Tri Counties CalAIM PATH Collaborative

November 19, 2025

Today's Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
11:00am	**Welcome and Introductions**	BluePath Health
11:05-11:10am	**Local CalAIM Success Story**	Hamic/ReCampus
11:10-11:20am	**Behavioral Health Reforms Overview**	BluePath Health
11:20-11:50am	**Behavioral Health Reforms in the Tri Counties**	CenCal Health Plan Gold Coast Health Plan Kaiser Permanente
11:50-11:55pm	**DHCS Quarterly Implementation Data**	BluePath Health
11:55-12:00pm	**Announcements, Poll & Closing**	BluePath Health
12:00-12:45pm	**Office Hours**	

2025 Collaborative Aim Statement

By December 2025, the Collaborative will strengthen local implementation of CalAIM by creating a sustainable network of providers.
We will accomplish this through hosting quarterly peer learning sessions and at least 2 workforce development trainings.

Strengthen the capacity of providers to sustainably deliver CalAIM services

Build education and awareness of CalAIM among members, providers, and community partners to drive referrals

Increase ECM & Community Supports referrals and care coordination among providers

October 15 In-Person Meeting in Santa Maria

- **63 in-person attendees** with an agenda that included provider spotlights, updates from CenCal Health Plan on Closed-Loop Referrals Implementation, and provider networking and roundtable conversations

- **Pathway Family Services, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo,** and **New Beginnings** presented meaningful client success stories ranging from supporting individuals experiencing homelessness and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities

October 16 In-Person Meeting in Camarillo

- **35 in-person attendees** with an agenda that included a provider spotlight, updates from Gold Coast Health Plan and Kaiser Permanente on Closed-Loop Referrals Implementation, and provider networking and roundtable conversations

- **Conejo Health** presented meaningful client success stories supporting individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
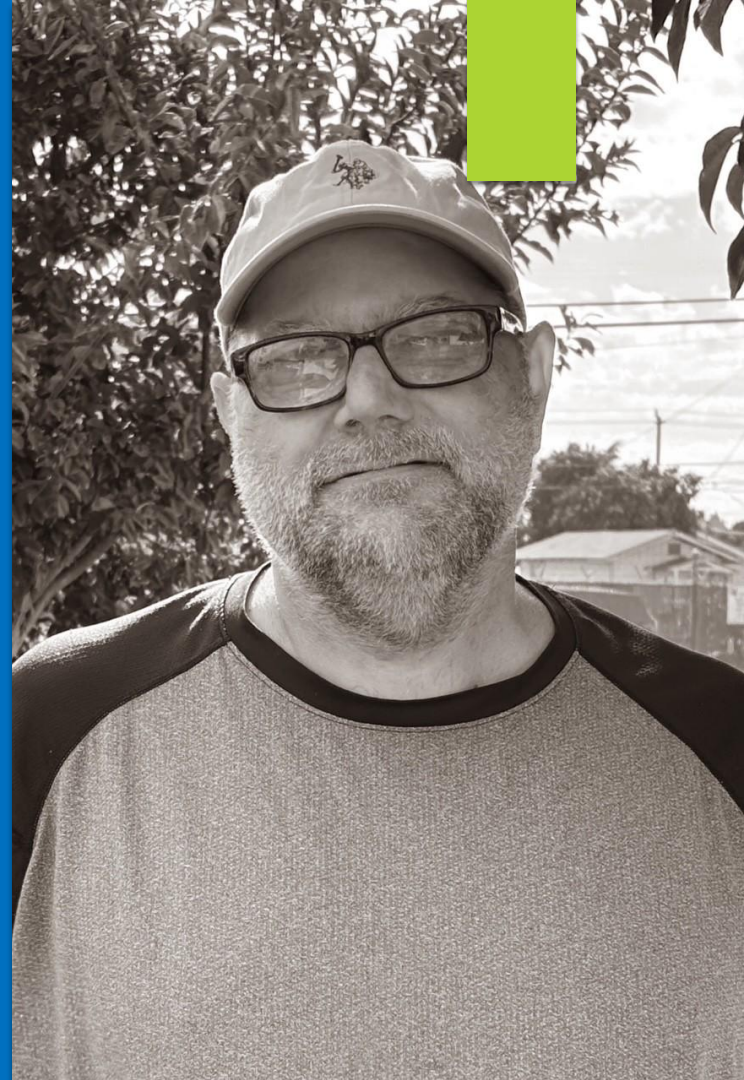
Local CalAIM Successes: Hamic/ReCampus

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Reentry • Recovery • Renewal

