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CBO Perspectives on Prevention/Early Intervention Policies and Funding

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Advocacy for Diverse Provider Associations



- **CBOs, FQHC, CCBHCs, Hospitals, 9-8-8 Call Centers, Foster Family Agencies**
 - Children/Youth
 - Adults
 - Older Adults
 - Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- **Services**
 - Mental Health, Substance Use, Housing, Crisis, Full Service Partnerships
- **Settings**
 - Inpatient, Outpatient, Community, Home



Provider Preparation



An exercise in retrofitting...

- “Conservative” approach to planning
- Maximizing use of EBPs in treatment
- Shifting children/youth providers to adult services
- Moving children/youth to EI or FSP/Wrap
- Training adult FSP in ACT
- Assessing all clients in various adult/older adult programs for “fit”



“Shift is happening before clear guidance is provided...”

Pressing Needs Per Population



Funding priorities that prevent escalation...

- **Adults**

- Early identification of mental health conditions
- SUD Clients:
 - Treatment and **stabilization** prior to needing rehab
 - **Harm reduction** services and early intervention for co-occurring mental health conditions
 - **Community education** that reduces stigma and increases help-seeking
 - **Co-location** of SUD services and housing



- **Older Adults**

- Referral and linkage to **housing**
- **Technology**
- **Transportation**
- **Socialization**



- **Children and Youth**

- Transitional Aged youth funding and care coordination.
- **Upstream approaches**- 988, mobile crisis, and stabilization capacity
- **Group based services** and early intervention
- **In-school education**, assessments and outreach with parents



Policy Suggestions



- Clear and consistent **guidance** and reimbursement structures
- **Investment** in shared data EHR infrastructure that supports real-time tracking, dashboards, and quality assurance
- **Competitive rates**
- **Streamlining reporting** requirements and outcome measures
- Flexibility to assign clients into early intervention services;
- **Co-located BH services** in all housing sites
- More capacity in school sites
- **Start-up funds** for EBPs and CDEPS to provide training and consultation





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THANK YOU!

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