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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAMILIES BENEFIT FROM PROP. 63 MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS

New Programs and Services Help Thousands of People

- WHO:** Wes Chesbro, Commissioner, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
Steve Mayberg, Director, Department of Mental Health
Alfredo Aguirre, Deputy Director, Mental Health Services,
County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency
Dr. Jennifer Schaffer, Deputy Director, Mental Health Services,
County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency
Cara Evans, Program Manager, Providence Community Services (Catalyst)
Participants of the Catalyst program
- WHAT:** News Conference
- WHERE:** Providence Community Services
3635 Ruffian Road, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123
- WHEN:** Monday, May 21, 2007
10:30 AM
- WHY:** May is Mental Health Month and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the California Department of Mental Health are highlighting the benefits Prop. 63 mental health funds provide San Diego County. In 2004, Prop. 63 (Mental Health Service Act (MHSA)) was approved by voters to expand mental health services in California through a 1% tax on personal income exceeding \$1 million.
- When fully implemented, San Diego County will receive nearly \$60 million annually to fund a wide range of mental health programs such as the Providence Community Services' Catalyst Program. Catalyst is a new program that increases mental health services for young people, ages 16-24, with a focus on decreasing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency by teaching clients life skills.
- VISUALS:** Families that have benefited from Prop. 63 funds

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