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**California Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)
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The California Budget for 2021-2022 included a historic \$4.4 billion investment and five-year plan to transform the behavioral health system for children and youth. The goal of California's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) is to better connect children and youth to behavioral health care through the creation of an online platform, investment in school-based services, and expanding the infrastructure for behavioral health services. The initiative intends to transform California's behavioral health system into an innovative ecosystem where all children and youth from birth to age 25 have access to services for emerging and existing behavioral health needs, regardless of health payer.

With the effort led by the California Health and Human Services Agency, in partnership with other state departments, the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) is responsible for expanding training for existing behavioral health professionals and increasing the behavioral health workforce that is culturally and linguistically proficient and capable of providing age-appropriate services to children, youth, and families.

HCAI's activities will support the development, administration, and evaluation of both existing and new workforce programs. HCAI will:

- Create a School Behavioral Health Coach and Counselor Workforce
- Expand Training Capacity for Psychiatry, and Social Workers
- Develop the Substance Use Disorder Workforce
- Build the Behavioral Health Workforce Pipeline
- Build "Earn and Learn" Apprenticeship Models
- Enhance Training to Serve Justice and System-Involved Youth
- Expand Behavioral Health Training for Primary Care Providers
- Expand Peer Personnel Training and Placement Programs
- Augment Existing HCAI Loan Repayment, Scholarship, and Stipend Programs to Support Behavioral Health Disciplines

HCAI's activities begin by engaging with public partners, private partners, community-based organizations, and representatives from the community who use and provide behavioral health services. We are looking for expert input and grassroots experience as the foundation for design and development of these programs. We are committed to hearing directly from youth

including youth of color, LGBTQ+ youth, youth who are Limited English proficient, youth with disabilities, foster and former foster youth, youth who are unhoused and justice and system-involved youth and their families.