

**NEW MEXICO MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION EVALUATION (TSIG)
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Behavioral Assessment, Inc. (BAI) was contracted to evaluate Year Two of the New Mexico Mental Health Transformation – State Incentive Grant project. New Mexico is one of 7 States that has successfully competed to win a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) a Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant (T SIG) to implement the goals set forth in the New Freedom Commission (NFC) Final Report. Through this award, NM has emerged as a forerunner state in the transformation of the American mental health system. The long-term evaluation goal is to assess how effective the MHT SIG is in transforming NM from a fragmented, non-evidence-based patchwork of mental health services characterized by large disparities into a single behavioral health service delivery system in which funds are well managed, recovery and resiliency are supported, mental health is promoted and mental illness prevented or reduced and consumers participate fully in the life of their communities. BAI's short term goal of the evaluation is to consult with the area Leads and other state evaluation agents in the development of feasible evaluation plans for the T SIG activities targeting each of 6 goals for mental health transformation outlined by the NFC. This project demonstrates BAI's professional skills in the areas of large-scale evaluation, systems change and transformation, expertise in working with integrated data management systems, and in designing & managing multi system, state-level evaluation projects.