



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
Mental Health

California Strategic Plan for Mental Health
Stigma and Discrimination Reduction
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) became California Law on January 1, 2005 and aims to expand community-based public mental health services. The Act prioritizes reducing stigma and discrimination as a way of preventing mental illness from becoming severe and disabling. The Department of Mental Health is now drafting a plan to guide investments made throughout California that will accomplish this.

The purpose of these public workshops is to obtain your feedback and input on the draft recommendations for the California Strategic Plan for Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

The Plan will be useful to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in improving the lives of Californians with a mental illness and those seeking help. The draft plan is based on recommendations of a Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Advisory Committee.

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

1:00- 4:00 pm

Hilton Garden Inn

1800 Powell St, Emeryville, CA 94608

(Accessible by BART, Amtrak and bus)

Thursday, March 19, 2009

1:00- 4:00 pm

[location]

[address]

(Accessible by ...)

Registration/web page information and links are available at [RSVP website]. You can also find information here on:

- Maps and parking information
- Workshop agendas and meeting materials
- Special accommodation and translation services

A conference call will be held on (date) from (time) to (time) for those who cannot make the workshops; please indicate this on your RSVP and additional information will be sent to you.

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in these public workshops may request assistance by following the instructions online at the website above or by calling [RSVP phone]. Requests should be made one week in advance whenever possible. In addition, if you require interpreting or translating services, please contact us by [RSVP date]. To accommodate people with chemical sensitivity, please do not wear heavily scented products.



You are invited to attend a public workshop to provide input on the draft California Strategic Plan on Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination. The California Department of Mental Health will hold two workshops, one in Emeryville on March 17 from 1 to 4pm, and the other in (city) on March 19 from 1 to 4pm. The Plan will provide individuals and organizations interested in reducing the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health problems. To RSVP, please visit this web site: (address). These workshops are accessible to individuals with disabilities, and language translation can be provided if you request it in your RSVP. A conference call will be held on (date) from (time) to (time) for those who cannot make the workshops; please indicate this on your RSVP and additional information will be sent to you.