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# The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Oregon Behavioral Health Action Plan

Report and Recommendations from  
the Oregon Behavioral Health Collaborative

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# Oregon's Current Behavioral Health System

Only **46%** of adults received mental health treatment last year

**14.6%** Of teenagers experienced a major depressive episode in the last year

Suicide is the **2<sup>nd</sup>** leading cause of death for young adults in Oregon

**4.5%** of adults had serious thoughts of suicide last year

Illicit drug use among teenagers is **2.5%** higher than national average

Oregon ranks **4<sup>th</sup>** nationally in opioid use

Binge drinking among teenagers is **2.5%** higher than national average

**35.8%** of teenagers perceive no risk from smoking a pack of cigarettes a day

Only **46%** of adults who receive mental health help, say it helps

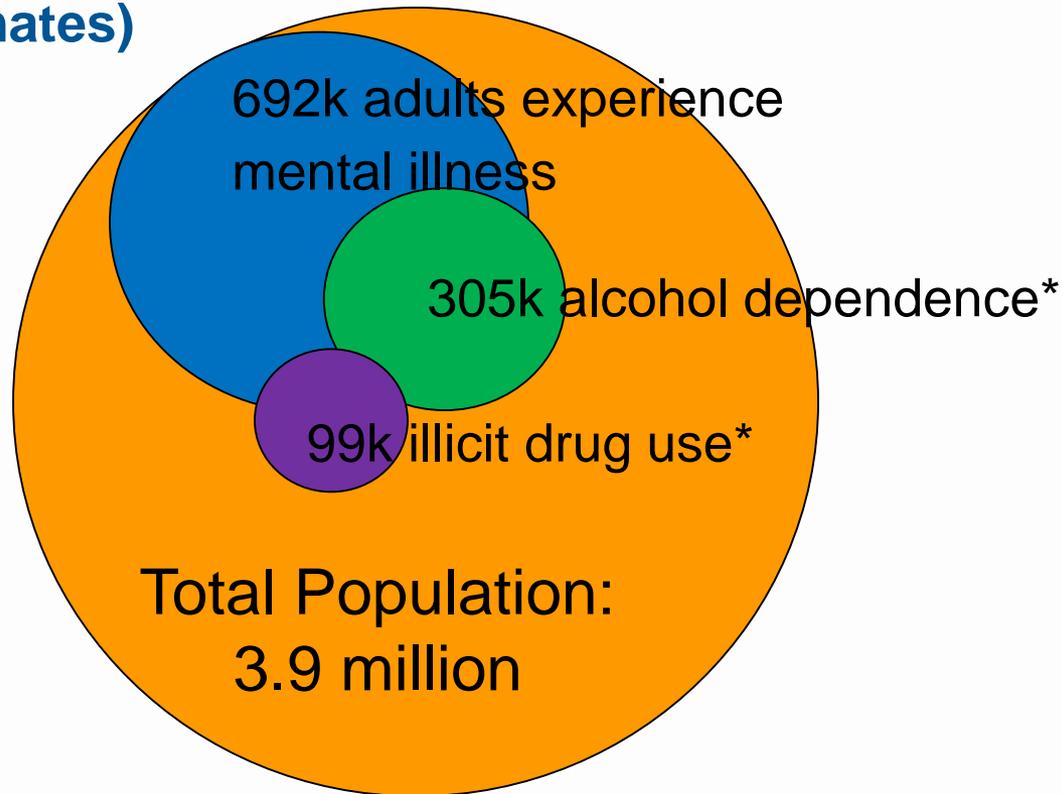
**7%** Of Oregonians over 12 experience alcohol dependence or abuse

