

California National Guard (CNG) Work Plan
MHTSA MOU for FY 09-10

This MOU between the Department of Mental Health and the California National Guard:

- Establishes a Behavioral Health Outreach Liaison (BHL) pilot program to establish better processes and procedures for improved access to needed mental health services for CNG members.
- Improves coordination between CNG and mental health service systems.
- Provides outreach and education about CNG mental health issues.

Major Activities/Deliverables	Due Date	Primary Responsibility
Goal 1 – Provide a uniformed resource for initial contact and seamless referral to mental health services.		
Objective 1a: Hire 3 Behavioral Health Outreach Liaisons (BHLs): 2 licensed clinical staff and 1 coordinator	Dec 09	CNG Administrative Lead (Sacramento)
Objective 1b. Assign BHLs to offices in northern and southern California.	Dec 09	CNG Administrative Lead (Sacramento)
Objective 1c. Inform and educate CNG members of mental health services available to them	Jan 10	BHL Coordinator
Goal 2 – Improve access to county mental health services to CNG members returning from deployments.		
Objective 2a: Provide outreach to CNG members at drill weekend and other required training events throughout the deployment cycle.	Jan 10	BHL Providers
Objective 2b. Support the assessment process for CNG members to determine their mental health needs and identify referral resources.	Jan 10	BHL Providers

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Objective 2c. Ensure that the needs of referred CNG members are being met.	ongoing	BHL Coordinator, Providers
Goal 3 – Establish a process to improve coordination between the CNG, local veterans services, and county mental health departments throughout the state.		
Objective 3a. Meet and coordinate with county mental health directors to initiate, develop, and execute effective working relationships.	Feb 10	BHL Coordinator, CNG Administrative Lead (Sacramento)
Objective 3b. Meet and coordinate with county Veteran Service Officers to initiate, develop, and execute effective working relationships.	Feb 10	CNG Administrative Lead
Objective 3c. Coordinate activities between BHLs, collect and report program data, statistics	Jan 10	BHL Coordinator
Objective 3d. Develop and deliver training on military cultural competence and for local non-military mental health providers to ensure they can meet the needs of referred CNG members.	Apr 10	BHL Coordinator
Objective 3e. Educate, outreach to all mental health resources (professional associations, universities, etc.) regarding the unique needs of CNG members	Feb 10	BHL Coordinator