



## CO-OCCURRING INFORMED PRACTICE PROVIDER CONTRACT EXPECTATIONS

All Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) contract providers are expected to submit an online Annual Assessment that identifies Housing/Living Situation and Co-Occurring Informed Practice activities they implemented in BHCS-funded programs. This on-line assessment must be completed by July 10<sup>th</sup> (after the end of each contract year).

**Increasing the prevalence of Co-Occurring Informed Practices is a Quality Improvement priority,** and reflects a BHCS commitment to offer services addressing the mental health, substance use and primary care needs of consumers and family members with complex conditions.

The Co-Occurring Conditions (COC) Initiative supports the efforts of our Provider Network to deliver services to people of all ages with co-occurring conditions, by implementing practices that are welcoming, hopeful, recovery-oriented, trauma-informed and culturally-resonant. *Please direct questions about the Co-Occurring Informed Practice component of the Annual Assessment to the BHCS Quality Improvement Unit at [QI\\_Info@acbhcs.org](mailto:QI_Info@acbhcs.org).*

Exhibit A-1 requires all providers to “operationalize at least one activity to promote Co-Occurring Informed Practice” within one or more of their BHCS funded programs. Providers can meet the requirement in several ways:

### I. Improving Accuracy in Identifying People with Co-Occurring Conditions

**Six practices that will help your program assess clients for co-occurring conditions.** See “Preview Copy- BHCS Annual Assessment ” at <http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/network/docs.htm>

### II. Improving Co-Occurring Practices throughout Your Organization.

- **BHCS Welcoming Toolkit:** Choose from three sets of low-cost, easy-to-learn and easy-to-use practices that will increase the co-occurring capability of your program. Download toolkit: [http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QI/docs/Welcoming\\_Toolkit.pdf](http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QI/docs/Welcoming_Toolkit.pdf)
- **COMPASS-EZ:** This “organizational self-assessment” helps your team identify which policies and procedures can be changed to make your program more co-occurring capable. Email the BHCS Quality Improvement Unit at [QI\\_Info@acbhcs.org](mailto:QI_Info@acbhcs.org) to get a copy.
- **NIATx Process Improvement Toolkit:** Sixteen low-cost, easy-to-learn, easy-to-use “process improvement” tools that will help you plan, implement, improve and sustain any kind of operational change. More information at: <http://www.niatx.net/Content/ContentPage.aspx?PNID=2&NID=18>