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## Health department announces new treatment philosophy <sup>49</sup>

The Missouri Department of Health will change the philosophy of the way it provides psychiatric services, beginning in April.

With the "Procovery" treatment model, psychiatric services staff will allow clients to take full partnership in their own recovery.

The treatment model, developed by Kathleen Crowley, director of training and development for the Los Angeles-based Health Action Network, includes normal treatment modes but emphasizes a hope-centered, forward-focused and skills-based partnership among the client, the family, the service provider and the community.

After a day of orientation, all participants will take part in support groups and attend a 15-week training session that teaches eight principles and 12 strategies of Procovery.

Procovery training will be gradually introduced into Missouri's psychiatric service system, beginning with BJC Behavioral Health in Kirkwood and Farmington and Family Counseling Center in Poplar Bluff and Kennett. Over the next three to five years, the training will be expanded to all service providers in the state.

More information about Procovery and its services is available Online at [www.procovery.com](http://www.procovery.com).