



FACT SHEET ON MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Measure A Essential Health Care Services Tax

On March 4, 2004, 71% of Alameda County voters passed Measure A, which imposed a half-cent sales tax to support emergency medical, hospital inpatient, outpatient, public health, mental health, and substance abuse services to indigent, low-income, and uninsured adults, children, families, seniors and other county residents.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Service Providers Funded by Measure A

Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)	Bonita House, Inc.	Horizon Services, Inc.
Alameda County Mental Health Association	Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency	Humanistic Alternatives to Addiction
Alameda Family Services	Carnales Unidos Reformando Adictos	Latino Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Alameda Health System (formerly Alameda County Medical Center)	Center for Independent Living	Magnolia Women’s Recovery Programs
Asian Community Mental Health Services	Cherry Hill Detoxification & Sobering Center	Native American Health Center Inc
Axis Community Health, Inc.	Community Health for Asian Americans	New Bridge Foundation, Inc.
Bay Area Legal Aid	Criminal Justice Screening/In-Custody Services at Santa Rita Jail	Second Chance, Inc.
Berkeley Addiction Treatment Services, Inc.	Crisis Support Services of Alameda County	Solid Foundation, Inc.
Bi-Bett Corporation	East Bay Community Recovery Project	Southern Alameda County Comite for Raza
	Filipinos Advocates for Justice	St Mary’s Center
		Thunder Road-Adolescent Treatment
		West Oakland Health Council, Inc.

Services Provided by Measure A

- Behavioral health, acute, ambulatory, emergency, urgent and trauma services at Highland Hospital and other public hospitals and wellness centers
- Sobering services, post-detox planning, placement, and referral, 12-step groups, de-escalation and case management
- Mental health screening, suicide prevention, ongoing treatment planning and services, mental health on-call/emergency service, and administration of psychotropic medications for individuals in county jails
- Interactive alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention programs for low-income, high-risk minority youth
- Individual counseling for domestic violence victims

Impact on Alameda County

- **11,420** visits to John George Psychiatric Emergency Services in a year.
- **52%** reduction in the number of individuals entering the emergency department with a diagnosis of intoxication due to Cherry Hill detoxification and sobering services.
- **1,563** students in the eight school districts received behavioral health supports in a year from the Center for Healthy Schools & Communities.
- **58%** increase in the number of clients served at the combined Cherry Hill Detoxification and Sobering Center from the previous year.
- **50% to 100%** reduction of suicide rate among inmates between 2004 and 2012 from interventions by Behavioral Health Care Services.
- **284** domestic violence victims received counseling sessions in a year.