

# APS Leaders Institute

## Including Older Adults in County Behavioral Health Planning



California counties are developing 3-year behavioral health service plans to support those living with the most significant mental health and substance use needs. This workshop will provide information about the new requirements and opportunities for county behavioral health services as well as the process for final plan submission to the state before July 2026. Presenters from the California Department of Aging will share stakeholder resources they have developed, including their county toolkits.

The California Behavioral Health Association represents the voices of community-based organizations at the state Capitol, with state agencies, and the federal government. Its CEO will share the impact and opportunities of the new requirements from the perspective of on-the-ground providers.

Register for this workshop and learn about the services offered through the Behavioral Health Services Act and how your adult service programs can have a voice in your county's planning; elevate the needs of older adults; and increase collaboration between aging and behavioral health programs and providers.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will:

- Learn how new policies and funding are creating opportunities to improve behavioral health care for older adults at the local level.
- Identify the required program areas funded through the Behavioral Health Services Act and Proposition 1.
- Increase knowledge of the planning process and decision-makers for behavioral health services in your county.
- Gain awareness of the impact and opportunities for community-based behavioral health providers to create a more seamless experience for the individuals they serve.

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### VIRTUAL EVENT

**Date: January 21, 2026**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m PT**

This course will be conducted remotely through Zoom.



### REGISTRATION

**[Use this Zoom registration link to sign-up to attend.](#)**

**Registration due date no later than Mon. January 12, 2026**



### AUDIENCE

This workshop is intended for Adult Services Leaders and APS managers.

## Meet the Presenters

**Sarah Steenhausen**, Deputy Director of the Division of Policy, Research, and Engagement, California Department of Aging

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### Workshop Format:

- Panel Presentations
- Question and Answer Session
- Debriefing with all participants
- Feedback and End of Day Evaluation

### Workshop Registration:

Please complete your registration for this workshop by following the Zoom link:

<https://SDSU.zoom.us/meeting/register/MI6KmFILQbCmyxxeWq0KnQ>

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