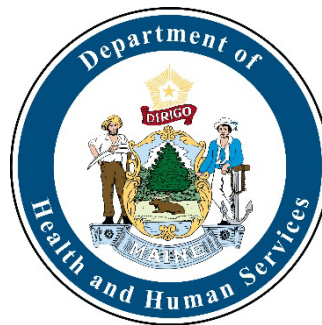


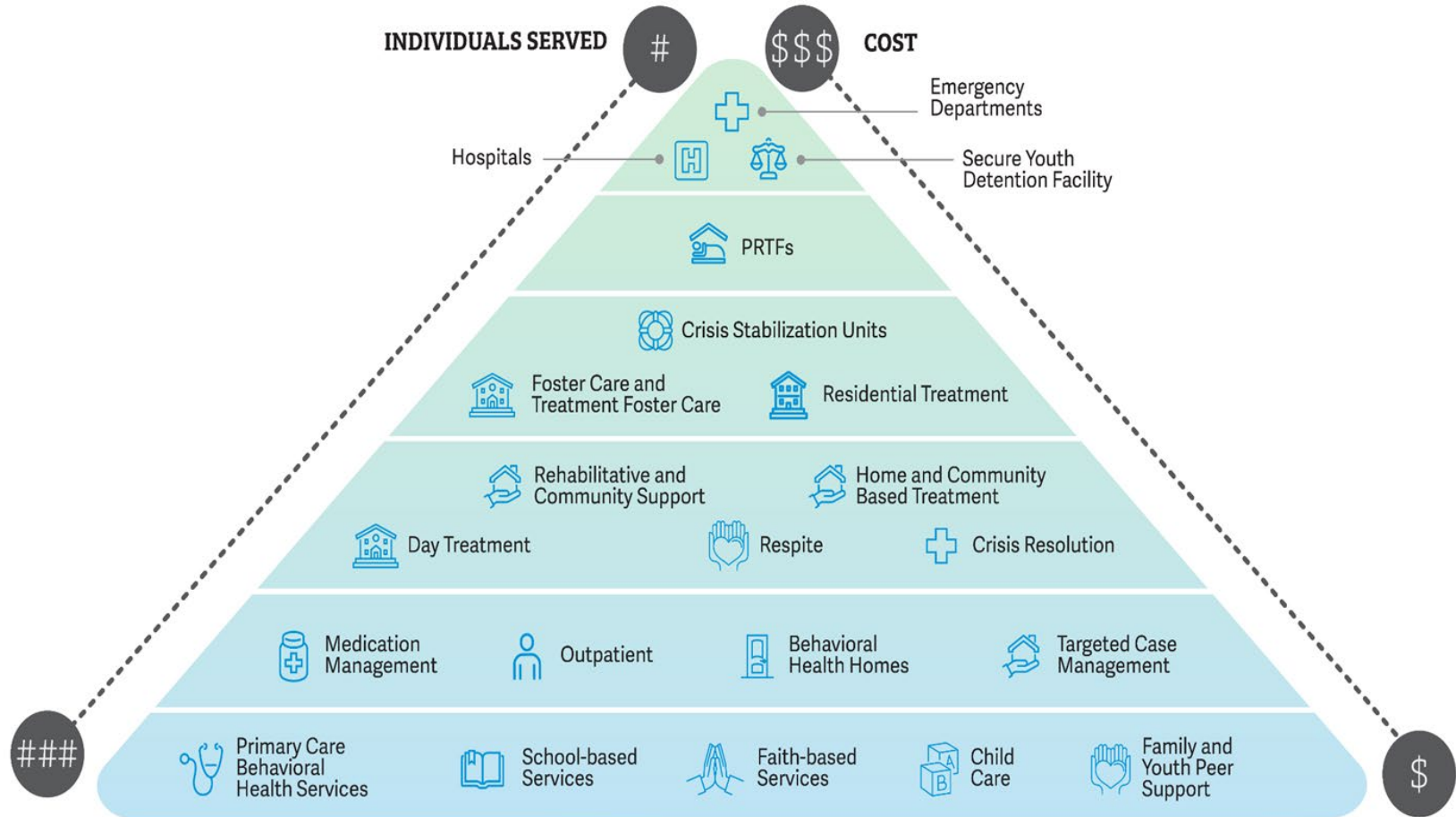
Children's Behavioral Health Services Priorities

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Children's Behavioral Health Aspirational Service Array



Office of Child and Family Services Children's Behavioral Health (CBHS)


