

**California Health Facilities Financing Authority
Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth**

**County of Kings
Children and Youth Mobile Crisis Team**



Pictured from left to right: Clinician Christina Thomas, Clinician Jalene Vincent Welch, Support Counselor Talon Waite, Clinician Mackenna Dixon, Program Manager Herschel O'Brien, Support Counselor Rudy Magana, and Program Director Christee Rivas

On February 24, 2022, the Authority approved Resolution No. CY 2022-01, awarding the County of Kings (County) grant funds in the amount of \$227,365 (\$66,310 in capital funding and \$161,055 in annual personnel funding for up to five years) to develop one new Mobile Crisis Support Team (MCST), consisting of one new vehicle and two new staff. The MCST team is specifically focused on responding to referrals of children and youth experiencing a psychiatric crisis from schools, Child Welfare Services, or the Children's Mental Health Plan clinic.

On October 31, 2023, the Authority approved a 60-day extension for the County, extending the open and operational milestone condition deadline from October 31, 2023 to December 30, 2023. The County has purchased a vehicle, hired one MCST staff, and is in the process of hiring a second staff. The MCST became open and operational on December 1, 2023, and as of December 15, 2023, the MCST received one call, but the County believes that it will fill the remaining staff position soon, and after continued marketing of the MCST services to local schools and the new school start, the program volume will ramp up.