



WELCOME!

On behalf of Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), we would like to welcome you to a community forum to explore the Mental Health/Criminal Justice Intersection in Stanislaus County.

The need for mental health services in criminal justice has become the new normal in California. Communities across the state are grappling with how to reduce the number of adults with mental health needs who become justice-involved. How can we improve outcomes for people in custody and upon release into the community?

These are challenging issues with no easy answers. But through this community forum, our hope is to start a meaningful, robust dialogue and lay vital groundwork for possible strategies and solutions. We want to know what is working, what is not, and how to reduce costs and improve the quality of care.



For the MHSOAC, this forum is a component of the Commission's policy research project to develop statewide recommendations for reducing the number of individuals who become involved in the criminal justice system and improve outcomes for those in custody and upon release. For Stanislaus County, it is an opportunity to better understand this quality of life issue and what can be done to collectively address it.

Your participation in this event underscores your commitment to the community. We are thankful you are joining us for this important conversation.

Sincerely,

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