

Mindsite News

MindSite News is the only national news outlet in the country focused exclusively on mental health reporting. We are based in Oakland, California, and our regional bureaus serve the San Francisco Bay Area and Chicago; we are also building a reporting hub in New York City.

In each of those areas, we partner with local news outlets to serve local audiences with a mix of policy, investigative and solutions-focused reporting, while also sharing our reporting with a national audience deeply interested in mental health issues. We are most interested in stories that serve these local areas but also have national resonance; we also occasionally assign stories outside these geographical areas.

Priority areas of coverage for us include:

- the on-the-ground impacts of federal health care policy and cuts on local communities and local behavioral health services
- the impacts of immigration policy and enforcement on the mental health of immigrant communities
- the intersection of criminal justice and mental health, especially efforts to transform mental health crisis response systems and the conditions inside prisons and jails to be more humane and mentally healthy
- youth mental health, especially looking at youth-led efforts to provide support to other young people
- other solutions-focused stories on initiatives that seek to increase access to care or create new kinds of community-based services

Our limited budget requires us to be selective in assigning stories and to give priority to stories that are funded as part of projects or grants. We pay \$1 per word for features and in-depth stories in the range of 1200 to 2500 words, and also sometimes seek shorter stories.

In less than five years since we launched, we have won more than 30 journalism awards.