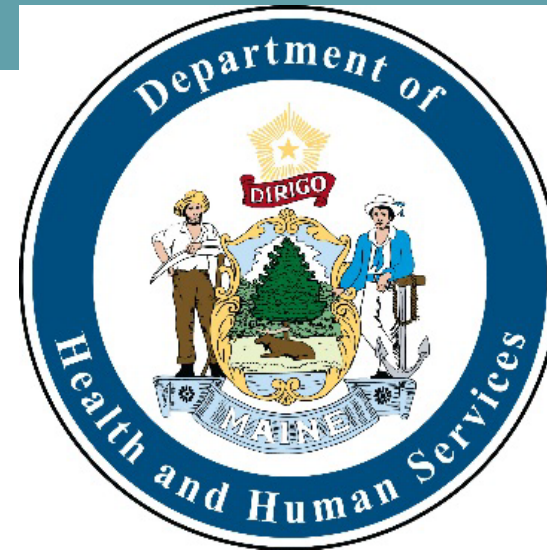


Improving Transition from Child to Adult Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – October 2022 Project Update

Maine Coalition for Housing and Quality Services

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AGENDA

Background of the Challenge



Current State



Update to 9817 ARP Project



Updated Timeline



Feedback - Questions?

Background

Assessment of Maine's Children's Behavioral Health System (CBHS) in 2018 and resultant OCFS Plan and 13 Priority Strategies

Maine Children's Cabinet Recommendations

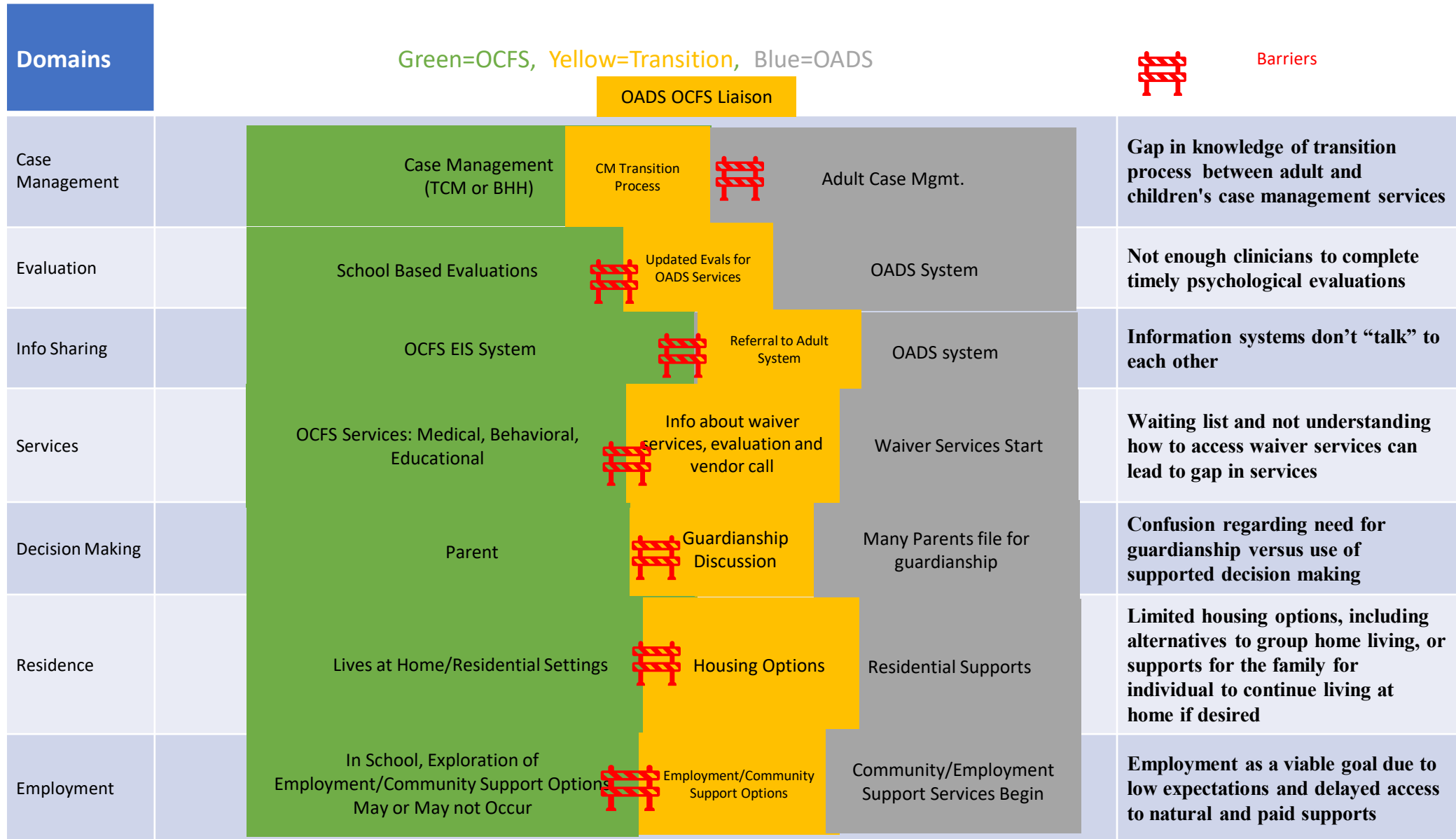
The Maine Coalition's [Blueprint for Effective Transition](#)

