

## 2005 OMHAS Ways and Means Presentation Evidence based Practices

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The 2003 Legislature passed SB 267. This bill requires that increasing amounts of state funds be focused on Evidence-Based Practices (EBP). OMHAS is using this opportunity to work with stakeholders to restructure the mental health and substance abuse delivery systems for adults and youth. For 2005-07, the statute requires that at least 25 percent of state funds used to treat people with substance abuse problems who have a propensity to commit crimes be used for the provision of Evidence-Based Practices. The statute also requires that 25 percent of state fund be used to treat people with mental illness who use or have a propensity to use emergency mental health services. In 2007-09, the percentage of funds to be spent on EBPs increases to 50 percent and in 2009-2011 to 75 percent.

The shift to the delivery of services based on scientific evidence of effectiveness is a major shift for both the mental health and addiction treatment systems. This shift includes a focus on lifelong recovery for person with mental illness as well as those with substance abuse disorders.