



## **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

**April 1 - 5, 2019**

### **DAY 1: CORE Center Listening Session**

The Wellness Center located at LAC+USC

1220 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles CA 90033

April 1, 2019 2 – 4 pm

#### **The Burden of Substance Use Disorders in LA County**

An estimated 740,000 Los Angeles County residents struggle with a substance use disorder (SUD). SUD is a chronic disease that can lead to other health problems, violence, the loss of a job and ultimately overdose and premature death. It not only harms the person suffering from the disease, but impacts their family, friends and community in negative ways.

#### **The DPH Approach to SUD Prevention and Treatment**

Recovery from SUD is possible, and prevention strategies and treatment are effective. On July 1, 2017, The Department of Public Health, Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC), implemented the Drug Medi-Cal Waiver in Los Angeles County, expanding eligibility for coverage and increasing services available for people with SUD. DPH is facilitating additional opportunities for treatment engagement to county residents by providing funding and support to 65 Client Engagement and Navigation Service (CENS) co-location sites throughout the county that provide face-to-face screening and connection to services for those with SUD. A 24/7 Substance Abuse Service Helpline (SASH) through which callers are screened and linked to a local treatment provider is accessible via 1-844-804-7500. Additionally, a web-based tool, the Service Bed and Availability Tool (SBAT), enables the public and providers to locate SUD treatment options with real-time availability.

In addition, DPH supports a network of 8 community coalitions throughout LA County. These coalitions are implementing activities that promote positive youth development by creating opportunities for young people, and promoting protective factors such as youth

leadership, trauma-informed schools, academic competence, emotional and social well-being, community anti-drug/alcohol use policies, and support for recovery and healing.

#### **CORE (Connecting to Opportunities for Recovery and Engagement) Center Listening Session**

On April 1, 2019, DPH-SAPC will convene community stakeholders to provide input on the CORE Centers. With sites opening throughout LA County, CORE Centers will serve as a hub for resources, including:

- Education about the no-cost, no fee treatment services available to Medi-Cal and My Health LA eligible beneficiaries;
- Screenings to identify treatment needs;
- Education and training on opioid overdose prevention and administration of naloxone medication to reverse an overdose;
- Peer-to-peer support for family members of loved ones with SUD;
- On-site workshops on topics such as preventing teen substance use, understanding risks associated with cannabis, reducing stigma around SUD treatment and recognizing signs of relapse.

The CORE Center will collaborate with other co-located community-based organizations and the LAC+USC Hospital to provide additional resources and referrals for individuals and families.

If you or someone you know is struggling with a substance use disorder, help is available.

- Call 844-804-7500 to reach the Substance Abuse Service Helpline and be screened for and connected to treatment.
- Visit <http://sapccis.ph.lacounty.gov/sbat/> for the Service and Bed Availability tool, a real-time updated list of available treatments centers.

