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- May 1st Submission (September 1st through February 28th Reporting Period)
- October 1st Submission (March 1st through August 31st Reporting Period)

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If your answer below is blank or zero, please provide an explanation.

PART A: Potential Subclass Members Identified During the Reporting Period			
Item #	Information Requested	Column 1 Beneficiary Count	Column 2 Next Steps/Timelines
1	Potential Subclass Members	0	Currently no children or youth are on the list during this or previous reporting period. Sierra County is continuing to identify potential subclass members-Monthly
2	Potential Subclass Members who received a mental health assessment and do not meet medical necessity criteria for SMHS.	1	We have one Full Service Partnership child (non-Child Welfare) whom we are serving in Mental Health for a Guardianship case. Otherwise no unduplicated children or youth in Mental Health, Full Service Partnership, or group homes. Sierra County is continuing plan and to build tools for any potential members. December 31, 2014
3	Potential Subclass Members who have been referred to MHP for a full mental health assessment to determine medical necessity criteria for SMHS, and have not yet been assessed.	0	No list of children or youth who are eligible during this reporting period by Child Welfare and/or shared with Mental Health as the County has no children receiving services. County is continuing plan and build tools for any potential members. December 31, 2014
4	Potential subclass members who were unknown to the MHP during the reporting period.	0	There are no children on our list during this reporting period. Sierra County is working on our collaborative process between Child Welfare and our Mental Health Department's so that we can assess the needs of children and youth who are identified as potential subclass members.

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PART B: Services Provided to Identified Subclass Members at Any Time During the Reporting Period			
Item #	Information Requested	Column 1 Beneficiary Count	Column 2 Timelines
1	Subclass Members	0	No children or youth are on the list during this reporting period.
2	Receiving Intensive Care Coordination (ICC).	0	No ICC children or youth are on the list during this reporting period.
3	Receiving Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS).	0	No IHBS children or youth are on the list during this reporting period.
4	Receiving intensive Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) through a Wraparound Program or Full Service Partnership Program consistent with the Core Practice Model (CPM), but not claimed as ICC and IHBS. <i>Do not include youth already counted in 2 or 3 above.</i>	0	No SMHS children or youth are on the list during this reporting period. No Children or youth in Full Service Partnerships or claimed in the above category. Sierra County is continuing the development of our plan using the Core Practice Model. Staffing changes caused a delay in the planning process. December 31, 2014
5	Receiving other intensive SMHS, but not receiving ICC or IHBS. Examples of intensive SMHS may include: Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC), or Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC). <i>Do not include youth already counted in 2, 3, or 4</i>	0	No subclass members identified. Sierra County in working on the development of our plan. Staffing changes caused a delay in the planning process. December 31, 2014
6	Receiving mental health services not reported in 2, 3, 4, & 5 above (include children who are receiving mental health services outside of the Medi-Cal mental health system, i.e. services paid for by private insurance or other sources).	0	No children are receiving services outside of Medi-Cal mental health system.
7	Not receiving mental health services (neither through Medi-Cal nor through any other program or funding source).	0	No subclass members are receiving services through other program funding
8	Declined to receive ICC or IHBS.	0	No subclass members.

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PART C: Projected Services			
Item #	Service	Projected number of subclass members to be receiving services by August 31 st	Strategy/Timeline Description
1 (a)	ICC	0	<p>Provide County action steps and timelines to be used to provide (and claim for) ICC and IHBS to subclass members.</p> <p>Sierra County's Social Services department bi-monthly staff meetings. All Social Workers, the Social Worker Supervisor and the Assistant Director of Health and Human Services attend these staff meetings. The focus of these staff meetings are to introduce new referrals, staff ongoing cases and coordinate follow up/services for all open cases. This will be broadened to include Mental Health team members.</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Health and Human Services, along with the Social Worker Supervisor, utilizes the staff meetings to verify that all newly identified children/youth within the system are accessed for membership to the Katie A. subclass. (Recruitment of a Social Worker Supervisor is in process)This constant review of referrals and staffing of all cases allows the leadership of the department to also distinguish if any children or youth fall into any of the listed classifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Children/youth who are receiving intensive Specialty Mental Health Services through a Wraparound Program or Full Service Partnership Program consistent with the Core Practice Model, but not claimed as ICC or IHBS. *Children/youth are receiving other intensive Specialty Mental Health Services, but not receiving ICC or IHBS. *Children/youth are receiving services that are not listed as the two options above or ICC or IHBS. *Children/youth who are not receiving any type of Specialty Mental Health Services. *Children/youth who declined ICC or IHBS services. <p>Sierra County Behavioral Health department is currently in the implementation phase with Kings View Corporation for Electronic Health Record Information System and All Pay Sources Billing Services. This system, once the training and implemented is completed, would allow Sierra County to claim for ICC and IHBS services. At this time Sierra County Health and Human Services is not a Medi-Cal agency. Once the medical record software implementation is computed, Sierra County will pursue with the process to become Medi-Cal approved for Mental Health. This could take as long as January 2016.</p>

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1 (b)	IHBS	0	See Above
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Is your county experiencing the following implementation barriers?

Hiring	Yes	No
Training	Yes	No
Service Availability	Yes	No
County Contracting Process	Yes	No

Please provide an explanation for any Yes responses above. Are there other barriers not listed above? Explain and add pages, as needed.