Supporting Men in North Santa Barbara County & South San Luis Obispo County

From Incarceration to Stable Housing

► After serving an 18-year prison sentence, Clifford stepped back into the community determined to rebuild his life, despite facing severe vision impairment that made even daily tasks challenging. Through CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM), he was connected to the Department of Rehabilitation, where he finally received the support and vision-aiding devices he had never before had access to—tools that opened the door to possibilities he once believed were out of reach. With his newfound independence, he enrolled in courses at Allan Hancock College, where he is not only keeping up, but truly succeeding. Along the way, he completed a demanding year-long reentry program, secured SSDI benefits to ensure stable income, and was approved for housing in a senior living complex. With help from CalAIM Housing Tenancy Navigation Services and Housing Deposits, he is about to move into his own apartment—his first independent home in his entire adult life. His journey reflects resilience, hard work, and the profound impact of coordinated support systems working together to change a life.

California Behavioral Health Reforms

Landscape of Behavioral Health Reforms

BH-CONNECT

BH-CONNECT is a five-year Medicaid demonstration intended to expand access to community-based behavioral health care for Medi-Cal members. It aims to reduce reliance on inpatient and institutional care.

Medi-Cal

BHSA

The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) is a component of Proposition 1, passed by CA voters in 2024. It reforms how BH funding is distributed to counties to prioritize individuals with the most significant mental health and SUD needs.

State-wide

Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT)

Expand the continuum of community-based EBPs for children, youth and adults

Strengthen family-based services and supports for children and youth

Strengthen the workforce needed to deliver community-based behavioral services and EBPs

Improve stability for members going through vulnerable periods through transitional rent

Populations of Focus Include:
● Individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness ● Justice-involved individuals ● Children & youth in child welfare

BH-CONNECT: Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs)

Evidence-Based Practices are designed to support Medi-Cal members living with significant behavioral health needs.

Adults
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)   - Forensic ACT (FACT)   - Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) for First Episode Psychosis (FEP)   - Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment   - Enhanced Community Health Worker (CHW) Services   - Clubhouse Services

Children and Youth*
- Multisystemic Therapy (MST)   - Functional Family Therapy (FFT)   - Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)   - High-Fidelity Wraparound (HFW)
*These services must already be provided to children and youth under 21 under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit

California Department of Health Care Services: Evidence-Based Practices

Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Overview

The BHSA aims to modernize the behavioral health delivery system, improve accountability and increase transparency, and expand the capacity of behavioral health care facilities.

Populations of Focus Include
Adults and children with or at-risk of SMI and SUD: • Experiencing homelessness • At risk of incarceration • Reentering the community from a justice-involved setting • At risk of conservatorship, in foster care, or at-risk of institutionalization

BHSA County Requirements

BHSA County Funding Allocations
• **30% - Housing Interventions** • **35% - Full Service Partnership (FSP) Programs** • **35% - support for Behavioral Health Services and Supports**

Each County is required to submit an Integrated Plan by June 30, 2026.

It is a three-year plan that combines all behavioral health funding sources, outlining spending, services, collaboration strategies, and community stakeholder engagement to meet statewide and local needs and outcomes. Counties must regularly update this plan and ensure transparency and cross-system alignment.

California Department of Health Care Services: Integrated Plans

BH CONNECT & BHSA Key 2026 Dates

January 1: Transitional Rent Go-Live Date
- A temporary rental assistance Community Support to help members bridge from homelessness or temporary housing into permanent housing that covers up to six months of rent per household within a five-year period.

June 30: County Integrated Plans Due
- Counties must submit their first Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plans (covering FY 2026–2029) to the Department of Health Care Services by this date. The Integrated Plan combines all county behavioral health funding streams (Medi-Cal, realignment, BHSA, etc.) and service plans into one plan.

July 1: BHSA Reforms "Go-Live"
- Counties operate under the new BHSA rules: funding allocations are recalibrated and new requirements kick in (e.g. counties can now use BHSA funds for substance use disorder treatment, and must meet specified spending targets for housing supports and Full-Service Partnerships).

October 6: Justice-Involved Services Fully Implemented
- Behavioral health providers working with justice-involved populations should note that all Counties are required to implement by October 2026, therefore, eligible incarcerated individuals in any county can receive pre-release care coordination, medication-assisted treatment, and other services before discharge.

California Department of Health Care Services: Evidence-Based Practices, California Department of Health Care Services: Integrated Plans, California Department of Health Care Services: October 9, 2024 News Release

Transitional Rent

What is Transitional Rent?

