

CMHP Role in the Public Behavioral Health System

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Statutory Framework

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS 430.610) direct OHA to assist county governments in establishing and developing community mental health and developmental disabilities programs and establish Counties, Regions or Tribes as the Local Mental Health Authority.

The LMHA appoints a Mental Health Director and designates the Community Mental Health Program.



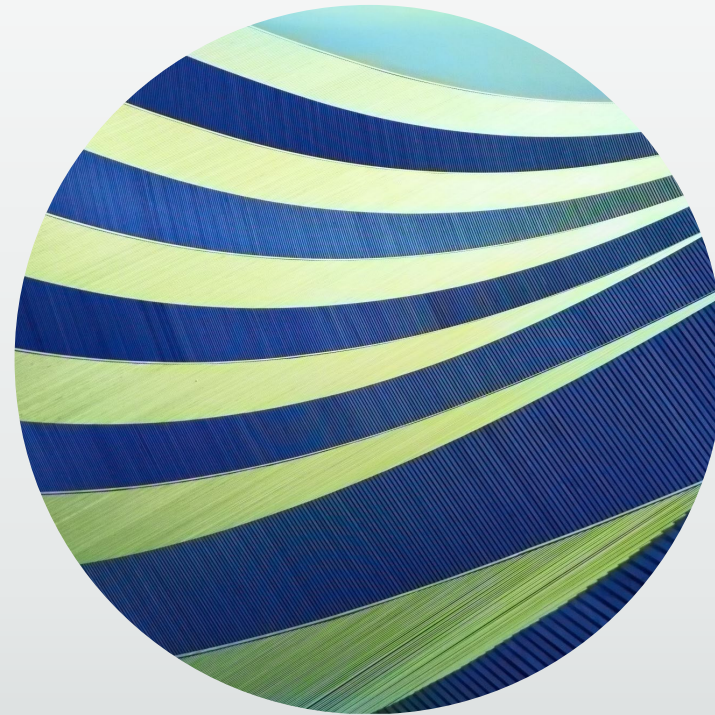
Purpose of a Community Mental Health Program

ORS 430.630

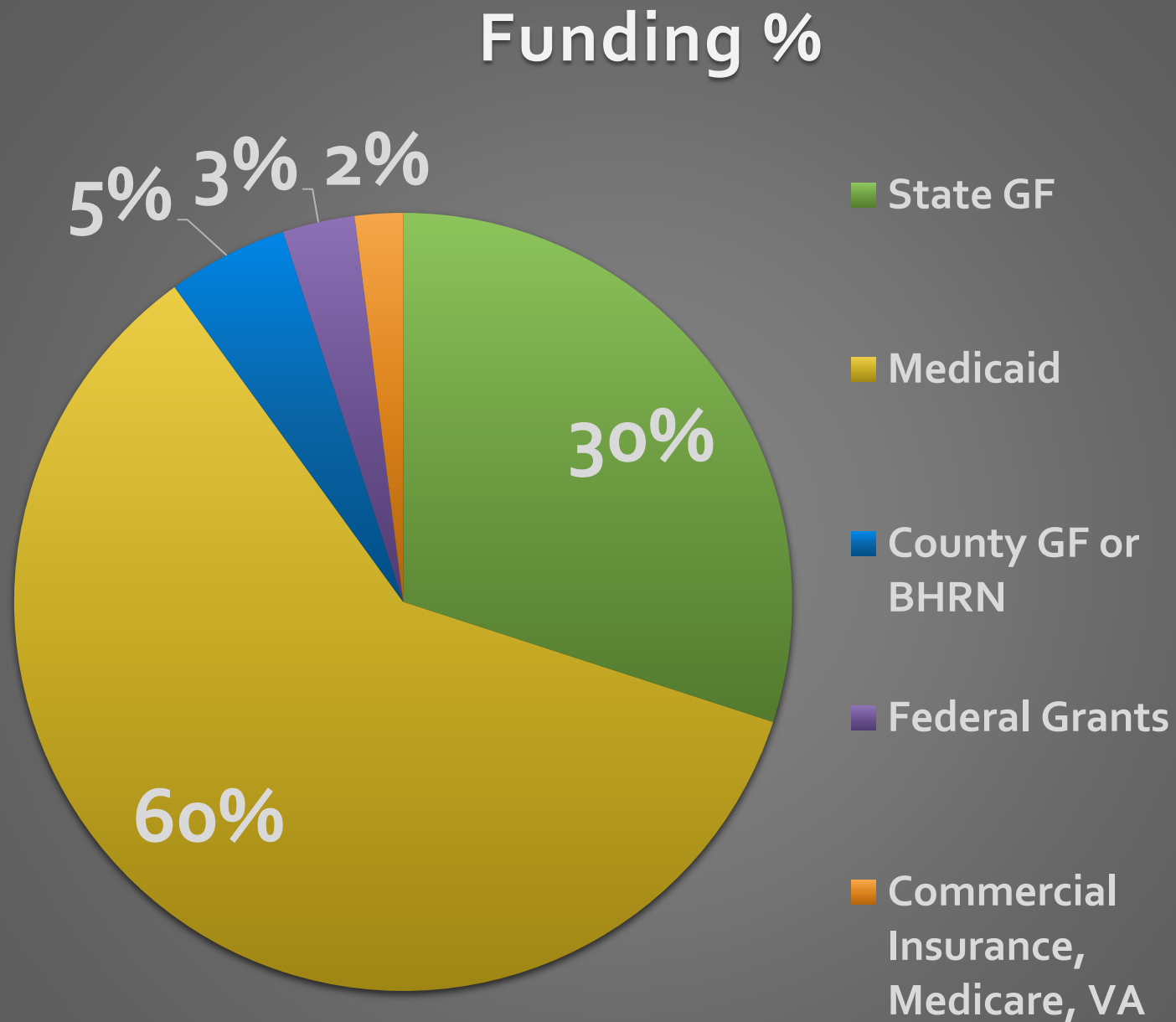
Provide a system of appropriate, accessible, coordinated, effective, efficient services to meet the behavioral health and social needs of their community members