**11%** of Oregonians dependent on illicit drugs receive treatment

Only **45%** of youth who had a major depressive episode receive treatment

Oregon is ranked **14<sup>th</sup>** nationally in youth suicide

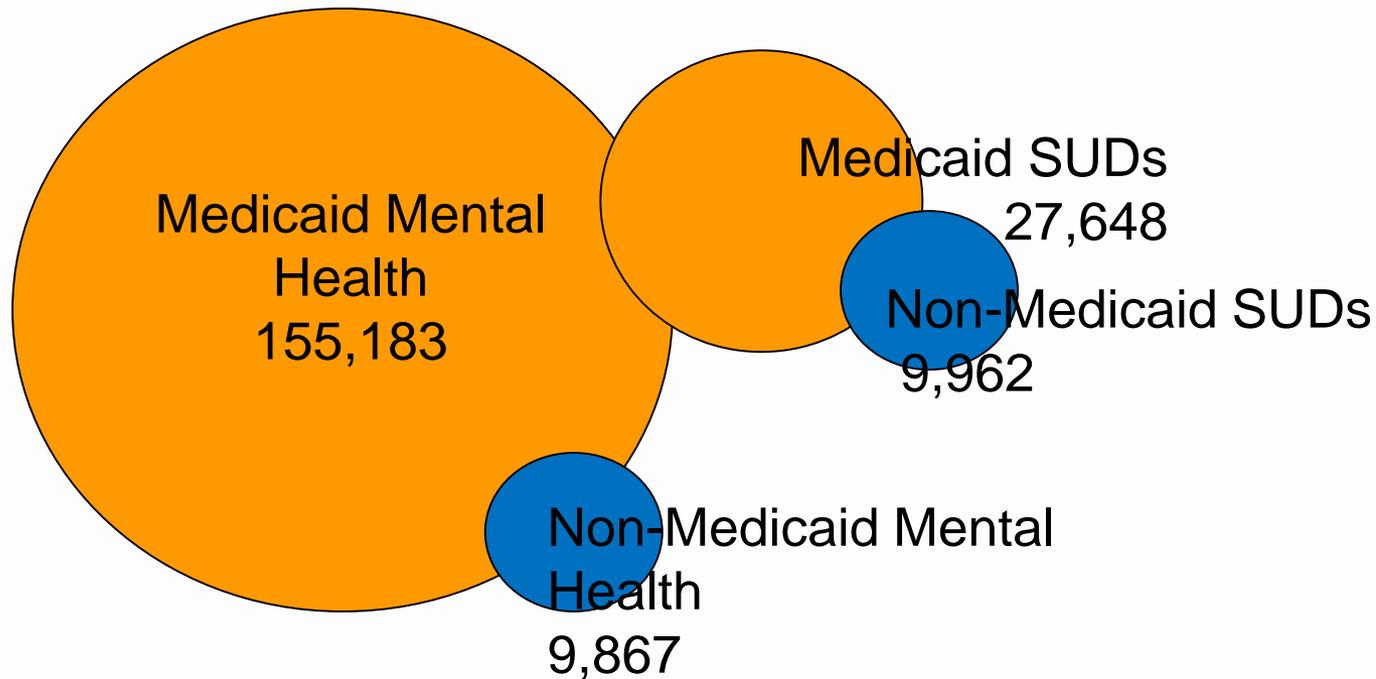
# Prevalence Data: Oregon Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders (2014 Estimates)



\*Includes children  
12 and up

(Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health  
Statistics and Quality, National Survey of Drug  
Use and Health (NSDUH) 2013-2014)

# Oregonians Served by Behavioral Health Programs



# Peer Support Investment in Oregon

OHA funding for all peer services from 2014-16

- 236% increase over past biennium

Year	ClientCount	ClaimCount	Cost
2014	2,059	16,973	\$473,436
2015	3,577	27,770	\$1,829,600
2016	4,863	34,090	\$2,605,618

# Oregon's current behavioral health system:



- Fragmented financing, delivery systems, and services cause poor health outcomes.
- Insufficient access to culturally & linguistically appropriate services.
- Lacking a cohesive plan to integrate and treat the whole person.
- Poor integration between criminal justice, human services, health and education.
- Lack of strategies to promote prevention and early education on wellness.

# Going forward: A behavioral health system that works for all Oregonians

## *Priorities*

- Improve behavioral health outcomes for consumers
- Improve equitable access to effective services in every part of the state
- Improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness in services
- No wrong door approach
- Mental health and substance services are seamlessly tied to all aspects of care
- Focus on prevention and health promotion
- System-wide accountability for improved outcomes

## Prevalence of Mental Illness in Oregon



Approximately one in six adult Oregonians experience mental illness. (SAMHSA, National Survey of Drug Use and Health, 2013-2014)

# Unique Opportunity

Most states, while aggressively pursuing strategies to address mental health and substance use, are doing so on the back of new programs, payment models, and policy decisions.

*Rarely* do states have the opportunity to make **transformative systems changes** that bring mental health and substance use seamlessly into the fabric of care delivery

# Next Generation System

- Standards for behavioral health provision
- Local governance that oversees delivery and financing
- Transparency of process
- Accountability to goals, including cost, outcomes, and other quality measures like access

# Behavioral Health Town Halls

- Seven town hall meetings across the state.
- Two key themes: Systemic Challenges & Need for Holistic Supports

## Meeting locations throughout the state

Note: the Salem event was a tele-townhall, with participation available statewide.