Transitional rent is a *Medi-Cal Community Support* that helps members experiencing or at risk of homelessness cover short-term housing costs while they transition to stable, long-term housing.

What does Transitional Rent offer?

- Up to **6 months of rental assistance** in interim or permanent settings
- Storage fees, amenity fees, and landlord-paid utilities (if part of rent payment)

BH-CONNECT: Transitional Rent

Who is eligible?

Beginning January 1, 2026, all Managed Care Plans must offer Transitional Rent for the Behavioral Health Population of Focus. The table below outlines the eligibility criteria for members and the documentation requirements that providers must complete:

Member Eligibility Criteria	Provider Requirements
☐ Meet clinical eligibility for Severe Mental Illness (SMI)/Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Eligible **AND** ☐ Experiencing or at risk of homelessness **AND** ☐ Transitioning from institution	☐ Submission of Housing Support Plan (HSP) ☐ Sustainability Funding after Transitional Rent ends *(interim housing must have a plan to transition to BHSA or another long-term subsidy such as HUD vouchers or PSH)* ☐ Submission of Attestation of Habitability for identified unit ☐ Submission of lease if required by health plan

Behavioral Health Planning in the Tri Counties

CenCal Health Plan

Gold Coast Health Plan

Kaiser Permanente

Transitional Rent - Eligibility and Requirements

For Transitional Rent's Behavioral Health Population of Focus (PoF) launching January 1, 2026, the County will be the primary referral partner.

Eligibility Criteria

☑ Member meets <u>clinical eligibility</u> for SMI/SUD or FSP Eligible

AND

☑ Experiencing or at risk of homelessness

AND

☑ Transitioning from institution

Ref: <u>DHCS Community Support Policy Guide Volume 2</u>; <u>HUD Definition of Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness</u>

Requirements
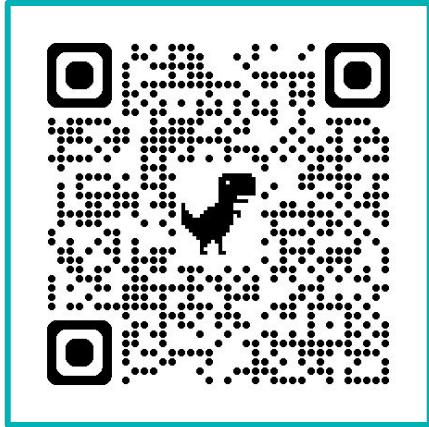
☑ Submission of Housing Support Plan (HSP)

☑ Submission of Attestation of Habitability for identified unit

☑ Submission of lease in allowable setting

☑ Sustainability Funding after Transitional Rent ends *Commitment from County to provide BHSA or other funding to continue rent after Transitional Rent benefit*

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Discussion

1. How are County Behavioral Health and MCPs coordinating on transitional rent and BHSA requirements?
2. Beginning in January, how can CalAIM providers refer their eligible clients for Transitional Rent?

New DHCS CalAIM Implementation Data

Statewide Snapshot

2025 Q1

ECM:

- 177,000+ unique members enrolled
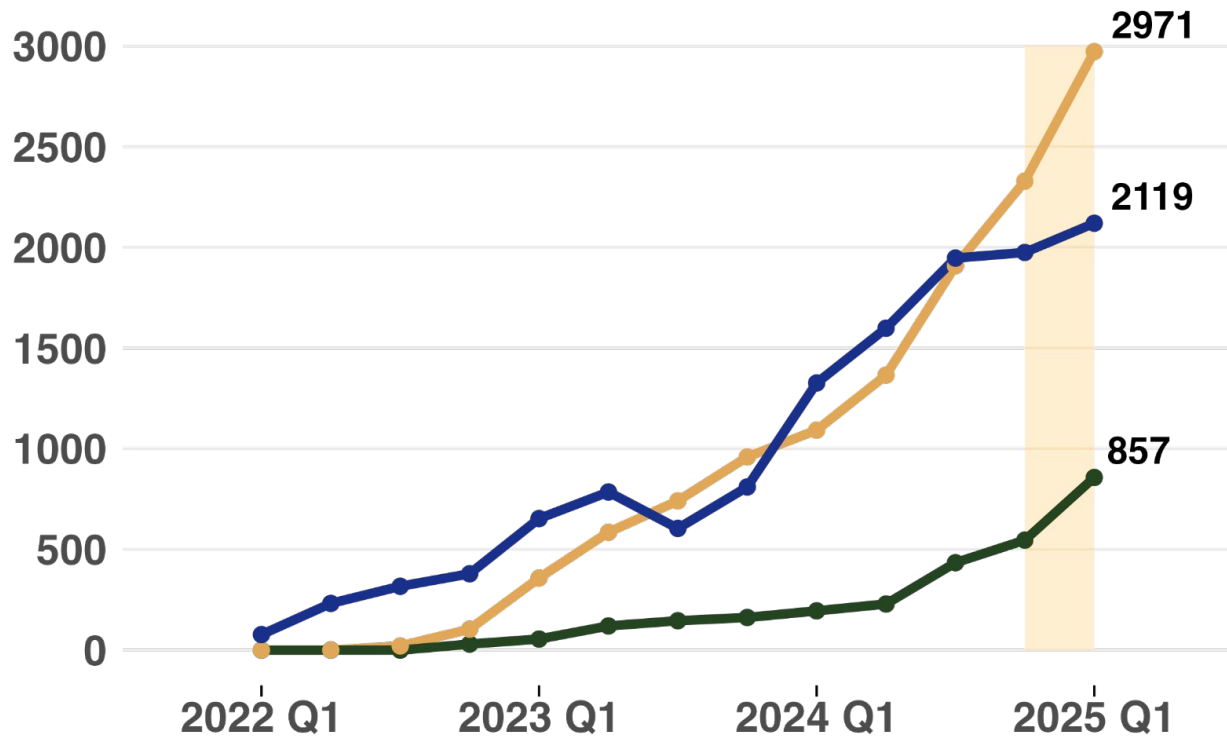- 38,000+ children and youth under 21 served