No person shall be denied community mental health services based on ability to pay.

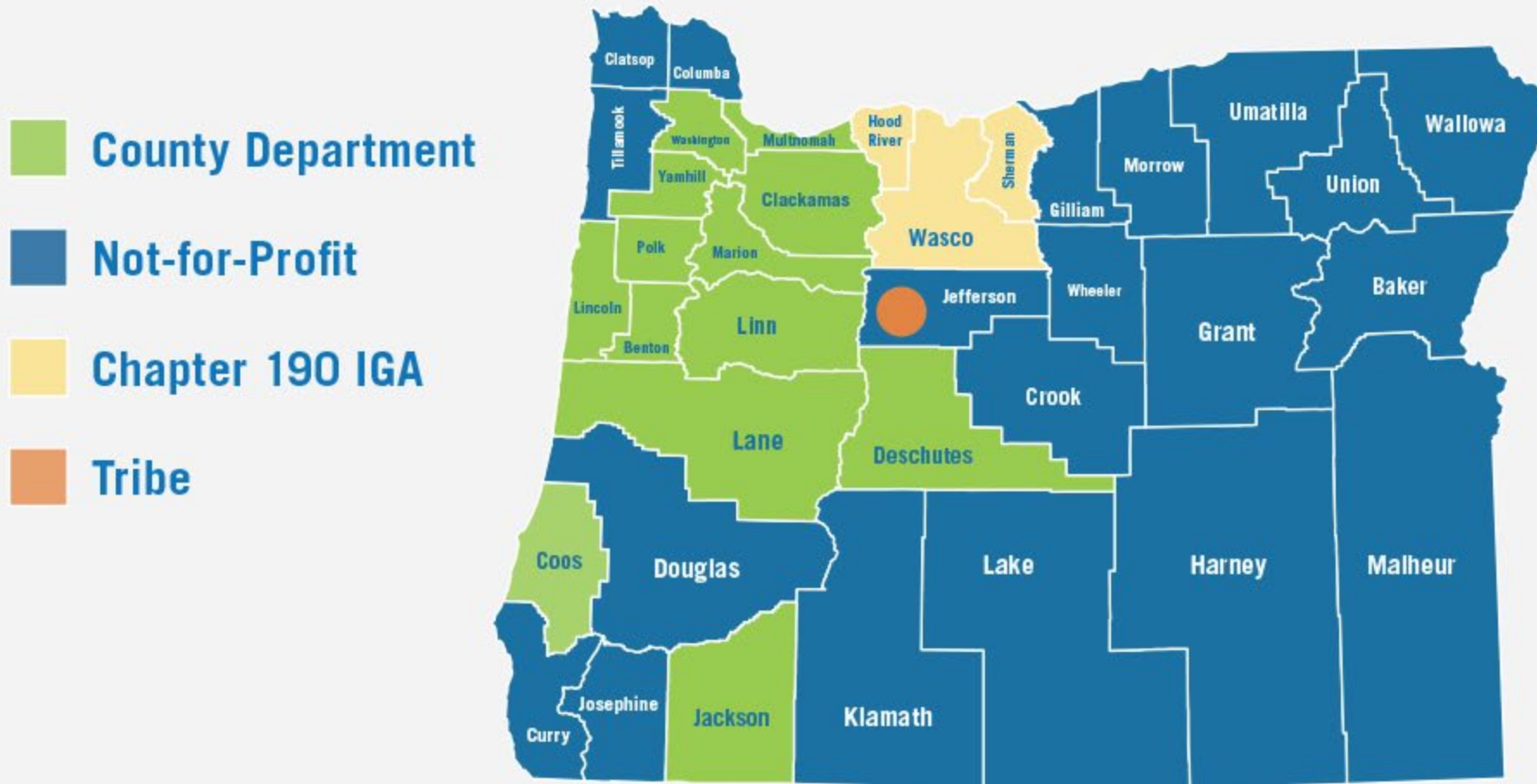
Services must be timely – within 24 hours to 7 days depending on condition



