



Mental Health Services  
Oversight & Accountability Commission

# PLUMAS COUNTY INNOVATION PLAN



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# Plumas County Profile

- **Covers 2,553.04 square miles**
  - **2013 US Census Bureau\*  
Population Estimate: 18,877**
    - **African American: 1%**
    - **Asian/Pacific Islander: 1.1%**
    - **Euro American: 84.3%**
    - **Latino: 8.3%**
    - **Native American: 3.2%**



\* Does not add to 100% - Some categories overlap.

# Plumas County Innovation Program

Plumas County is requesting \$947,100.00 dollars for a three year Innovative Program titled:

## School-Based Response Team (SBRT)

- Plumas County Mental Health Staff conducted a survey with Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Stakeholders. The survey showed that suicidal behavior and school safety that include mental health issues related to school threats and bullying were priority issues for the community.
- The purpose of the funding request for the Plumas County Innovation Plan is to promote interagency collaboration by developing and evaluating a team-based approach and processes to help local schools respond to critical incidents and identify mental health issues of students involved in these incidents.
- Plumas will also collaborate with Glenn County and will glean lessons learned from Glenn's system-wide Mental Health Assessment Response Team (SMART) to inform Plumas County's SBRT project.



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- **The new SBRT will be a collaborative response team specifically geared to a rural community, with staff from mental health, probation, law enforcement and the schools to develop protocols to systematically respond to mental health events in schools.**
- **The SBRT staff will respond to critical incidents involving students with early onset or who are at risk of mental illness and will train, screen, intervene and provide case management to students involved in these incidents.**



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The evaluation will do the following:

- The Innovation Program will measure the effectiveness of collaboration across agencies by using a tool used by the U.S. Substance Abuse and mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the University of Southern Florida to evaluate collaboration in Children's System of Care Agencies. The Interagency Collaboration Activities Scale (IACAS) will be distributed to partner agency staff at the beginning of the project and annually.
- The SBRT staff will assess services that are beneficial to the students and community members and will share their lessons learned with other small communities.
- Commission staff have reviewed the Innovation Plan for consistency with the MHSOAC requirements and recommends approval.



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## Proposed Motion:

**The MHSOAC approves Plumas County's Innovation Project:**

- **Name: School-Based Response Team**
- **Amount: \$947,100**
- **Program Length: 3 Years**

