



What is Needles Center for Change?

MHS Needles Center for Change offers an array of programs and services dedicated to supporting and improving lives in the community of Needles. Our recovery, DUI, employment, and life skills programs help our clients access their strengths and respond effectively to life's challenges. In addition, our prevention program spearheads important changes in conditions that lead to harmful use of drugs and alcohol. All our programs help strengthen our community and empower those we serve.

*Mental Health Systems
is a non-profit agency founded
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of individuals, families and
communities facing substance abuse
and behavioral health challenges.*



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Directory of Programs



Needles Center For Change Recovery Center

Our Needles Center for Change Recovery Center serves as an outpatient alcohol/drug treatment and recovery facility for adults and families. We provide services that include group and individual counseling, random urinalysis, individual treatment plans, relapse prevention, anger management, parenting, and groups for women and parolees. We also serve as a drop-in center for drug-free socialization and job search information. Client computers are available onsite.

Needles DUI Program

Our DUI program is certified by the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Services and approved by the County of San Bernardino to provide alcohol and drug education and prevention services. Our participants have been convicted of Driving-Under-The-Influence (DUI) by a court of law and have been mandated by the Department of Motor Vehicles to complete a DUI program in order to reinstate their driving privileges.

We offer:

- First and Multiple Offender DUI Courses
- Wet and Reckless Courses
- An Educational Component for Underage Participants

Needles Center For Change Environmental Prevention Program (EPP)

Needles Center for Change EPP works to change conditions in the community that contribute to harmful alcohol and other drug use. Our focus is reducing underage drinking and problems attributed to the high risk use of alcohol. We work to strengthen partnerships and integrate proven prevention strategies.

Workforce Investment Act - Steps To Success

Our Steps for Success is a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program that focuses on providing long-term academic and occupational learning opportunities for youth. Our goal is to increase employment and earnings by developing the work/career potential that will prepare youth to effectively compete in the global economy.

Steps to Success serves San Bernardino County youth (ages 17-21) in the Needles area. Youth must meet eligibility criteria, complete an application, and submit required documentation for eligibility.

San Bernardino County then conducts the final eligibility determination.

Needles Deferred Entry of Judgment (PC 1000)

Our Deferred Entry of Judgment Program (PC 1000) is a 16-week educational program, approved by the County of San Bernardino. All participants are referred to the program by Probation or the Court. Our goal is to improve diversion outcomes and reduce drug abuse and criminal recidivism among participants who complete our program.

CalWORKs Life Skills

This Needles Center for Change project offers life skills groups to CalWORKs participants, providing a structured educational approach in a classroom atmosphere. Our goal is to afford basic job and life skills by increasing awareness of life topics and adaptation skills.