CMHP Funding Mix Example



Service Delivery Structure of Community Mental Health Programs:



County Financial Assistance Agreements (CFAA)

- ▶ Every CMHP, either the county department or the delegated not-for-profit entity, has a CFAA with the State of Oregon through the Oregon Health Authority.
- ▶ CFAAs have usually been biennial but we may consider longer contract periods in the future, allowing for biennial or annual amendments as needed.
- ▶ The new contract beginning in January 2026 includes an updated local plan process with outcome metrics and merges service elements into core service areas to allow for more flexibility to address community needs.



CMHPs provide a wide array of *statutorily required*, *core*, *safety net* services

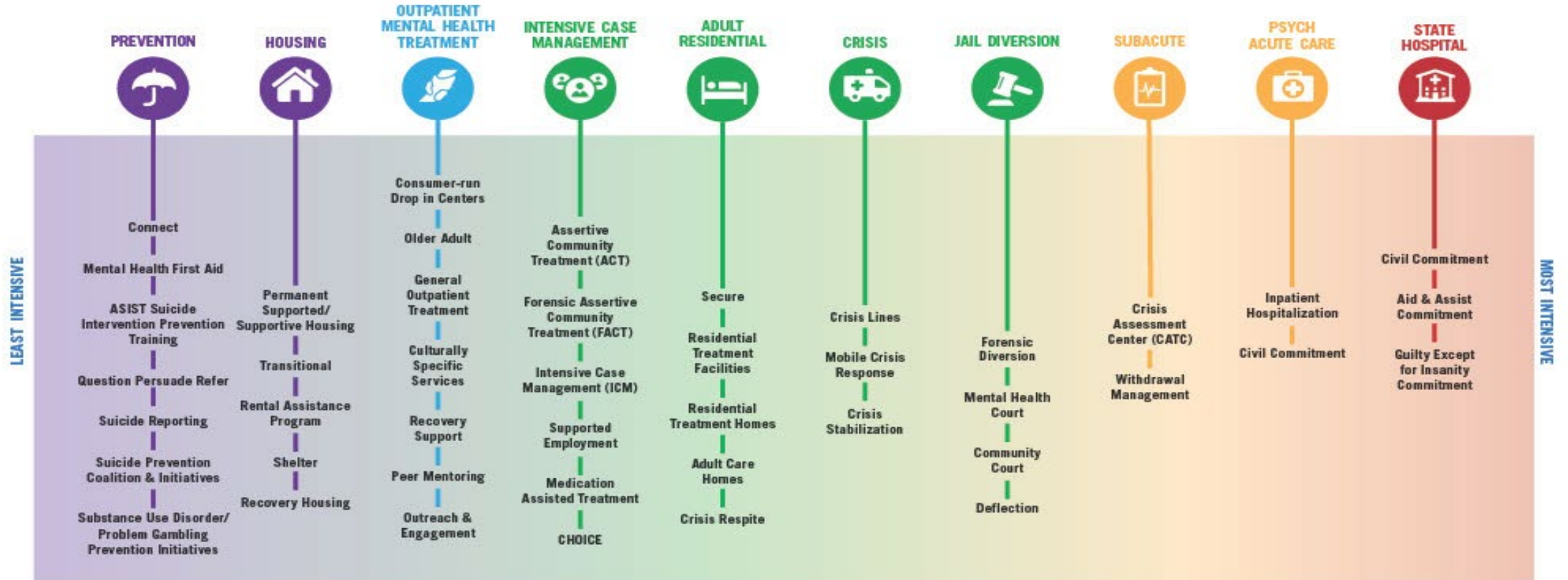


*About two-thirds oversee CDDPs providing case management for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.

Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP)

Adult Behavioral Health Continuum of Care

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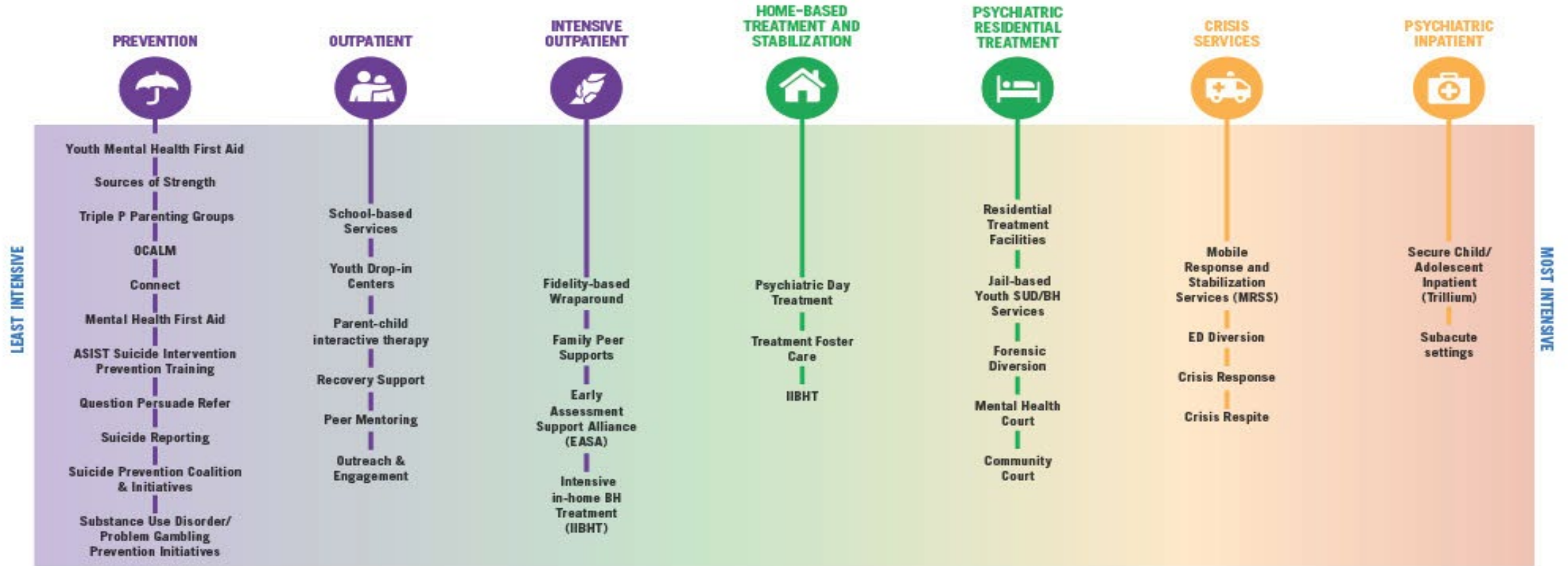


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Child/Youth Behavioral Health Continuum of Care

