

CALIFORNIA AND JANUS OF SANTA CRUZ BREAK GROUND ON NEW SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FACILITY

Project Will Include the First Residential Care Facility in the County for High-Risk Mothers and Their Children and Serve 244 Individuals Annually with Outpatient Care

SACRAMENTO — The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Janus of Santa Cruz broke ground on a new facility that will address critical gaps in mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. The facility will provide outpatient treatment for SUD and perinatal and postpartum residential care for women with SUDs and their children up to age 12.

DHCS awarded Janus more than \$5 million through the [Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program](https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/) (BHCIP), which works to expand the behavioral health facility infrastructure to serve the most vulnerable Californians. With the recently approved Proposition 1 bonds, in 2025 and 2026, [even more behavioral health treatment facilities](https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/bond-bhcup-rounds/) will be funded and built.



Groundbreaking for Janus of Santa Cruz Facility

Apart from Janus, Santa Cruz County has limited to no perinatal and postpartum residential care for women with complex needs and their children. In addition to serving women and children in Santa Cruz County, Janus' care extends to people in Monterey and San Benito counties. Through this new BHCIP grant, Janus will serve 244 individuals annually through its outpatient SUD treatment facility. Additionally, the grant will fund 25 beds in Janus' perinatal residential SUD facility.

"Programs like Janus' play a critical role in breaking the cycle of addiction," said **DHCS Director Michelle Baass**. "The expansion of this facility will help women and children get the care they need at a pivotal time in their lives."

"Janus of Santa Cruz has provided person-centered SUD services to Santa Cruz County for 48 years," said **Amber Williams, CEO of Janus of Santa Cruz**. "This state-funded project will empower us to serve many more children, youth, and families for years to come."

This effort, part of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (<https://cybhi.chhs.ca.gov/>), is a historic investment that provides grant funding to construct new facilities and expand existing facilities that help children, youth, transition-age youth, and pregnant or postpartum individuals and their families with mental health and/or SUDs.

JANUS OF SANTA CRUZ: Janus provides supportive SUD treatment services to pregnant and postpartum patients in a professional and compassionate environment while assisting them

and their families on their journey toward wellness and recovery. Janus works with community and regional partners to reduce repeat drug offenses among pregnant and postpartum women by providing critical health and human services. The new facility will provide critical services, including a women's intensive outpatient program, aftercare program, integrated behavioral health services, incidental medical services, [Enhanced Care Management \(/CalAIM/Documents/CalAIM-ECM-a11y.pdf\)](#), outpatient [Narcotic Treatment Programs \(/individuals/Pages/NTP.aspx\)](#), [Medication Assisted Treatment \(https://choosechange.ca.org/medication-assisted-treatment/about-mat/\)](#), [contingency management \(/Pages/DMC-ODS-Contingency-Management.aspx\)](#), referrals to recovery support residences, and [Medi-Cal peer support services \(/services/Pages/Peer-Support-Services.aspx\)](#).

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT: Through BHCIP, DHCS awards eligible entities funding to construct, acquire, and expand properties and invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to further expand the range of community-based behavioral health treatment options for people with mental health and SUDs. BHCIP is addressing historic gaps in the behavioral health care system to meet the growing demand for services and support throughout the lifespan of people in need.

DHCS has awarded \$1.7 billion in BHCIP competitive grants. In addition, DHCS will distribute up to \$4.4 billion in competitive Bond BHCIP funding, including [\\$3.3 billion for Round 1: Launch Ready grants \(/formsandpubs/publications/oc/Pages/2024/24-23.aspx\)](#). [Behavioral Health Transformation \(/BHT/Pages/home.aspx\)](#) is DHCS' work to implement [Proposition 1 \(https://www.mentalhealth.ca.gov/\)](#). DHCS holds regular public listening sessions. Updates and recordings of the sessions are available on the [Behavioral Health Transformation webpage \(/BHT/Pages/Stakeholder-Engagement.aspx\)](#).

ABOUT BHCIP ROUND 4: CHILDREN AND YOUTH: [BHCIP Round 4 \(https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/children-and-youth/\)](#) focused on Californians ages 25 and younger, including pregnant and postpartum women and their children and youth ages 16-25, along with their families. The 52 awards totaling \$480.5 million allowed for new construction and expansion of multiple outpatient and residential facility types, including children's crisis residential programs, perinatal residential SUD facilities, community wellness/youth prevention centers, and outpatient treatment for SUDs. Please see the [BHCIP website \(https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/\)](#) for more information about grant recipients and additional details about all BHCIP funding rounds.

California is transforming its entire mental health and SUD treatment system to provide better behavioral health care for all Californians. Learn more at [mentalhealth.ca.gov \(https://www.mentalhealth.ca.gov/\)](#).

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