial and Ethnic Communities
- Families of Consumers
- **Immigrant and Refugee Communities**
- LGBTQ Communities
- Parents and Caregivers
- Transition Age Youth
- Veterans

# Funding

Three-year contracts

Each contract is \$670,000 per year

Three-year contract total is \$2,010,000

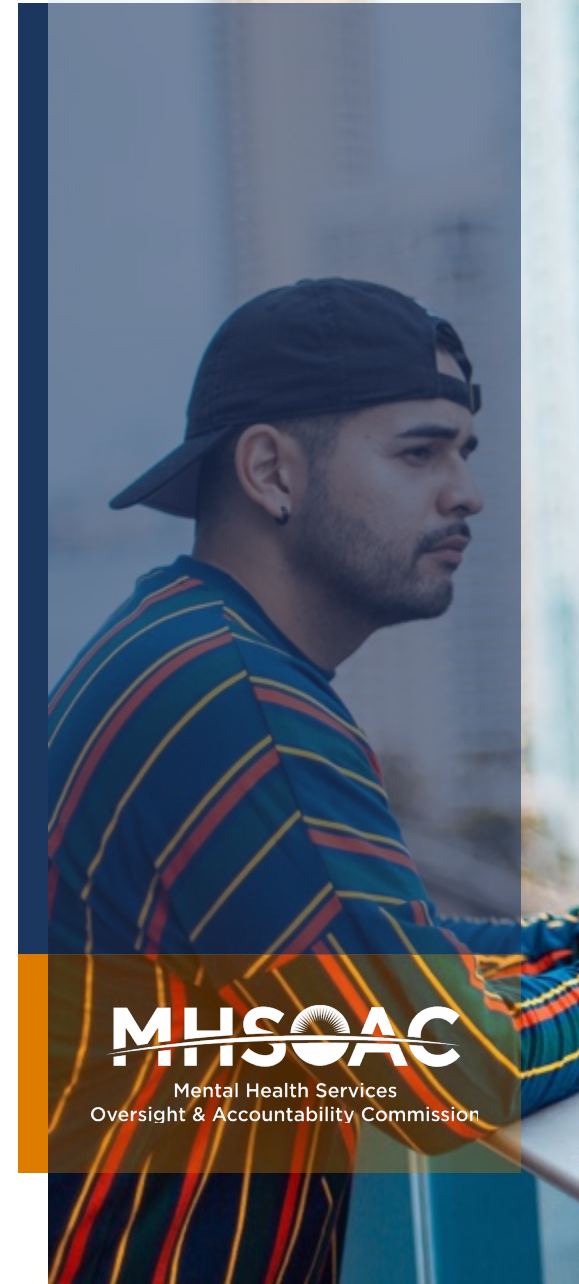
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# Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy

In 2018:

- The legislature approved advocacy funding for Immigrant and Refugee populations.
- The Commission conducted four listening sessions:
  - Los Angeles
  - San Diego
  - Alameda
  - Sacramento
- Collected over 50 surveys



# What We Heard

- Fund local programs
- Trust is key
- Grassroots organizations are often overlooked
- Local organizations are uniquely situated

# Request for Proposals (RFP)

- RFP released in January 2019
- 24 applications received
- One local advocacy organization would be selected from each of the five regions
  - \$402,000 to each organization
  - Three-year contract



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# Awarded Contracts (2019)

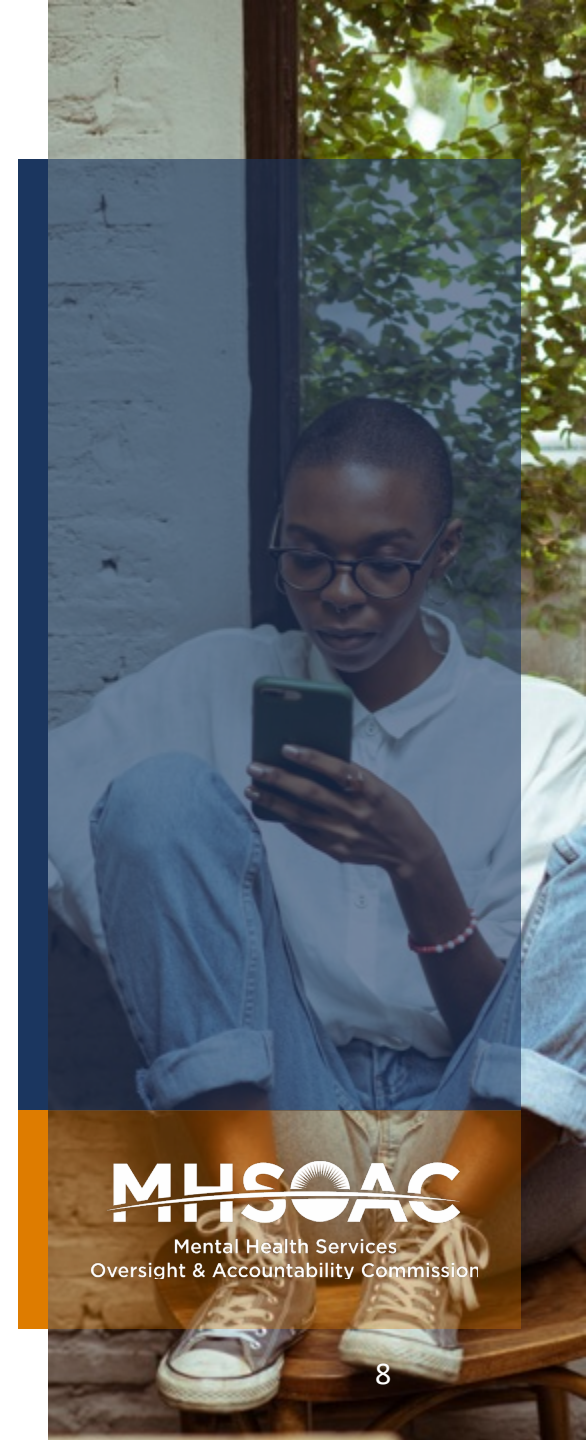
Boat People SOS (Southern)

Healthy House Within a MATCH Coalition (Central)

African Communities Public Health Coalition (Los Angeles)

Vision y Compromiso (Bay Area)

Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County (Superior)



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