



Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Update December 2023

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A Safe and Healthy County:

In 2023, Behavioral Health sponsored or participated in 36 community wellness outreach events in ten different areas of the County, providing free prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery resources to community members.

Behavioral Health has brought *Elevate Youth* and *Friday Night Live* prevention programs to the communities of Willits, Anderson Valley, and Fort Bragg, providing life skills, social emotional learning, and substance misuse education to improve outcomes for youth in Mendocino County. For more information on bringing youth empowerment education free to your community, please call (707) 472-2377 or email BHRSPrevention@mendocinocounty.gov

BHRS participated in PumpkinFest for the first of what we hope to be annual attendance. During the event we distributed 195 boxes of Narcan, 74 bags for safely storing medications, and 58 gun safety locks. In addition to these safety items, we handed out uncounted numbers of brochures and informational materials on mental health and substance use services, deterra (at-home safe medication disposal), notebooks, pens, and bracelets with mental health and substance use contact numbers. We were visited by many community members and enjoyed hearing stories of recovery and connecting with the community.

LPS Conservatorship

Number of LPS conserved individuals in August, September and October 2023 were consistent with the previous months. The Public Conservator office and the placement team is always reviewing individuals in higher level of placements to work towards achieving their goals to be eligible for lower level of placements including independent housing. In August, September and October 2023, there were more clients placed out of county than in county due to needing higher level of care.

Number of Clients Placed In and Out of County			
FY 23/24	Out of County	In County	Total Number of Clients
August 2023	39	20	59
September 2023	41	19	60
October 2023	41	19	60

A conservatorship established under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to provide for individualized treatment, supervision, and placement of individuals who are gravely disabled as a result of a mental health disorder (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5350).



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