Community Supports:

- 168,000+ unique members received services
- 11,900+ children and youth under 21 served
- Top 3 Services:
    - Medically Tailored Meals
    - Housing Transition Navigation
    - Housing Tenancy and Sustaining

From 2024 Q1 to 2025 Q1, ECM enrollment of unique members increased 61%

From Q1 2024 to Q1 2025, CS enrollment of unique members grew by 62%

Tracking our progress: ECM

Tri Counties, ECM Enrollment by Quarter

From December 2024 to March 2025:
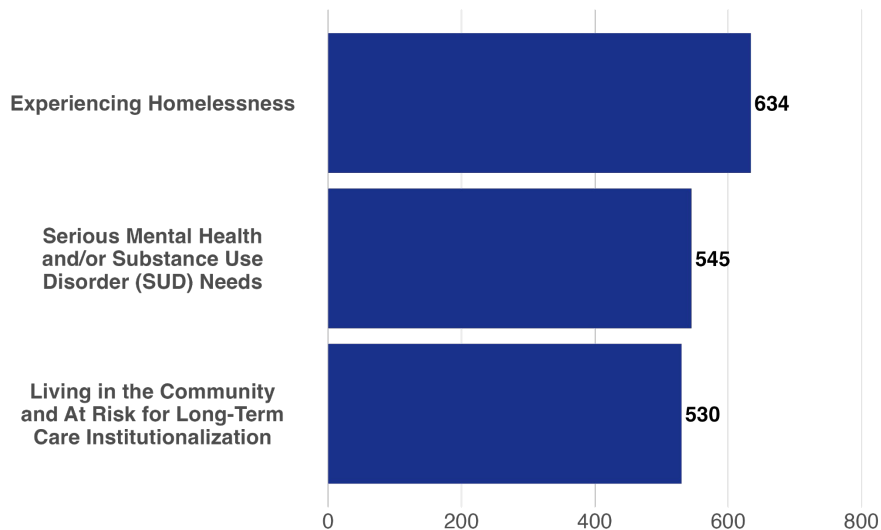
Santa Barbara: 28% increase

Ventura: 7% increase
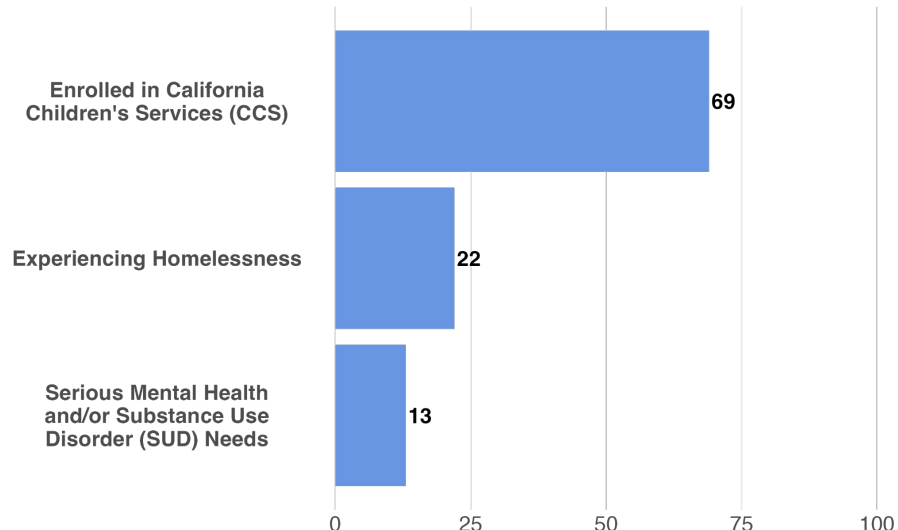
San Luis Obispo: 60% increase

