

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

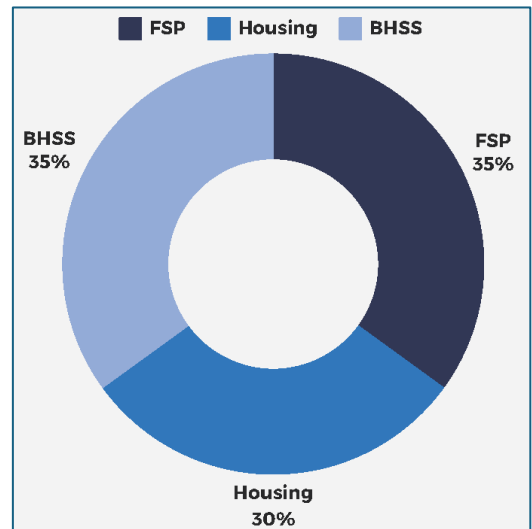
Priorities and Fund Allocations

BHSA made significant revisions to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), including:

- Updating allocations for local services and modifying how MHSA funds are allocated; ¹
- Broadening target population to include individuals with substance use disorders;
- Advancing community-defined practices as a key strategy of reducing health disparities and increasing community representation.

Full Service Partnership (FSP) (35%)

- Mental health services, supportive services, and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services;
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) offered directly or via effective referral process;
- Community-defined evidence practices (CDEP);
- Assertive Community Treatment / Forensic Assertive Community Treatment, supported employment, & high fidelity wraparound;
- Outpatient behavioral health services, either clinic or field based, necessary for on-going evaluation and stabilization of enrolled individuals;
- On-going engagement services necessary to maintain enrolled individuals in their treatment plan inclusive of clinical and non-clinical services, including services to support maintaining housing.



Housing (30%)

- Children and families, youth, adults, and older adults living with serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED) and/or SUD who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness;
- 50% of Housing is prioritized for housing interventions for the chronically homeless with behavioral health challenges;
- Includes rental subsidies, operating subsidies, shared and family housing, capital, and the non-federal share for certain transitional rent.

Behavioral Health Services and Supports (BHSS) (35%)

- Early intervention, outreach and engagement, workforce education and training, capital facilities, technological needs, and innovative pilots and projects;
- 51% of BHSS must be used for Early Intervention services to assist in the early signs of mental illness or substance misuse;
 - 51% of BHSS Early Intervention services and supports must be for people 25 years and younger.

¹ Counties have the flexibility to move up to 7% of funding from one category to another to allow counties to address their different local needs and priorities.