

Current Projects and Strategies

- Convening regular educational meetings.
- Introducing and connecting individuals & organizations aligned with mental health services, education and workforce development.
- Supporting the start-up and implementation of a new Masters of Social Work Program at California State University Monterey Bay.
- Supporting the integration of the California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies (CASRA) psychosocial rehabilitation curriculum into community college programs.
- Convening a Regional Community College Task Force to expand and strengthen Human Services and related programs and supported education for consumers.
- Disseminating mental health and educational information from the local, regional and state levels to the Collaborative membership through meetings, events, email bulletins, conference calls and conferences.
- Working with the Bay Area MFT Educators Consortium in implementing changes to MFT curriculum.
- Offering technical assistance and curriculum support for high school mental health career pathways.
- Planning a workshop on Behavioral Health - Primary Care Integration for graduate faculty in local training programs.



the Collaborative

Greater Bay Area Mental Health & Education Workforce Collaborative

The Greater Bay Area Mental Health & Education Workforce Collaborative (the Collaborative) represents many different counties, agencies, organizations, and institutions, all committed to expanding the Greater Bay Area's public mental health workforce.

Today, mental health practice is focused on creating hope and supporting wellness, recovery and resiliency for people living with mental illness. Our goal is to create a workforce that understands and supports wellness and recovery, is culturally and linguistically competent, and includes consumers and family members throughout the mental health system.

Statewide, the Collaborative serves as a model of partnership amongst mental health organizations, consumers and family members, educational institutions, and other interested stakeholders.

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We meet bi-monthly in Oakland. Our Southern Bay Area Region Collaborative (Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties) meets quarterly in those communities.



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