RPC Milestones

- Announcement of Funding
- RPC Community Launch and Proposers’ Conference
- Press Coverage
RPC Community Launch and Proposers’ Conference

- Hosted by partners: DBHS, the Center and RPC
- 80 individuals in attendance representing 48 organizations
- RPC member representation and participation
Program fills void that patients in crisis face

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When Leslie Napper finds herself in a mental health crisis, the only place to go is the nearest hospital emergency department.

There, doctors ill-equipped to treat such a health crisis are forced to treat trauma injuries while Napper and others like her go on geriatric in waiting for days at a time.

"There's no choice but to wait it out. One could easily go into a full-blown crisis in the ER," says Napper, who's been haunted by hallucinations—what she calls her "shadow people"—since she was a teen.

So Napper decided something needed to be done about Sacramento County's dearth of healthy destinations for the mentally ill or even those around relatives.

She joined with other community mental health experts, the county's Bureau of Behavioral Health Services and the Sierra Health Foundation to help shape the Respite Partnership Collaborative.

The Sierra Health Foundation recently launched the collaborative as a "proof of concept" aimed at providing people in crisis a safe place to go while in a crisis.

Respite programs will go a long way toward patching the safety net left tattered...
Proposal Review Process: External Review Committee

- The committee is well-rounded and reflective of the diverse RPC stakeholder perspectives.
- Committee members participated in an orientation conference call to prepare for the review process.
- Committee members will review and rate an assigned number of proposals between mid-September and October 2012.
Round 1 Funding Recommendation Timeline

- **End of October**
  - External Review Committee Funding Recommendation Meeting

- **October 31, 2012**
  - RPC Funding Recommendation Mtg.

- **Mid-November 2012**
  - Awards Announced