Tracking our progress: ECM

Ventura County, Top 3 PoFs
2025 Q1

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Adults

Category	Value
Experiencing Homelessness	634
Serious Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Needs	545
Living in the Community and At Risk for Long-Term Care Institutionalization	530

Children

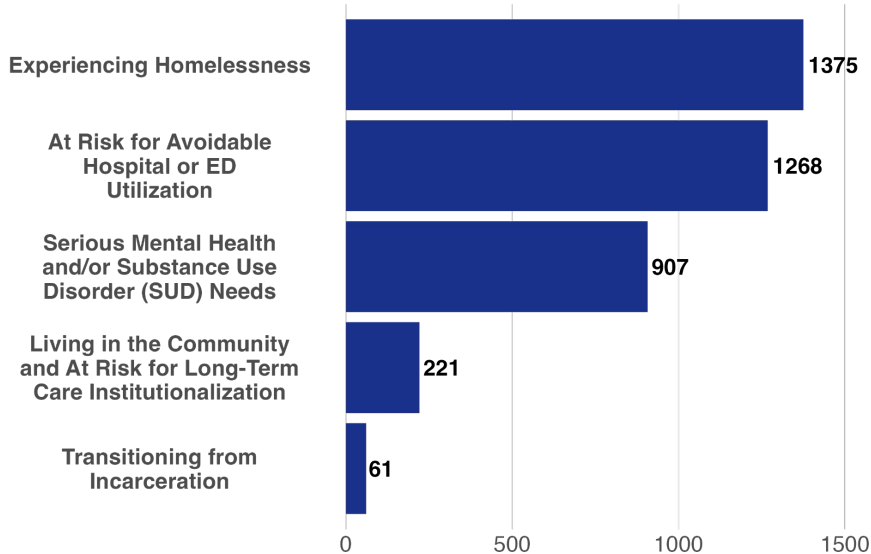| Category	Value
Enrolled in California Children's Services (CCS)	69
Experiencing Homelessness	22
Serious Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Needs	13

Only 3 PoFs are shown; the remaining groups had fewer than 10 members

Tracking our progress: ECM

Santa Barbara County, Top 5 PoFs
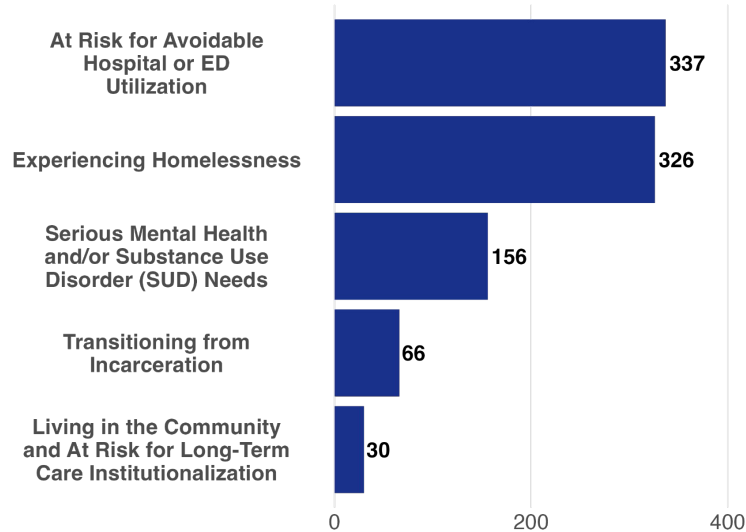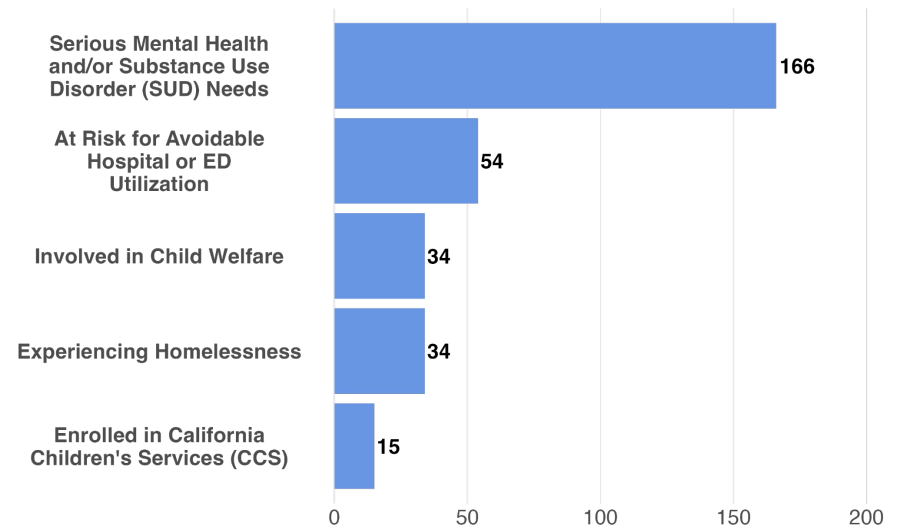2025 Q1