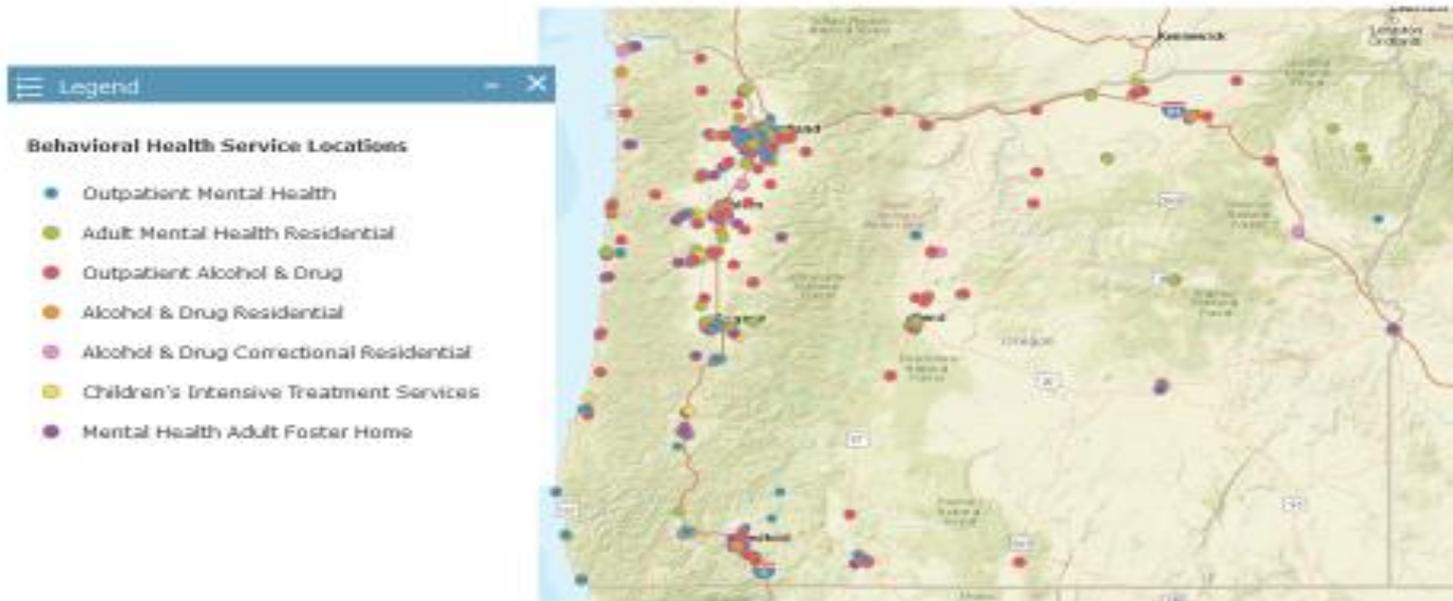


613 people attended --  
550 were behavioral  
health consumers

# Behavioral Health Mapping Tool



## Points – MH Service Locations



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# Behavioral Health Collaborative (BHC):

- BHC members included an action-oriented, balanced and diverse group of leaders and stakeholders willing to work as a team to achieve system change.
  - Close to 50 participants met over 7 months from July 2016- Jan. 2017
    - Consumers & Advocates
    - MH & SUD Providers
    - County MH Programs
    - An Oregon Tribe and a Urban Indian service provider
    - Coordinated Care Organizations
    - Commercial Insurers (inc PEBB & OEBB)
    - Hospitals
    - Education
    - Housing
    - Law Enforcement
    - Local & State Government