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Please provide an update to the Readiness Assessment Tool counties completed in May 2013. Describe activities related to each section during the reporting period, including actual or anticipated results. Include activities that support family-centered principals, and promote implementation of the ICC and IHBS using Core Practice Model. Identify activities that occur jointly and those that occur separately by child welfare and mental health agencies. Include information about barriers, as appropriate, and strategies to address them.

For each section, please indicate if training or technical assistance from the state is needed. When indicated, CDSS and DHCS will contact the county child welfare and mental health departments for further information. Please note that training and technical assistance needs will be addressed in a coordinated manner through each county’s child welfare and mental health contacts.

Use additional pages, if necessary.

Readiness Assessment Section	Description of Activities	Training or TA Needed (Y or N)
<p>Agency Leadership <i>Leadership’s experience implementing family-centered services in a collaborative setting.</i></p>	<p>The Director of Health and Human Services has been hired and a new Assistant Director is now in place. Sierra is activity in the recruitment process to hire a Social Worker Supervisor which is an important member of our ART team. This may cause a slight delay in our forward progress.</p> <p>A new Administrative Review Team (ART) is to be established by December 31, 2014. This team will meet monthly to discuss issues that are affecting access and quality of services.</p> <p>ART to evaluate the outcomes from Sierra County Health and Human Services and the implementation of Health Coordinating Committee that focus on overall health within the community. December 31, 2014</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Systems and Interagency Collaboration <i>How collaborative approaches are used when serving children and families.</i></p>	<p>Sierra County Health and Human Services needs to continue to work on interagency plans and memorandum of understandings. Creating, finalizing and implementing those interagency plans/memorandum of understandings by December 31, 2014.</p> <p>ART member is on the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB), representing both the Behavioral Health and the Social Services departments. There is representation of the school system on the Mental Health Advisory Board as of this year, especially in the creating of the new Innovations Plan. December 31, 2014. Both departments continue to build solid working relationships with Community Based Organizations and other agencies that support children’s issues.</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>Systems Capacity <i>The collective strength of administrative structures, workforce capacity, staff skills & abilities, and operating resources.</i></p>	<p>Sierra County will need to develop screening instruments by December 31, 2014. The Social Worker Supervisor has attended the following training: Facilitating a Child and Family Team to support Pathways to Mental Health. Sierra County has also been assigned a coach/consultant, Chellie Gates, through the Northern California Training Academy with UC Davis. The Behavioral Health department has hired a psychiatrist, Dr. Thomas Bittker, who is seeing children. Sierra County is continuously working on methods and strategies to improve administrative supports and infrastructure.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Service Array <i>Available services are culturally responsive and include trauma informed care, evidence based practices, promising practices, innovative practices, and culturally specific healing practices and traditions.</i></p>	<p>Sierra County Behavioral Health and Social Services departments are continuously working on partnerships with Community Based Organizations and service providers within the county or in neighboring counties. Since Sierra County is rural and spans a large distance, there are times that services need to be offered by other agencies than Sierra County. These partnerships allow our departments to make a “warm” referral to services that could potentially be closer in distance for the participants. The Behavioral Health department is looking into holding a trauma informed care training for both department staff. This training may be part of the series the county is putting together for staff and community partners within this next year.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Involvement of Children, Youth & Family <i>How Core Practice Model family-centered principles are reflected in current systems.</i></p>	<p>Sierra County’s Behavioral Health department currently employs one Parent Partner through the Peer Support Program. There is an opening for the Peer Mentor position, as the staff changed positions within the agency. It is unknown if this vacant position will be filled at this time, but discussions will be held with the fiscal department on this topic soon. The Parent Partner and Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor have received training through the United Advocates for Children of California (UACF) - Educate, Equip and Support: Building Hope (EES) training. Both departments utilize the local Family Resource Center for added support, as well.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Cultural Responsiveness <i>Agency ability to work effectively in cross-cultural settings.</i></p>	<p>The Behavioral Health department has recently been working on translating brochures into Spanish, in attempts to reach out to the small Latino population present in Sierra County by December 31, 2014. We also have an extra help person who is listed as our contact for our Spanish translator agency wide</p> <p>The Behavioral Health department has received various suicide prevention materials in Spanish, as well. Both departments rely on the partnership with the Family Resource Center for both outreach to the Latino population, but also as a connection for services needed within the community. The Family Resource Center is already established within the Latino community and serves as a gateway to the services that the County provides.</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>Outcomes and Evaluation <i>The strength of current data collection practices, and how outcomes data is used to inform programs and practice.</i></p>	<p>Sierra County is working on establishing a more efficient data collection system that will be universal for all departments that offer services to the community. New data forms have been created and are in use for our Mental Health Services Act/Community Services and Support.</p> <p>If the state has developed a standardized data outcome measuring tool we would like to have training on that so we could satisfy the states requirements. Our goal would be to have this implemented by December 31,2014</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Fiscal Resources <i>How fiscal policies, practices, and expertise support family-centered services.</i></p>	<p>The Social Services department holds bi-monthly staff meetings and an ongoing agenda item is the fiscal strategies and funding requirements. Our fiscal staff assigned to Social Services is to create an overview sheet to assist the Social Services staff in understanding the various funding requirements. December 31, 2014</p> <p>Sierra County excels at interagency collaboration and teamwork, due to the size of the agency and the ease of being co-located. All interagency teams have representatives from the fiscal department.</p>	<p>No</p>