

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

County of Tulare
Children and Youth Mobile Crisis Team



Pictured from left to right: Crisis Clinician Christian Davalos, LMFT; Health Information Specialist Cynthia Figueroa; Crisis Clinician Denise Olivares, AMFT; Crisis Clinician Kasandra Frederick, ASW; Crisis Clinician Jennie Perez, ASW; Clinical Supervisor John Vining, LMFT

On April 29, 2021, the Authority approved Resolution No. CY 2021-09, awarding the County of Tulare (County) grant funds in the amount of \$494,785 (\$29,934 in capital funds and \$464,851 in annual personnel funding for up to five years) to add one new Mobile Crisis Support Team (MCST) by purchasing one new vehicle and hiring four and a quarter new staff. The MCST provides timely access to community based mental health crisis services for children and youth ages 21 and under, addressing the behavioral needs of children, youth and families in their communities and the population that resides in the outskirts of the county. Services provided by the MCST include crisis assessment and intervention, linkage to resources that will assist in the individual's recovery from a crisis, transportation to hospitals, and crisis first response. The County anticipates responding to approximately 1,512 clients annually.

On June 28, 2023, the CHFFA executive director approved a 60-day delegation extension for the MCST, extending the open and operational deadline from June 30, 2023 to August 29, 2023. The MCST became open and operational on August 21, 2023 and conducted its first MCST response on August 24, 2023.

CHFFA disbursed \$25,134.93 in capital funds to the County for the purchase of the MCST vehicle, and the county has forfeited \$4,799.01 in capital funds. The County has hired 6 MCST staff, of which 4.25 FTE are funded through the CHFFA grant.