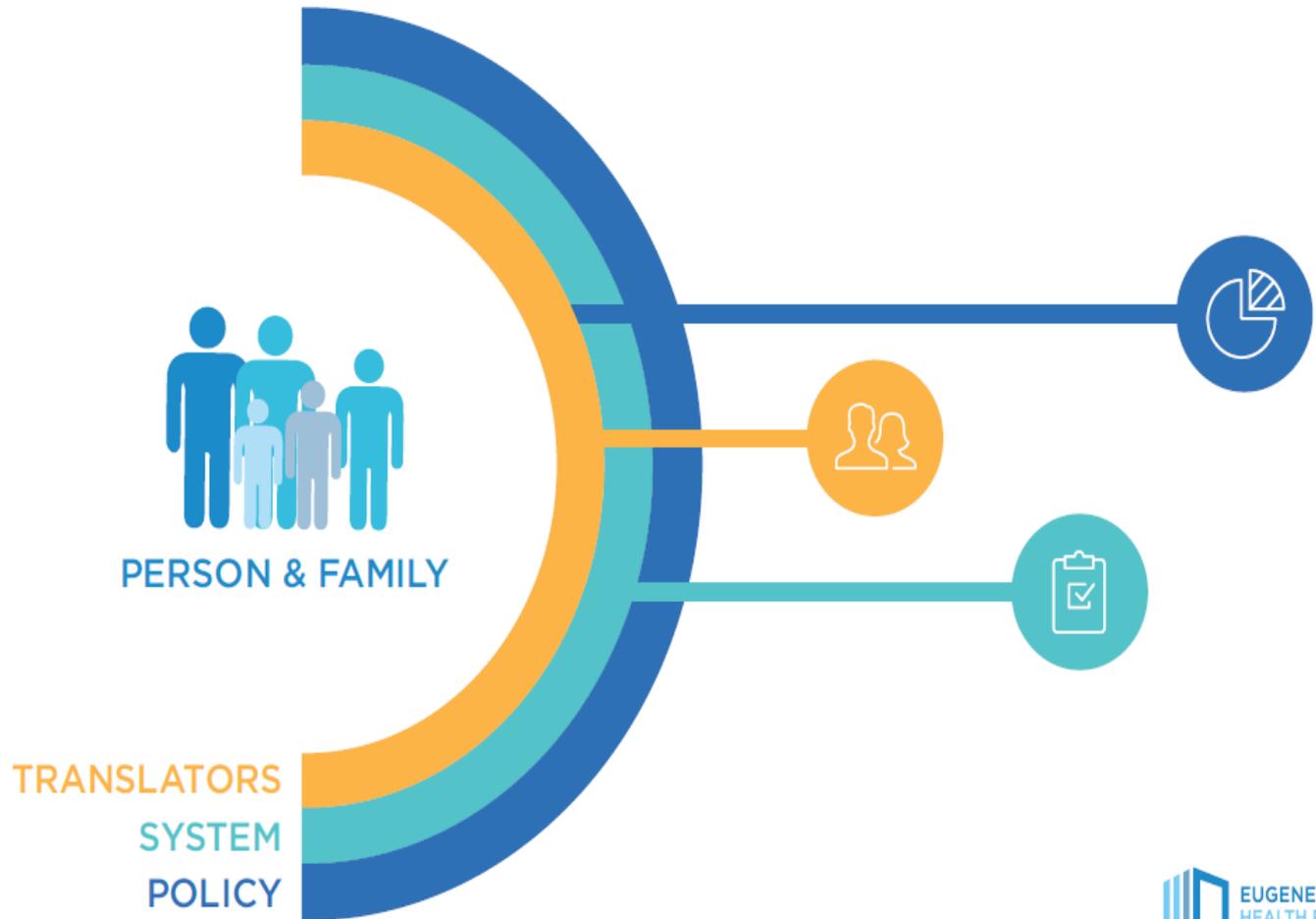


# BHC Values

- Focus on the consumer and their caregivers.
- Emphasize prevention, health promotion and early intervention.
- Address trauma, stigma, cultural and language barriers.
- Provide simple, seamless, integrated services with a “no wrong door” approach.
- Align provider payment with outcome goals.
- Outcomes that are measurable & sustainable.