Stakeholder Feedback and OADS Reform Plan

LD 924 – Task Force – Draft Report is in Development (10/22)

Internal OADS/OCFS Work Group - Ongoing

Current State



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Goals for Project

Streamlined and clear application process for MaineCare services and waiver programs, for which individuals may be eligible

Reduced wait times for services/case management between the two systems

Improved youth and family/caregiver satisfaction

Connecting youth to long-term employment and housing opportunities to maximize independence

Ensuring access to supports in the least restrictive and costly setting

Reducing potentially preventable hospitalizations and other service utilization that may result from gaps in care

More informed stakeholders including schools, families/caregivers, vocational rehab and others

Consistency among TCM/BHH providers in serving transition aged youth

A clear path to implementing the life-span project, which includes a timeline, services to be included and the process for rolling it out.

Lifespan Project Benefits for Individuals with IDD and their Natural Supports

Supports could begin earlier in Lifespan, with **children as young as 14 or 16 enrolling.**

Services in the early part of the Lifespan could **focus on skills for adulthood, successful transition to employment and supports to sustain families and other natural supports.**

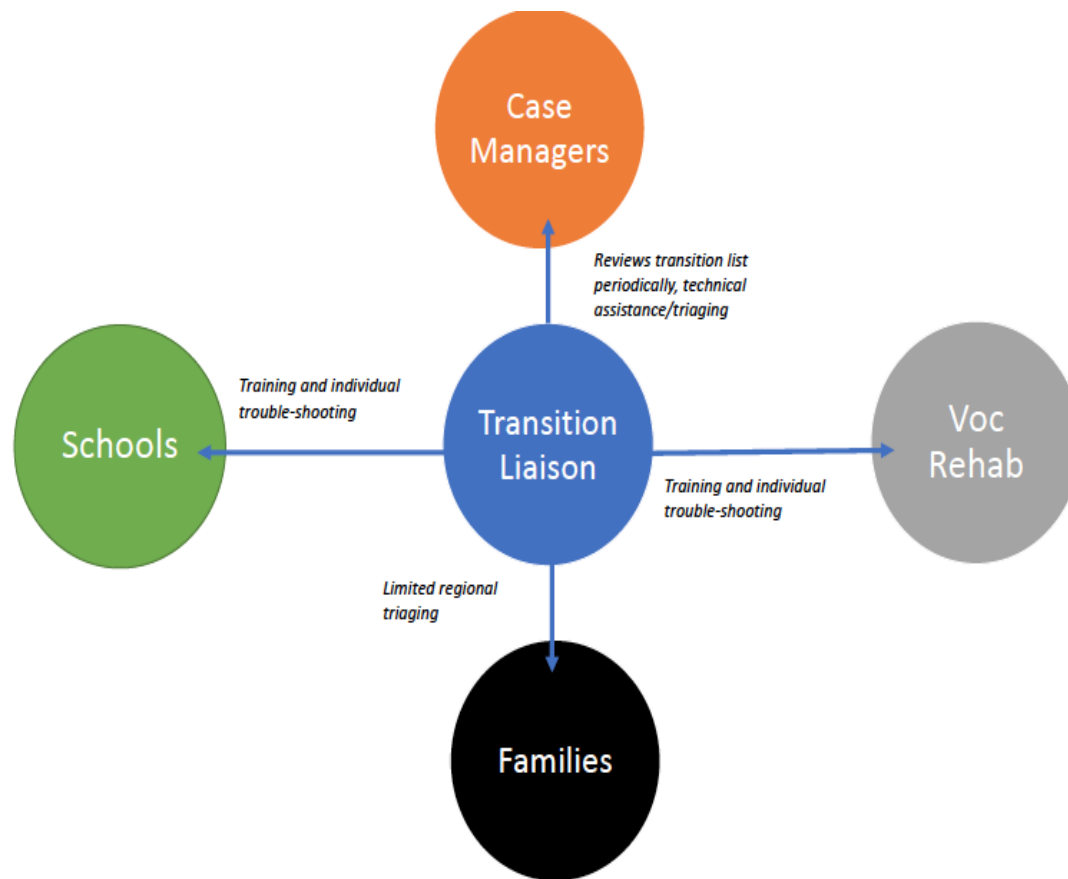
Aligns with the strategic, collaborative work underway between OCFS and OADs to **improve the transition process** for children, adults and their families.

Proposed Initiative Using 9817 ARP Funds

- Provision of supports by hiring four transition liaisons to assist with the following:
 - Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Oversight and Support to TCM/BHH
 - Identify Transition-Age Cohorts
 - Transition Case Management Support and Implementation
 - Triaging Cases where Family Members Act as Case Managers
