

California BH-Connect and BSH IPS Programs
Grandfathering
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When programs are grandfathered in, they may receive Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) reviews for the first two years before participating in a full fidelity review the following year. The CQI is not scored and is posted at IPSPworks.org/California. The IPS COE will provide training or TA based upon the CQI following that review.

Grandfathered programs may request the initial training and TA provided to other programs in California or work with the IPS COE to develop a more tailored training schedule based upon their preferences and last fidelity review.

Criteria for programs to be grandfathered

Initial program assessment with COE

- Must have had a fidelity review within the past 12 months using the IPS-25 scale.
- Reviewers must be known to the IPS Employment Center or a copy of the fidelity report shared with the Center to establish completeness and accuracy of scoring.
- Overall score must be 100 or higher, and the item Community-based Services must be scored 3 or higher.
- Employment rate (% worked in previous quarter) must be at least 43%.

Changes in grandfathered status

- When a program's employment rate falls below 43% for two quarters OR there is a change in the program supervisor, the program will no longer be grandfathered.
- Programs can resume grandfathered status after they meet the criteria above.