



CMHACY California Mental Health Advocates
for Children and Youth

Save the Date

The 32nd Annual Conference May 15–17, 2012 Pre-Conference May 14

Making Policy and Politics Work

Doing What's Best for Children, Youth, and Families

Repeal, Reform, and Realignment

Changes in the environment impacting service delivery are profound.

The **Repeal** of AB 3632 (transitioning service delivery from county mental health to local education entities, via AB 114) has raised concerns, especially on the part of parents and caregivers. Will new education personnel demonstrate the skill set needed to address the mental health issues facing children and youth? At the high end of student behavioral disturbances will caregivers be forced to self-criminalize, giving up their parental rights in order to receive services?

The **Reform**, mandated by the Katie A LAWSUIT settlement, will require county mental health departments to broaden the scope of Medi-Cal services to children and youth. How will this be accomplished in the midst of a budget crisis?

The **Realignment** of the financial responsibility for service programs from the state to local county government, is huge! This movement will affect many pops, including, but not limited to, children, youth, and families. With many and varied needs calling for local funds, how secure are the safeguards protecting existing service programs for children and youth? Now more than ever, critical decisions need to be guided by the core values of CMHACY and the Childrens System of Care. In particular, the value of interagency collaboration needs to be a priority to support emerging partnerships between education, child welfare, and mental health.

As advocates we need to be informed in our efforts to influence decision makers. The CMHACY conference can provide this information. The CMHACY Conference has remained strong in the face of severe financial restrictions. The 2011 attendance surpassed that of 2010. For thirty-one years the CMHACY conference has showcased state of the art program models and the most current information on the policies and politics that affect these programs.

Be informed in this brave new world. Come to CMHACY 2012.

Call for Papers

We are seeking 90-minute workshops that demonstrate current programs and practices that produce positive outcomes in such areas as Educ / AB 114, Katie A, Foster Care, Juvenile Justice, Early Childhood, Health Care Reform, Youth and Family Advocates, Emerging Education Partnerships, Related Service Models, Parental Rights and Services, and Tay

If you wish to present, please email the following information to

Agenda@CMHACY.org by Dec 6, 2011

Your name, agency/organization, email, phone number, The names and roles of all presenters

An outline of your presentation Objectives – specific skills and strategies participants will learn

A brief bio of each presenter Target audience (family members, clinicians, administrators, etc)

The workshop title and a 50-word description for the agenda

Registration and Housing Forms are at WWW.CMHACY.org