



Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

CHOICES

For Community Living

The doors are opening in August! Here's what's happening.....

NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR: The candidate, selected through a competitive hiring process, is completing the Civil Service procedures and will be on board soon.

FIVE ACBHCS ADULT SERVICE TEAMS have volunteered to pioneer the CHOICES program. These teams are orienting their staff and recruiting clients:

⇒ **BACS** (*Bay Area Community Services*), **BOSS** (*Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency*), **La Clinica de la Raza (Casa del Sol)**, **Oakland Adult Community Support Center** and **Tri-City Adult Community Support Center**.

☞ **HOUSING!!** *Bonita House, Inc* and the *Housing Authority of the County of Alameda* will offer supported housing and time-limited housing subsidies. Staff have been hired and are being trained to provide housing supports for the CHOICES Partners.

☞ **WELLNESS EDUCATION, PEER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING!!** *Recovery Innovations Inc.* will offer wellness classes and recovery coaching at the new CHOICES Learning Center located in Oakland.

☞ The Program Manager and Support Services Coordinator have been hired.

☞ Recovery Coaches are now being interviewed and hired...they will teach wellness classes, offer personalized recovery coaching and help CHOICES partners build their own consumer community.

☞ **JOBS!!** *The Alameda County Vocational Program* will offer supported employment services using an evidence-based practice approach. ACVP is hiring and will train staff to deliver the services for CHOICES partners

☞ **OUTCOMES!!** *The Choices Evaluation Director* has been hired, the longitudinal evaluation and protocol have been designed, and the program evaluation team is hiring consumer research assistants.