 - Facilitate Access to State Systems to Ease Application Process
 - Training and Education in the Regions
 - Systems Level Reporting and Monitoring

Quality assurance/Quality Improvement

Transition Liaison Framework



Timeline

Phase	Time Frame	Key Activities/Decisions
Initiate Process Improvements	Spring 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map out a joint standard operating procedure (SOP) across OADS and OCFS staff (drafted and finalizing) (Oct 22) Develop and submit 9817 ARP project proposal (Completed) Ongoing stakeholder Feedback and Updates (Ongoing)
Develop Systemic Reform Plan	Summer 2022 – Winter 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine age eligibility and services for Lifespan Project (All in Process) Determine rule and waiver changes needed Assess role of Project Liaison Staff to inform key staff roles Develop communication plan which includes stakeholder consultation Determine ongoing funding mechanism for liaisons
Implement Reforms	Winter 2023 – Summer 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement reforms during SFY 2024 Person-centered planning across ages Capacity and Service Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family as caregivers Improving understanding of philosophies between systems e.g. informed decision-making (parents, providers) Engage family stakeholder groups to help with communication Consider further recommendations from LD 924 Task Force Align work of liaisons with Lifespan Project

- Hire and train Project Manager and Liaisons
- Implement and Train on Updated Transition Process between OADS and OCFS
- Complete and Develop Platform for Transition Resource Guide
- Determine Services and Ages to Include within the Lifespan Project
- Continue Engagement with LD 924 Task Force
- Seek Ongoing Stakeholder Feedback

Next Steps (As of Oct. 2022)

QUESTIONS/FEEDBACK/DISCUSSION

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