13 strategic priorities developed in 2019



Implementation of those short-term and long-term initiatives



New opportunities – System of Care Grant, Crisis Planning Grant, increased FMAP

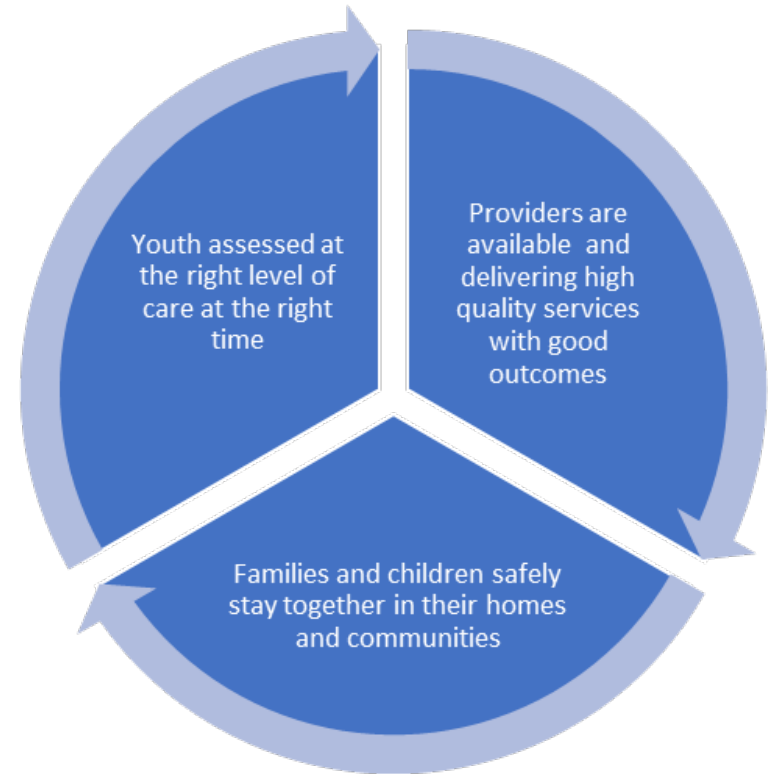


Governor's proposed biennium budget initiatives, including \$17 million toward CBH

2023-2026 Strategic Priorities

Three foundational principles supporting our work over the next 4 years:

- Establish a single point of access for children's behavioral health services for youth
- Eliminate wait times for youth seeking behavioral health services
- Improve the quality and consistency of children's behavioral health services



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CBHS Strategic Priorities 2023-2026

Improve the **Accessibility** for Children's Behavioral Health Services

- Implement evidence-based screening tools and person-centered planning
- Implement improvements in the Behavioral Health Home and Targeted Case Management services to provide wrap around services and continuity of care
- Develop and implement a statewide, publicly available, behavioral health service locator tool
- Design and implement mobile crisis services
- Establish a statewide public education campaign regarding mental health and available care and resources

Improve **Availability** of Children's Behavioral Health Services

- Develop and deploy recruitment campaigns for behavioral health professionals and reduce barriers to training
- Update the system for Therapeutic Foster Care, including the service model and funding
- Review and revise reimbursement methodology for children's behavioral health services
- Expand the variety of services available to ensure the appropriate services are available to meet the needs of children and families
- Implement High Fidelity Wrap Around Services (HFW) to address the needs of children involved in multiple systems
- Continue to pursue establishment of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) as part of a full continuum of care

Improve the **Quality** and **Consistency** of Children's Behavioral Health Services

- Establish a permanent system to provide oversight and quality assurance feedback to providers
- Implement and enforce licensing requirements for all providers
- Continue to furnish provider trainings in evidence-based treatment modalities
- Implement provider accountability measures to ensure consistent and safe treatment
- Ensure a comprehensive community-based approach for children with intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder

CBHS Budget Initiatives

Single Point of Access

- Exploration of a Single Point of Access was part of the 2019 strategies.
- Funding would allow for the implementation of the Child and Adolescent Level of Care/Service Intensity Utilization System (CALOCUS-CASII) suite for all behavioral health services which will aid in the identification, screening, and connecting of children with the appropriate level of service intensity to meet their needs.

Improve Support for Providers and Families

- Funding would make permanent the temporary positions established under the System of Care Grant, allowing for the continuation of this important work beyond the end of the Grant including youth and family engagement and support, quality assurance work with providers, and data collection and analysis.
- Makes a permanent current limited period Resource Coordinator position focused on developing resources in their communities.
- Continuing Limited Period funding for a Youth SID Specialist focused on expanding resource and training for youth with SUD needs.

CBHS Budget Initiatives

Target Service Expansion to Identified Needs

- Funding would establish Multi-dimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) for youth to address mental health and substance use concerns.
- Funding would establish a new Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver program to provide community-based comprehensive services and habilitative supports to adolescents with intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder throughout their lifespan.
- Funding would establish an ongoing public education campaign about mental health, the need for mental healthcare, and the availability of care. The campaign includes written materials, media presentation, and a toll-free telephone number for information, referral and access to community-based and residential-based services, resources for care and grievance and appeals procedures.

CBHS Budget Initiatives

Expand Training for BHPs and Clinicians

- Funding continues supporting BHP certification at no cost to providers and develops a marketing campaign to build awareness of the BHP role and career opportunities.
- Funding would continue efforts to provide training and support for clinicians to become certified in evidence-based treatment models, as well as new work to streamline the process for individuals to engage in behavioral health careers.

Advance Therapeutic Foster Care

- Funding would establish a pilot program for an updated Therapeutic Foster Care utilizing an evidence-based model to address the needs of system involved youth before the need for residential treatment or incarceration arises.
- Funding would be used to update Therapeutic Foster Care and establish Multi-dimensional Therapeutic Foster Care in MaineCare.

Questions/Discussion