Adults

Population of Focus	Value
Experiencing Homelessness	1375
At Risk for Avoidable Hospital or ED Utilization	1268
Serious Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Needs	907
Living in the Community and At Risk for Long-Term Care Institutionalization	221
Transitioning from Incarceration	61

Children

Population of Focus	Value
Involved in Child Welfare	226
At Risk for Avoidable Hospital or ED Utilization	223
Serious Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Needs	194
Enrolled in California Children's Services (CCS)	148
Experiencing Homelessness	124

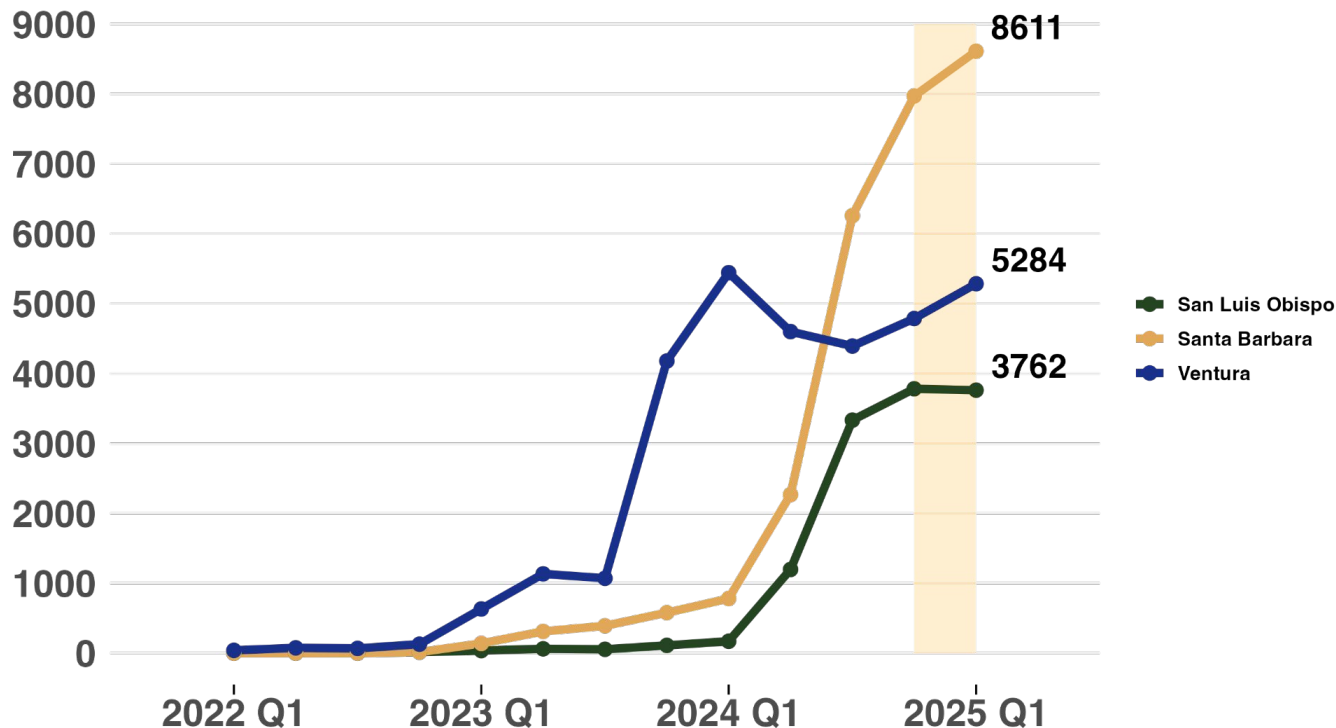# Tracking our progress: ECM

San Luis Obispo County, Top 5 PoFs
2025 Q1

Tracking our progress: Community Supports

Tri Counties, Community Support Utilization by Quarter

Top 2 Community Supports Across All 3 Counties:

