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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT CYCLE VI REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is pleased to announce the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Cycle VI Request for Applications (RFA). The MHSA, approved by voters in November 2004, allocates funds to assist counties and state agencies in meeting all responsibilities of the MHSA. It is designed to expand and transform California's behavioral health system to better serve individuals with, and at risk of, serious mental health issues and their families. DDS has \$2.2 million in funding to allocate over 3 fiscal years to award to regional centers to develop and implement innovative projects to support regional center consumers. These projects will commence July 1, 2023, and continue through June 30, 2026.

In partnership with key stakeholders, DDS will select projects from the submitted applications that:

- Successfully integrate evidence-based models and techniques;
- Incorporate performance-based approaches, interventions, and strategies;
- Provide an ongoing multi-disciplinary, collaborative process identifying local needs and overcoming system challenges at the local level; and,
- Include a mechanism to share information and resources statewide.

The RFA documents can be found at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/mhsa/healthdevelopment/>. Applications are due to DDS and shall be emailed to mhsacorrespondence@dds.ca.gov by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023**.

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DDS will convene an RFA Information Session Webinar on **Tuesday, January 31, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** This Webinar is being held to answer any questions prospective applicants may have concerning the application process. To register for the webinar, and/or receive answers to questions about the MHSA RFA, please email mhsacorrespondence@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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