

Responding to the Current Child and Youth Mental Health Crisis and Preventing the Next One

NASEM Forum for Children's Well-being

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Mental, emotional and behavioral health of our children and youth

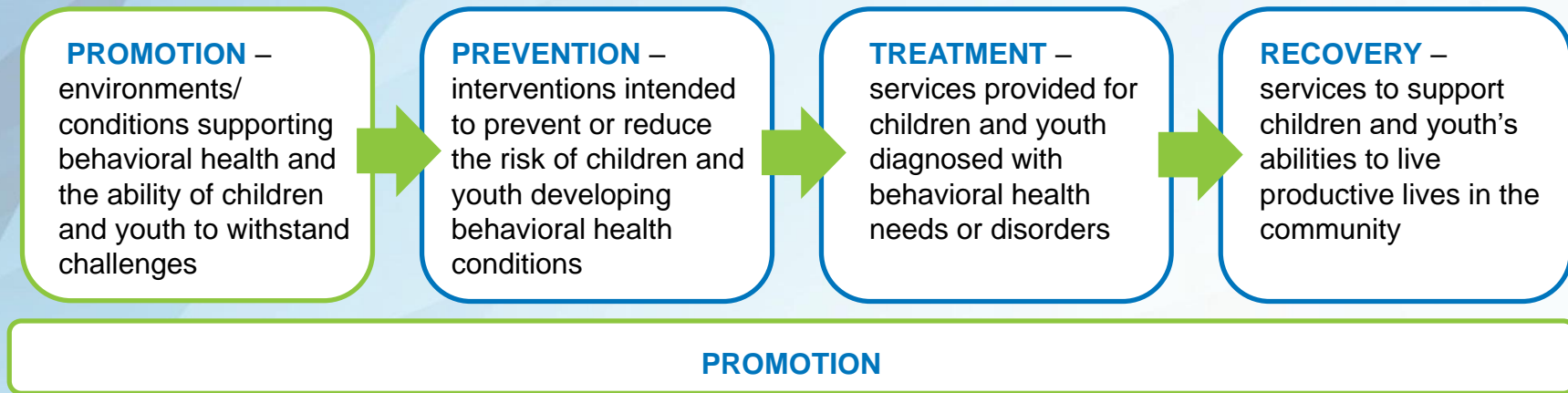
- Demography – our kids
- Demand – their changing health needs
- Delivery system – the ecosystem of care
- Challenges – barriers to timely care
- Downstream risk of doing nothing
- Solutions – how will we make change?



Representative incidence of childhood illness

- 1 in 518 children (under 20) have Type 1 diabetes
- 1 in 285 will be diagnosed with cancer (by age 20)
- 1 in 13 have a food allergy
- 1 in 12 have asthma
- 1 in 5 experience a mental health condition annually

Behavioral Health Continuum



Adapted from IOM and parentslead.org

Sound the Alarm for Kids



A communications initiative presented by Children's Hospital Association (CHA), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry AACAP).

- Raise **awareness** of the emergency in child and adolescent mental health.
- **Amplify** our expert partners' voices.
- Provide **opportunities** for collective engagement.
- **Elevate** the unique needs of kids in mental health policy discussions.

Sound the Alarm for Kids



- **Over 60** partners
- **Nearly 80** children's hospitals
- **Roundtable series** with mental health experts and members of Congress

www.soundthealarmforkids.org

Advancing children's mental health legislation

H.R. 7236: Strengthen Kids' Mental Health Now Act

- Introduced by Reps. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., and Lisa Blunt Rochester, D-Del., Strengthen Kids' Mental Health Now is a bipartisan bill that would **provide much-needed investment in the nation's mental health infrastructure for children.**
- Designed to address children's needs, this bill includes reforms and investments that will bolster the **pediatric mental health workforce** and expand the availability of a **full continuum of care** for kids.



More at: www.childrenshospitals.org

Advancing children's mental health legislation

H.R. 4943: Children's Mental Health Infrastructure Act

- Provides \$2 billion in funding for five years to make grants to children's hospitals and other providers to enhance **care capacity** and support **mental health infrastructure**.



H.R. 4944: Helping Kids Cope Act

- Provides \$500 million per year for five years for grants to pediatric providers to support **community-based behavioral health coordination and integration**.
- Provides \$100 million for five years for grants to support **pediatric behavioral health workforce** training for range of physician and non-physician professionals.



On behalf of our nation's children's hospitals and health systems, thank you!

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