



## **Wellnest Emotional Health & Wellness Receives A Transformative Behavioral Health Grant for Almost \$4 Million**

California Consulting is thrilled to announce the successful acquisition of a \$3,975,332 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Planning, Development, and Implementation Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for Wellnest Emotional Health & Wellness. This critical funding will support Wellnest in transforming its community behavioral health systems and establishing new CCBHC programs.

The grant will enable Wellnest to provide comprehensive, coordinated behavioral healthcare, significantly enhancing access to quality mental health services for the most vulnerable populations in California. This achievement underscores California Consulting's dedication to helping organizations secure the necessary resources to improve community health outcomes.

Michelle Ferguson and Marc Levin, Project Managers at California Consulting, collaborated closely with Wellnest's administration to navigate the grant application process successfully. Reflecting on this accomplishment, Michelle Ferguson stated, "Securing this grant is a monumental step for Wellnest and the communities it serves. The establishment of new CCBHC programs will ensure that individuals receive the holistic, integrated care they need. We are proud to support Wellnest in its mission to expand access to quality mental health services."

Wellnest believes that acquiring CCBHC certification is the best path forward to expand access to essential mental health services. The grant will facilitate the development of robust behavioral health programs that provide comprehensive care, including mental health services, substance use treatment, and physical health care. By integrating these services, Wellnest aims to create a seamless and effective care delivery system that addresses the diverse needs of its clients.

The funds will be used to implement the following key initiatives:

- **Planning and Development:** Establishing the framework for new CCBHC programs, including staff training, infrastructure development, and community outreach.
- **Integrated Care:** Enhancing the coordination of mental health, substance use, and physical health services to provide holistic care.
- **Accessibility:** Expanding access to care for underserved and vulnerable populations, ensuring that quality behavioral health services are available to those in need.
- **Sustainability:** Developing sustainable practices to maintain and grow the CCBHC programs, ensuring long-term benefits for the community.

This grant award is a testament to the collaborative efforts between California Consulting and Wellnest Emotional Health & Wellness. Together, we are making significant strides toward transforming community behavioral health systems and improving the lives of countless individuals in California.