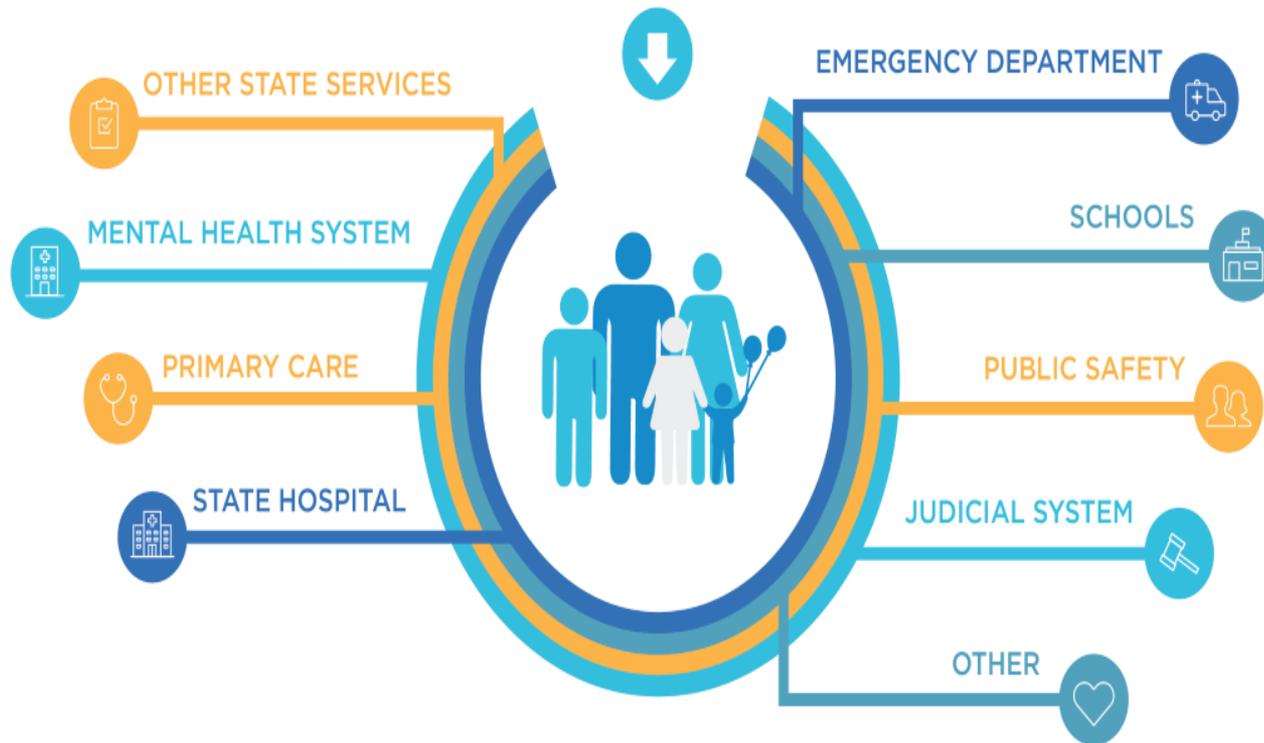
# CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK





# A population based model for behavioral health care

## ENTRY POINT



# BHC Tribal Process

- Oregon Tribes are reviewing BHC recommendations and working with OHA to create recommendations ***specific to behavioral health services for the nine Federally recognized Tribes of Oregon and the urban Indian organization.***
- OHA recognizes that Oregon's American Indian and Alaska Native population ***experience a disproportionate amount*** of mental health and substance abuse problems.
- OHA is committed to ***reducing disparities*** for tribes and using the government to government consultation to ensure ***current funding sources are not diminished*** due to the BHC.
- OHA understands that the Tribes and the state's Urban Indian Program work very hard to support their tribal people in the areas of behavioral health, and are the ***appropriate provider for services to tribal people.***
- OHA ***honors the government-to-government relationship*** with Oregon Tribes as individual sovereign nations.

# BHC Recommendations Overview

Recommendations will transform behavioral health system so that all Oregonians (both Medicaid and non-Medicaid) will be served by a coordinated care model for behavioral health needs.

- Person & family centered
- Fully integrated behavioral health with physical and oral health
- Build on existing efforts and complement not duplicate
- Reduce administrative burden and system complexity
- Shared financial risk
- Outcomes that are measurable & sustainable



# 1. Governance and Finance



## Regional Governance Model for Behavioral Health:

- Shared funding with incentives
- Includes all community organizations working on behavioral health
- Accountability through metrics
- Effective use of resources & coordination
- Driving away from fee-for-service to value-based payment structure
- Incentives similar to CCO model

## 2. Standards of Care and Competencies

Set a minimum standard of care for all behavioral health workers

- Oregon does not have specific standards for all mental health and substance abuse employees

Standards should emphasize:

- Trauma-informed care practices
- Person-centered planning
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate services
- Focus on prevention
- Social determinants of health
- Research-based, outcome-driven interventions

# 3. Workforce

- Needs assessment for current behavioral health workforce
- Develop standards for well-trained workforce
  - Inclusive of certified, licensed and unlicensed, peer support specialists and community health workers
- Use learning opportunities to support:
- Establish a target ratio of peer support specialists to members



# Value of Peer Support

## Key elements of recommendations:

- Develop standards for effective and appropriate use of peer services
- Establish a target ratio of peer support specialist to members.
- Develop a standardized training model
- Improve licensing and certification process
- Establish a supervisor certification or licensure program
- Learning collaborative for effective peer support workforce

# 4. Information exchange and coordination of care

## Data and measurement

- Develop an outcome-focused, person-centered measurement framework to assess the impact of integrated services
- Hold regional collaborations accountable for clinical and cost targets

## Technology

- Use technology to integrate and coordinate care across system
- Requirement for each CCO to ensure integration took place

# Implementation Plan

- Legislation is not required
- Use OHA's contracting authority for CCOs, local mental health authorities, community mental health programs and local public health authorities to drive
- OHA has developed work groups to begin implementation steps
- Launching behavioral health mapping tool

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# Questions?



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