



ABOUT TELECARE

Telecare is a family- and employee-owned company that has been treating individuals with serious mental illness since 1965. We specialize in innovative, outcomes-driven services for high-risk individuals with complex needs. Our programs are recovery-focused and clinically effective and are designed in partnership with local, county, state and other behavioral health organizations.

TELECARE'S MISSION

Telecare's mission is to deliver excellent and effective behavioral health services that engage individuals with complex needs in recovering their health, hopes, and dreams.

OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We exist to help people with mental impairments realize their full potential.

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TELECARE CORPORATION

VIPS:

Ventura early Intervention Prevention Services

Serving young people ages 16-25 in Ventura County at risk for developing psychosis or have had psychotic symptoms for up to one year.

For more information or referrals please call the Ventura office at 805-477-9848 or the Simi Valley office at 805-526-3539.



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REFERRAL GUIDELINES:

To participate in the VIPS program, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Meet any of the warning signs
 - Be 16-25 years old
 - Live in Ventura County
- Psychotic symptoms up to one year
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GET CONNECTED!

If you are interested in receiving information, education, and/or materials on the VIPS program, please contact us at: 805-477-9848 or 805-526-3539.

ABOUT VIPS: WHO WE ARE

VIPS is an exciting program offered by Ventura County Behavioral Health in partnership with Telecare Corporation. This program is modeled after the Portland Identification and Early Referral (PIER) model.

WE HELP THE COMMUNITY TO BE AN ACTIVE AND ESSENTIAL PART OF THE TREATMENT PROCESS

Research has indicated that educating the public and community leaders will increase the chances that a young person will receive early treatment that can slow the progression of psychosis. VIPS actively outreaches to the communities of Ventura County to provide information about early identification and treatment.

WHO CAN HELP?

Community members who are most likely to help identify these young people include:

- Staff at high schools and colleges
- Nurses and physicians
- Spiritual leaders
- Police
- Mental health professionals
- Community centers



WHO WE SERVE

VIPS provides confidential assessment and early assistance for young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who are at risk for mental illness or who have had psychotic symptoms up to one year in west county (Ventura) and east county (Simi Valley and Santa Clara).

SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE:

The following symptoms are behaviors or feelings that can indicate a temporary reaction to significant stressors, or they can be early signs of a developing psychotic illness. If the young person presents a combination of symptoms, or the symptoms appear to worsen over time, this may indicate the onset of a mental illness.

- Difficulty in maintaining focus, concentration or memory
- Hearing sounds or voices, seeing visions, or experiencing strange sensations that others don't perceive
- Difficulty with conversations or being understood
- Feeling overly fearful or suspicious
- Changes in sensitivity to light, sound or touch; decreased sense of smell
- Dramatic changes in behaviors, ideas, sleep or appetite
- Withdrawal from friends and family
- Deterioration in school or work functioning
- Suicidal thoughts

WHAT WE DO

VIPS consists of a diverse clinical team trained to assess and treat young people experiencing the early warning signs of psychosis or experiencing psychosis.

The VIPS team assists young people and their families to build coping skills, reduce stress, and increase performance in all areas of the young person's life. Consultations and assessments with trained professionals will determine whether an individual could benefit from VIPS services.

OUR TEAM WILL:

- Educate community members who will help identify young people who are exhibiting the early warning signs of psychosis
- Conduct confidential assessments specifically designed to identify risk for actual psychosis
- Provide individualized treatment for the young person and their family

TREATMENT INCLUDES:

- Multi-Family Groups
- Psycho-education
- Psychiatric/Medication options
- Bicultural/Bilingual Services
- Education and Employment Support
- Nursing Services