

GATE TEAM

The Gate Team was created to help individuals and families find treatment resources that match their needs in our community. Studies show that when people are placed in the proper level of care, that matches the severity of their problems, the outcomes are improved.

The Gate Team Mission Statement

To effectively, and in a timely manner screen, assess, place and ensure the best quality of recovery services for persons in the community experiencing drug and alcohol problems.

DID YOU KNOW?

Treatment priority is given to pregnant and/or parenting clients or applicants in the following order:

1. Pregnant injecting drug users;
2. Pregnant substance abusers;
3. Injecting drug users; and
4. All others

Contact the Kern County Mental Health Gate Team at 661-868-6453 or the Access Center at 661-868-8000

MISSION Statement

Working together to achieve hope, healing and a meaningful life in the community.

VISION Statement

People with mental illness and addictions recover to achieve their hopes and dreams, enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their community.

VALUES Statements

Hope, Healing, Community, Authority

We honor the potential in everyone

We value the whole person – mind, body and spirit

We focus on the person, not the illness

We embrace diversity and cultural competence

We acknowledge that relapse is not a personal failure

We recognize authority over our lives empowers us to make choices, solve problems and plan for the future



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Commission on Accreditation
of Rehabilitation Facilities

Kern County Mental Health has been accredited by CARF for the following programs: Mental Health Programs- Case Management; Children and Adolescents-Case Management & Crisis Stabilization; Integrated Alcohol & Other Drugs-Case Management & Children & Adolescents-Case Management; Employment Services-Community Employment Services



Kern County Mental Health Department

*Working together toward
Hope, Recovery and Independence*

THE GATE TEAM



SERVICES

ASSESSMENT

The Gate Team provides assessment and placement of individuals referred for notable substance use problems. There is no charge for the assessment and referral. Individuals make their own financial arrangements with service providers.

PLACEMENT

Following an assessment by a substance abuse specialist, individuals are referred to certified outpatient providers or residential providers.

PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to self-referrals, the Gate Team works closely with community contract providers, Probation, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the courts, and the Department of Human Services' Child Protective Services.



PROGRAMS SERVED

Assessment and placement services are available for self-referred individuals, misdemeanor probationers and parolees, CalWORKs, Child Protective Services, and felony probationers. Individuals are served on a walk in basis. Assessment and referral services are available throughout Kern County.

PROGRAM COSTS

There is no charge for the Gate Team assessment and referral. Some individuals may be eligible for or placed in programs that will pay for part or all of their treatment. Gate Team staff can assist in determining eligibility for these programs.

LOCATIONS

Gate Team staff (gatekeepers) are located in Bakersfield at the Juvenile Justice building, Superior Court, and Department of Human Services (1600 Belle Terrace). Gate Team administration is located at the Superior Court building, 1415 Truxtun Ave, Suite 400, Bakersfield, CA. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please phone 661-868-6453 for directions to the site most convenient for services.

BACKGROUND

Services provided by the Substance Use Disorder Division of the Department of Mental Health cover a continuum of care from primary prevention, to treatment and recovery. In the system of care we believe drug abuse is preventable and drug addiction is treatable.

According to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health:

- In 2013, an estimated 24.6 million Americans aged 12 or older were current (past month) illicit drug users, including 2.2 million adolescents aged 12 to 17, 60.1 million individuals aged 12 or older were past month binge drinkers, including 1.6 million adolescents.
- Of the estimated 22.7 million individuals aged 12 or older who needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol use problem, 2.5 million received treatment at a specialty facility.
- About 1 in 10 adolescents (10.7 percent) had a major depressive episode (MDE) in the past year. Among adolescents with MDE, 38.1 percent received treatment or counseling for depression in the past year.
- Nearly 1 in 5 adults aged 18 or older (18.5 percent) had a mental illness (i.e. "any mental illness," or AMI) in the past year; 4.2 percent had a serious mental illness (SMI); and 3.9 percent had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year
- 1.4 percent of adolescents had a co-occurring MDE and substance use disorder (SUD); 3.2 percent of adults had co-occurring AMI and SUD; and 1.0 percent of adults had co-occurring SMI and SUD.

