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**San Benito County Mental Health Services Act,
Request for MHSa Prevention and Early Intervention Funds for the Statewide
Project for Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building**

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC) approved five (5) MHSa Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) statewide projects. One of the projects is the Training and Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Project. DMH has made available funds to every county for the PEI statewide training project through an application process for each of the four (4) years of the project funding cycle.

The County Behavioral Department has already applied for and received DMH approval for funding to support the local planning process required for submission of the San Benito County PEI Plan. Because the completion of the County PEI Plan and funding request was the priority over the statewide PEI projects the Behavioral Health Department did not apply for the statewide PEI projects funding.

The Statewide PEI Training and Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Projects are intended to demonstrate the capacity to increase skills and promote positive outcomes. The training, technical assistance and capacity building activities are required to meet two criteria; Ability to develop and provide statewide training, technical assistance and capacity building services and programs, and Ability to partner with local and community partners via subcommittee or other arrangements to assure the appropriate provision of community-based prevention and early intervention activities.

Now that the Behavioral Health Department's local PEI projects are funded and in their initial implementation phase it is relevant for Behavioral Health to apply for the statewide PEI projects and Technical Assistance and Capacity Building funds.

See Enclosure I,
Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form

(Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Project)

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, this Request is being posted for a 30-day public comment period prior to submission to the State DMH. The posting period will be from 03/09/10 to 04/07/10. Actual Hardcopy of the Request may be obtained by calling the San Benito County Behavioral Health Department at (831) 636-4020 or, by emailing msanchez@sbcmh.org

Comments should be made with attention to Maria Sanchez, Administrative Specialist II by phone call to the San Benito County Behavioral Health Department at (831) 636-4020 or, by emailing msanchez@sbcmh.org

**Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Funds Request Form
(Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Project)**

Date: February 24, 2010	County Name: San Benito
Amount Requested for FY 2008/09: \$8,300	Amount Requested for FY 2009/10: \$ 8,300
<p>Briefly describe your plan for using the Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building funding and indicate (if known) potential partner(s) or contractor(s).</p> <p>San Benito County will work with a contractor that we have yet to identify that has the demonstrated ability and experience to develop projects that provide statewide training, technical assistance, and capacity building programs in partnership with local and community partners. The contractor will identify and link us with other counties that have similar training and capacity building needs and will partner with local and community partners via sub-contracts or other arrangements in order to help assure the appropriate provision of prevention and early intervention activities in our local communities. The contractor will use training methods that have demonstrated capacity to increase skills and promote positive outcomes consistent with the MHSA and PEI guidelines.</p>	
<p>The County and its contractor(s) for these services agree to comply with the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This funding established pursuant to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) shall be utilized for activities consistent with the intent of the Act and proposed guidelines for the Prevention and Early Intervention component of the County's Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. 2) Funds shall not be used to supplant existing state or county funds utilized to provide mental health services. 3) These funds shall only be used to pay for the programs authorized in WIC Section 5892. 4) These funds may not be used to pay for any other program. 5) These funds may not be loaned to the state General Fund or any other fund of the state, or a county general fund or any other county fund for any purpose other than those authorized by WIC Section 5892. 6) These funds shall be used to support a project(s) that demonstrates the capacity to develop and provide statewide training, technical assistance and capacity building services and programs in partnership with local and community partners via subcontracts or other arrangements to assure the appropriate provision of community-based prevention and early intervention activities. 7) These funds shall be used to support a project(s) that utilizes training methods that have demonstrated the capacity to increase skills and promote positive outcomes consistent with the MHSA and PEI proposed guidelines. <p>Certification</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY to the best of my knowledge and belief this request in all respects is true, correct, and in accordance with the law.</p> <p>_____ Director, County Mental Health Program (original signature)</p>	