The Greater Bay Area Mental Health & Education Workforce Collaborative (the Collaborative) represents many different counties, agencies, organizations, and institutions, all committed to expanding the Greater Bay Area's public mental health workforce.

Today, mental health practice is focused on creating hope and supporting wellness, recovery and resiliency for people living with mental illness. Our goal is to create a workforce that understands and supports wellness and recovery, is culturally and linguistically competent, and includes consumers and family members throughout the mental health system.

Statewide, the Collaborative serves as a model of partnership amongst mental health organizations, consumers and family members, educational institutions, and other interested stakeholders.

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We meet bi-monthly in Oakland. Our Southern Bay Area Region Collaborative (Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties) meets quarterly in those communities.

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