In 2004, California voters passed Proposition 63, also known as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The Act sets aside money to help California’s mental health system become a consumer- and family-driven culturally and linguistically appropriate recovery and wellness system.

Solano County Behavioral Health Department (SCBHD) partnered with UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities (CRDH), to launch a community initiated MHSA project known as the Solano County Innovations Cultural Transformation Model. The project’s goal is to improve access and utilization of mental health services among Latino, Filipino American, and LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) communities of Solano County.

This project takes a community-oriented approach by partnering with three Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that have an expertise in each of the three communities to develop community-identified strategies that will:

- Reduce the stigma of mental health
- Promote wellness and culture
- Help identify those in need of services and connect them to treatment

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LEADING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**Fighting Back Partnership (FBP)** representing the Filipino American community is a nonprofit organization "committed to preventing and ending poverty and its effects" in Vallejo, California and throughout Solano County. FBP focuses on family strengthening, youth development, and civic engagement in public health initiatives.

**Solano Pride Center**, representing the LGBTQ community is a community-based nonprofit organization "welcoming any who wish to work with us toward an inclusive community for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity." Solano Pride is a resource center geared towards improving the lives of LGBTQ+ community in all of Solano County through community engagement, peer support groups, counseling, and social gatherings and events.

**Rio Vista C.A.R.E., Inc** representing the Latino community is a community-based family resource center with the capacity to provide on-site access to comprehensive prevention and treatment services for families, children, youth, and adults. Rio Vista, services as a vehicle for engaging the Rio Vista community and surrounding rural areas.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**FILIPINO COMMUNITY EFFORTS**

FBP created a coalition of community members, Filipinx Mental Health Initiative – Solano County (FMHI-Solano), which aims to reduce stigma and increase access of mental health services to Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Solano County. FMHI-Solano works with the Filipino community to access care that is defined by our values, culture, and needs. We will do this through storytelling, capacity building, and health education.

**LGBTQ COMMUNITY EFFORTS**

Solano Pride will bridge the gap between faith-based organizations, affirming churches and other accepting religious entities to create a sense of community and safe spaces for the LGBTQ population around mental health and well-being.

Solano Pride is also developing peer support groups for parents to discuss risk factors associated with mental illness such as stigma, discrimination, and isolation, while promoting culture, inclusivity, and mental health wellness.

**LATINO COMMUNITY EFFORTS**

Rio Vista CARE will reduce the stigma and increase utilization of mental health services among the Latino community through community engagement, improving health literacy at the consumer level, and provider-community partnerships.

Rio Vista CARE is partnering with local NAMI organization and other county agencies to strengthen community connections that positively encourage social networks, and support groups among the Latino community.

**ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA-REDUCTION PROJECT**

Project coordinators will coordinate a county-wide stigma-reduction collaboration project. Examples include Mental Health Awareness Month celebrations, movie screenings, and art project.