



FACT SHEET

Promise To Talk activated by Mission Hospital

Mission Hospital is activating Promise To Talk, California’s Mental Health Movement, in South Orange County. The statewide initiative was created to unite millions of individuals who share a vision of improved mental health and equality for all. In collaborating with the campaign, Mission Hospital is strengthening and amplifying the movement at the grassroots level.

Mission Hospital’s localized Promise To Talk effort encourages community members to talk openly and honestly about mental health. Launched in May 2015, the outreach provides information, resources and tools to help people start conversations in a safe way. Doing so leads to early support and help that reduces needless suffering and saves lives.

A signature program element for Mission Hospital’s activation of Promise To Talk is a park bench adorned in lime green, the national color for mental health awareness. The portable bench and display is a reminder about the importance of starting a caring conversation about mental health in a safe, comfortable and familiar space. The lime green bench will travel to and appear at local Orange County events, civic centers, community facilities, schools, shopping areas and more throughout the year.

Additional outreach efforts include in-neighborhood visits, community event displays and participation, sponsored bus advertising, local print and broadcast public service announcements, door-to-door flyering, public facility displays and so forth.

As part of the program, the campaign asks community members to “Promise to Talk.” Individuals may make a promise at PromiseToTalk.org, through @PromiseToTalk via [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), or in person at events where Mission Hospital is participating with Promise To Talk. By mid-2016, Mission Hospital is striving to achieve a minimum of 1,000 promises from Orange County residents.

The Promise To Talk effort aligns with Mission Hospital’s Community Benefit commitment to improving the health and quality of life within the communities it serves. The initiative focus stems from a comprehensive community needs assessment [study](#) conducted by Mission Hospital’s Community Benefit division that identified mental health as a high [priority](#) need.

To learn more about Promise To Talk activated by Mission Hospital, visit www.PromiseToTalk.org or www.mission4health.com.

