

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC) 1 Cities**



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**Service Area 1  
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## LACDMH Mission

Enriching lives through partnerships designed to strengthen the community's capacity to support recovery and resiliency.

## Our Values

**Integrity:** We conduct ourselves professionally according to the highest ethical standards

**Respect:** We recognize the uniqueness of every individual and treat all people in a way that affirms their personal worth and dignity.

**Accountability:** We take responsibility for our choices and their outcomes.

**Collaboration:** We work together toward common goals by partnering with the whole community, sharing knowledge, building strong consensus, and sharing decision making.

**Dedication:** We will do whatever it takes to improve the lives of our clients and communities.

**Transparency:** We will openly convey our ideas, decisions and outcomes to ensure trust in our organization.

**Quality and Excellence:** We identify the highest personal, organizational, professional and clinical standards and commit ourselves to achieving those standards by continually improving every aspect of our performance.

## What is Service Area Advisory Committee (SAAC)?

Service Area 1 Advisory Committee (SAAC) functions as a local forum of consumers, families, service providers and community representatives to provide the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) with information, advice and recommendations regarding:

- The functioning of local service systems
- The mental health service needs of their geographic service area
- The most effective/efficient use of available resources
- Maintaining effective communication between DMH, various groups and communities



## You Can Help

SAAC members reflect the rich diversity of the community. They are from all age groups, ethnic backgrounds, neighborhoods and communities. Members of SAAC may be individuals diagnosed with a mental illness or dealing with both mental illness and substance abuse. Whether you are a consumer, family member, community representative or representative of a local government agency; everyone is encouraged to join.

## Become an Advocate for Mental Health in Your Community

- Provide feedback to DMH on the quality of its programs and services
- Participate in DMH planning efforts
- Educate the community on mental health issues
- Provide feedback and help determine the community's mental health needs
- Share your unique perspective on mental health issues
- Attend monthly meetings and learn about mental health issues
- Meet other stakeholders of mental health advocating in your community

## Meetings are Open to the Public

Meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of the month from 3:00pm – 5:00pm at the **Antelope Valley Kidz Connection** located at 2323-A Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, CA 93550.

Please call in advance to confirm date, meeting time and your attendance. (661) 223-3800 You may also visit <http://avcalendar.org> for more information