

Our Vision

To excel as the provider of choice for innovative employment and life skills services that foster self-sufficiency for people with behavioral health disabilities.

Location and Hours

Goodwill
Redwood Empire
651 Yolanda Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
(707) 523-0550

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Funding



Behavioral Health Division

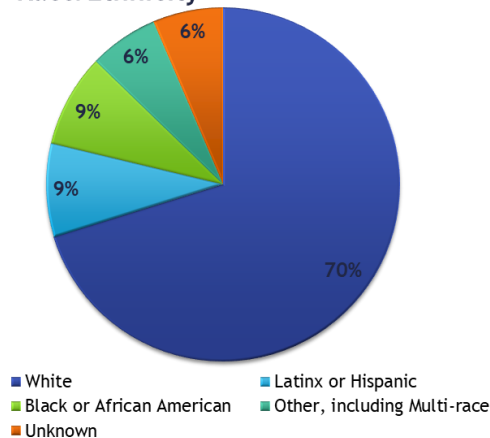
Behavioral Health Cooperative

Number served: 47
Participant satisfaction: 92%

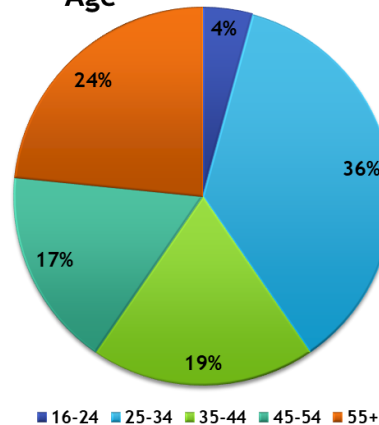


Joel completing Co-Op

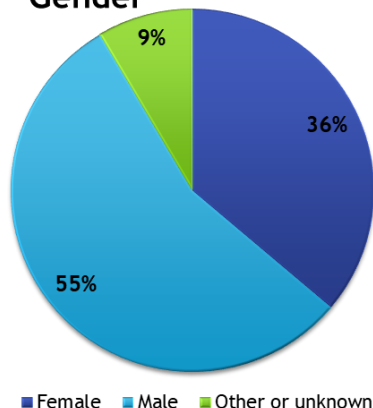
Race/Ethnicity



Age



Gender



The Behavioral Health Cooperative is a partnership between Sonoma County Behavioral Health, the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), and Goodwill - Redwood Empire. Through referrals from DOR, GIRE provides employment preparation, job search, and job retention services to prepare and support consumers meet their goals toward successful employment.

Consumers are provided with one-to-one job prep where goals are developed by the consumer and program coordinator. Consumers are encouraged to participate in the Job Skills Class, held weekly and may attend as many sessions they deem necessary to progress in their job search.

The Job Skills Class is conducted in a group setting with the instructor initiating discussion while covering topics related to improving their on-the-job performance. All classes ceased as of March 2020.

This year the program continued to experience challenges with staffing. Existing part-time program staff was eager to learn and support consumers, but the lack of full-time support was a noticeable deficiency. COVID-19 was especially challenging as many, if not all, consumers were considered high-risk and shut-downs due to quarantine ensured the job market was non-existent.