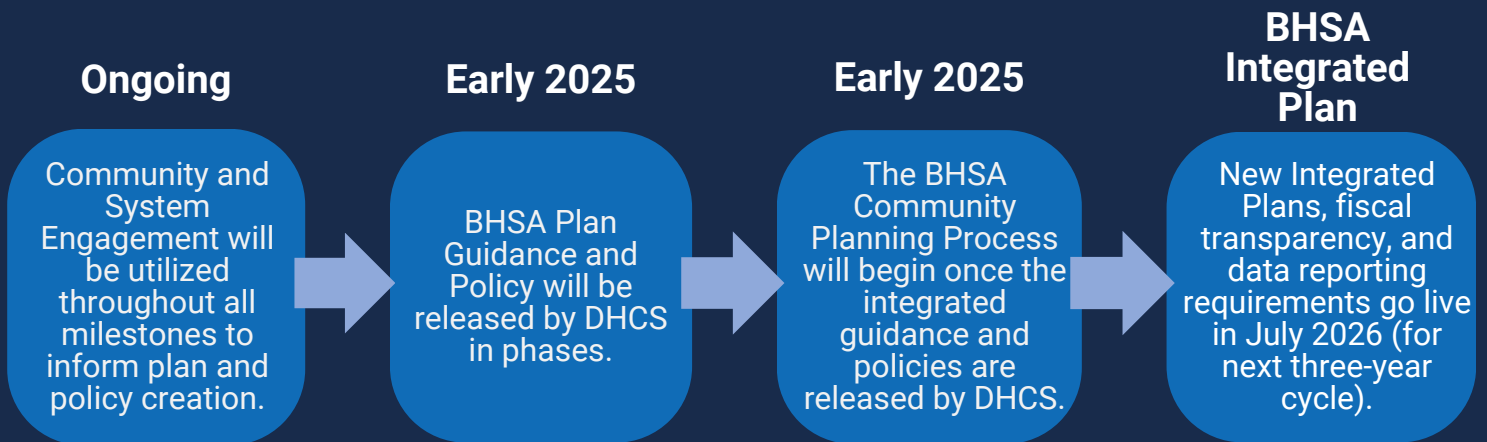


# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT REQUIREMENTS GO LIVE JULY 2026

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

- Updating allocations for local services and modifies how MHSA funds are allocated.
- 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.

## Timeline



\*Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT) is the effort that will implement Proposition 1.

The two legislative bills that created the language in Proposition 1 are:

- Behavioral Health Services Act [SB 326](#)
- Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act [AB 531](#)

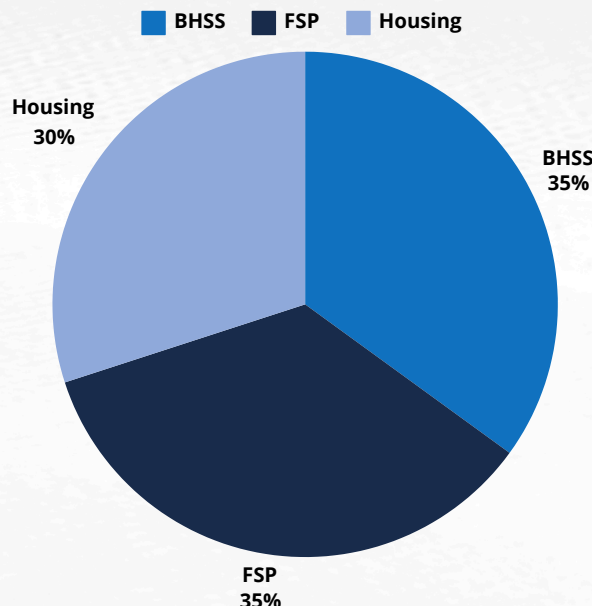
## Funding Allocations

### Housing (30%):

- Children and families, youth, adults, and older adults living with SMI/SED and/or SUD who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- 50% is prioritized for housing interventions for the chronically homeless with BH 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% must be used for Early Intervention services to assist in the early signs of mental illness or substance misuse.
- 51% of Early Intervention services and supports must be for people 25 years and younger.



### Full Service Partnership (FSP) (35%)

- Mental health, supportive services, and substance use disorder treatment services.
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Community-defined evidence practices (CDEP)
- Assertive Community Treatment /Forensic Assertive Community Treatment, Supported employment, & high fidelity wraparound are required.
- Outpatient behavioral health services, either clinic or field based, necessary for on-going evaluation and stabilization of an enrolled individual.
- 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.

\*Counties will 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.