

Program Goals

- **More timely, comprehensive and strength-based assessment of children and families**
- **Earlier diagnosis of critical medical conditions**
- **Increased cooperation between families, caregivers, providers of services and DCFS**
- **More appropriate team placement decisions for children**
- **More consideration given to sibling, relative, and community placements**
- **Earlier access to medical and mental health service for children and families**



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Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT)



What is MAT?

Multidisciplinary Assessment Teams (MAT) is an exciting collaborative effort between the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and other community providers. It is designed to ensure the immediate and comprehensive assessment of children and youth entering out-of-home placement. Currently MAT is operational in SPA's 3 and 6, but it will be rolled out county-wide in the near future.

Program Description

When a child is detained, he/she is eligible to receive a Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT) assessment through DCFS. The MAT assessment was designed to make sure that all child/family needs are assessed when a child/youth enters foster care.



This assessment is meant to help a family meet some special needs a child(ren) may have that place this family in danger of a lengthy separation. The information gathered by this assessment will be used to determine what services are most needed by the child(ren) with the intention of using this information for the most appropriate placement of the child while ensuring that his/her needs will be met.

MAT Assessments address the following areas:

- Medical
- Dental
- Developmental
- Hearing/Language
- Education
- Mental Health
- Family Caregiver
- Vocational



CURRENT MAT AGENCIES

Service Area 3

The Almansor Center

Bienvenidos Children Center

ENKI Health & Research System

Foothill Family

Five Acres

Hathaway-Sycamores Child Family Services

Hillside

Mc Kinley Children's Center

Pacific Clinics

Prototypes

Service Area 6

Afaia Mental Health Institute

Amanecer Community Counseling Services

Children's Institute Inc.

Compton MHS Specialized Foster Care

Counseling 4 Kids

Drew Child Development Corporation

Kedren CMHC

LAUSD

Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

Personal Involvement Center Inc.

South Central Health & Rehabilitation Program

SHIELDS For Families

StarView Community Services

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