1. **Medically Tailored Meals**

2. **Housing Transition Navigation Services**

Public Comment Opportunity:
Behavioral Health Services Act County Policy Manual

Open for public comment
through 4 pm P.T. on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

Written comments should be submitted to
BHTinfo@dhcs.ca.gov with the subject line:

Feedback on Performance Measures

Public Comment Opportunity:
Behavioral Health Services Act Population-Based Prevention Program Guide

Open for public comment
through 11:59 pm P.T. on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.
Please follow the **CDPH online form** to provide feedback.

Final Technical Assistance Marketplace (TAM) Opportunity

As of 6/24/25, a shift in TAM project qualifications limits the timeframe for project approval and eligibility. **Availability of funds may decrease starting January 2026.**

New Eligibility Criteria

Projects will be approved for **NEW TA Recipients only** (except for transitional rent support or as determined by DHCS)

There is a limit of **ONE project per TA Recipient**

TA projects may **not exceed $150k** and must be **within 12 months**

TA Recipients not yet contracted with an MCP for ECM and/or Community Supports will be **required to provide a rationale** for how their proposed TA project will support their contracting efforts

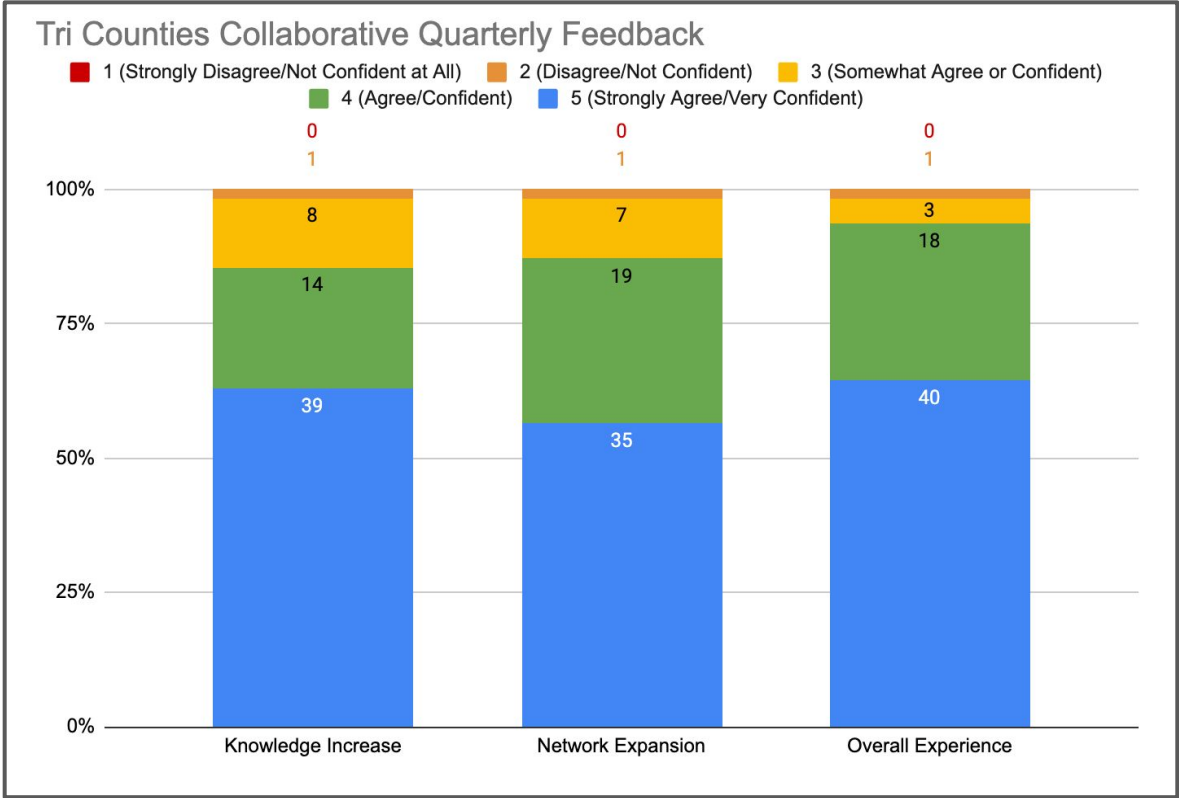## Impact on Tri Counties Providers

