

Yolo County Child Welfare Services (CWS)  
Yolo County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health

***Katie A.***  
***Provider Stakeholder Presentation***

Collaborative services for children  
and families involved with CWS/CPS  
and having mental health needs

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# What is *Katie A*?

Katie A v. Bonta is a class action lawsuit filed in 2002 concerning the availability of intensive mental health services to children in California who are either in foster care or at high risk of coming into foster care.

A settlement agreement was reached in the case in December 2011.

# Katie A. Sub-Class Members

Children/youth (up to age 21) are considered to be a member of the Subclass if they meet the following criteria:

- ▶ ▪ Are full-scope Medi-Cal (Title XIX) eligible;
- ▶ ▪ Have an open child welfare services case; and
- ▶ ▪ Meet the medical necessity criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) as set forth in CCR, Title 9, Section 1830.205 or Section 1830.210.

In addition to:

- ▶ ▪ Currently in or being considered for: wraparound, therapeutic foster care, specialized care rate due to behavioral health needs or other intensive EPSDT services, including but not limited to therapeutic behavioral services or crisis stabilization/intervention; or
- ▶ ▪ Currently in or being considered for group home (RCL 10 or above), a psychiatric hospital or 24-hour mental health treatment facility (e.g., psychiatric inpatient hospital, community residential treatment facility); or has experienced

Our goal is to strengthen California's  
Child Welfare and Mental Health Systems.

A sustainable framework for the provision  
of an array of coordinated community services.

*Developing the best possible plan  
with input from parents, youth and stakeholders.*

Internet survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NG65NTJ>

# Yolo County Update

## Completed Readiness Assessment Survey

- Agency Leadership
- Involvement of Children, Youth, and Family
- Systems and Interagency Collaboration
- Cultural Responsiveness
- Systems Capacity
- Outcomes and Evaluation
- Service Array
- Fiscal Resources

## Developing Service Delivery Plan

- Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)
- Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS)

## Next Step

- Identifying Screening Tool for Katie A Class Members (All Open CWS Cases)

# Initial Findings and Feedback

*All Katie A Class Members are receiving services, but noted need to ensure*

- ▶ *Family Engagement at all Levels (Voice)*
  - ▶ *Trauma Informed Care*
  - ▶ *Culturally Appropriate*
- ▶ *Improving Communication and Coordination with all partners and stakeholders*
  - ▶ *Exploring Effectiveness of all EPSDT Specialty Mental Health Services*

To learn more about the  
*Katie A. settlement, go to:*

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1320.htm>.

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