



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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AB 34 PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

- AB 34 legislation establishes funding to demonstrate success in providing comprehensive services to mentally ill persons who are homeless, recently released from county jail or state prison, or others who are untreated, unstable and at a significant risk of incarceration or homelessness unless treatment is provided to them.
- Services are extensive community-based mental health treatment services including the capacity for crisis services 24 hours per day, seven day per week, Substance abuse services, housing assistance, money management and access to health care.
- Outreach services are provided by 12 contract agencies throughout Los Angeles County and in the Los Angeles County Jail.
- Each contract program has established networks within their community with local law enforcement agencies, social services agencies, substance abuse treatment programs, parole and probation officers, health care providers and Inpatient psychiatric facilities.

Results After 7 Months:

- 952 clients identified and enrolled
 - 40% from the Los Angeles County Jail
 - 60% through community outreach
- 14% increase in employment rates
- 28% of clients are maintaining their own housing
- 12% reduction in law enforcement contacts that do not result in arrests
- 54% of clients have public benefits
- Less than 5% of enrolled clients have left program

Annualized data has yielded the following results:

- 72% decrease in the number of days incarcerated
- 45% decrease in the number of day spent in psychiatric inpatient facilities
- 54% decrease in the number of clients homeless