Providers are encouraged to **apply for funding at earliest convenience** as approval is not guaranteed
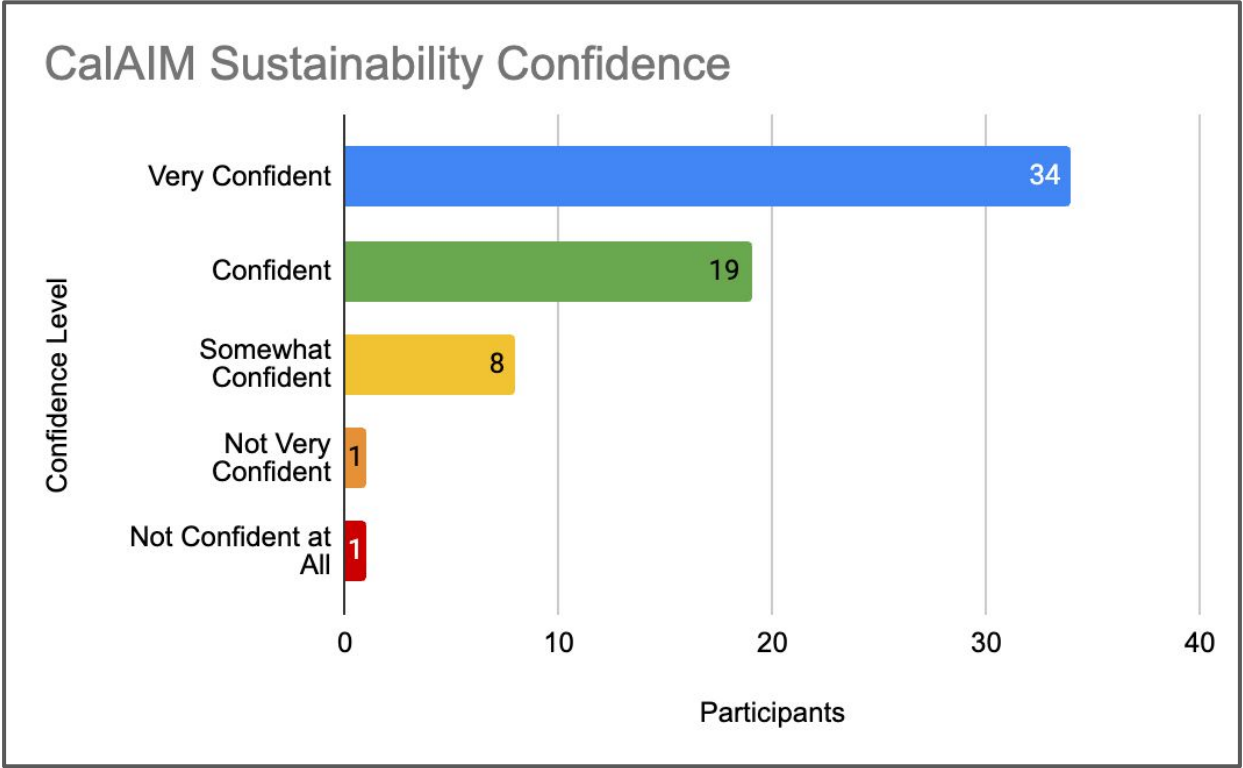
It is not necessary to be a contracted provider, however a **letter of attestation** and intent to contract will be required

https://www.ca-path.com/ta-marketplace

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Quarter 3 Tri Counties Response to DHCS CalAIM Survey

Quarter 3 DHCS CalAIM Survey Results

CalAIM Sustainability Confidence

Confidence Level	Participants
Very Confident	34
Confident	19
Somewhat Confident	8
Not Very Confident	1
Not Confident at All	1

DHCS requests your feedback

This statewide PATH Collaborative survey measures:

- The impact of participation in the collaborative
- The value of partnerships across organizations
- The sustainability of our progress

See you at our last meeting of the year!

BluePath HEALTH

Tri Counties CalAIM PATH Collaborative

December 17, 2025
11am - 12:30pm

Register now:

Thank you for attending!

Check out our Resource Center!

Our Resource Center has updated resources, including *immigration resources and policy updates.*

Check out the *Past Materials Page* for all recordings and slide decks of collaborative meetings since January 2024!

Check it out:

See past meeting materials

Thanks for joining!

Questions? pathinfo@bluepathhealth.com