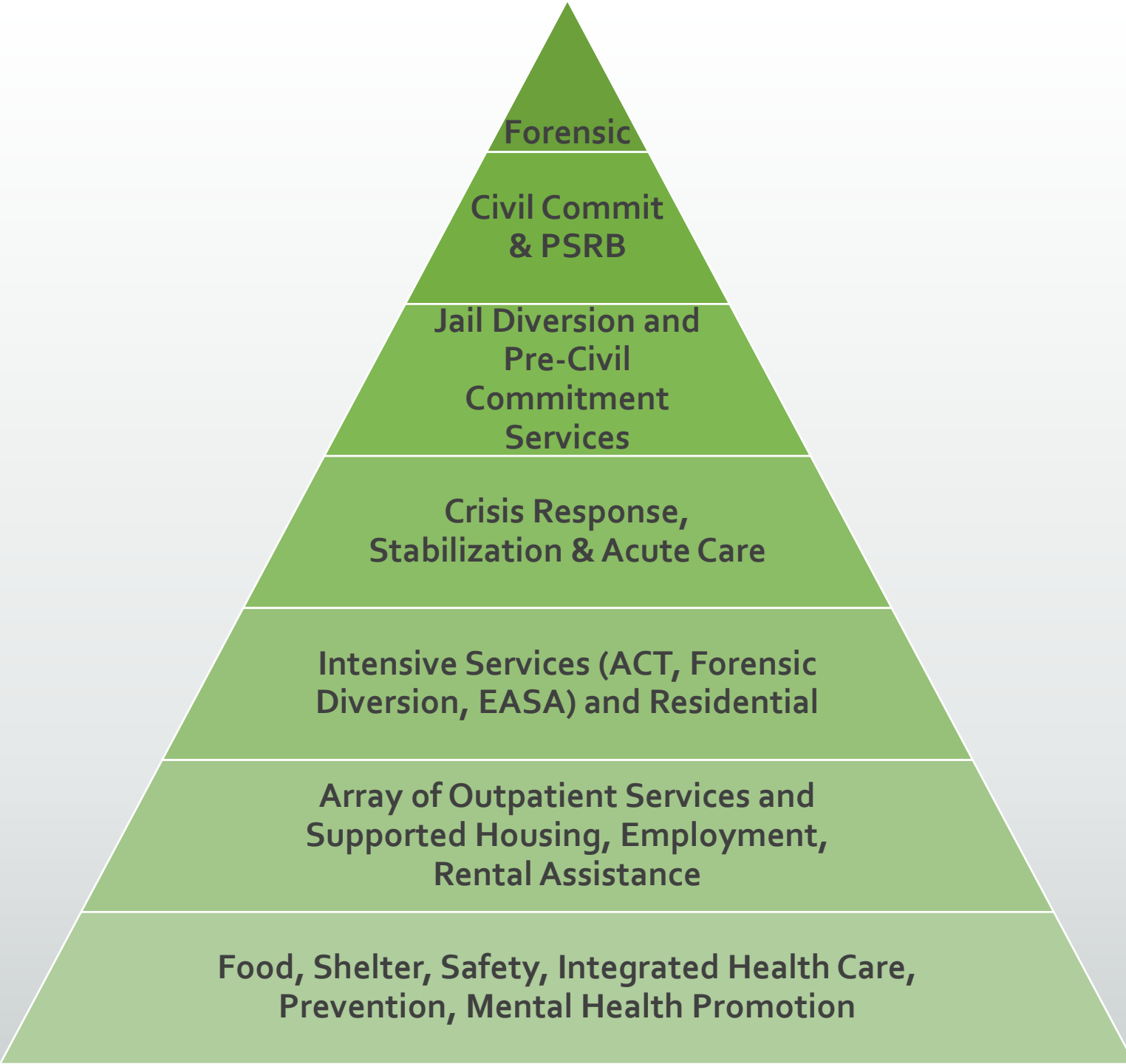
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CMHPs strive to
meet their
community's
social &
behavioral health
needs

As acuity and legal pressures have intensified, CMHPs spend significant resources on services for mandated populations while also attempting to address a whole host of socioeconomic conditions within the financial constraints of the public BH system.

Current Challenges

- Workforce Recruitment and Retention
- Housing/Residential Beds not keeping pace with need
- Insufficient Funding for Core Functions
- Uncertainty of Federal Funding and Policy



Mobile Crisis and Crisis Stabilization Expansion Challenges

- No dedicated crisis stabilization funding

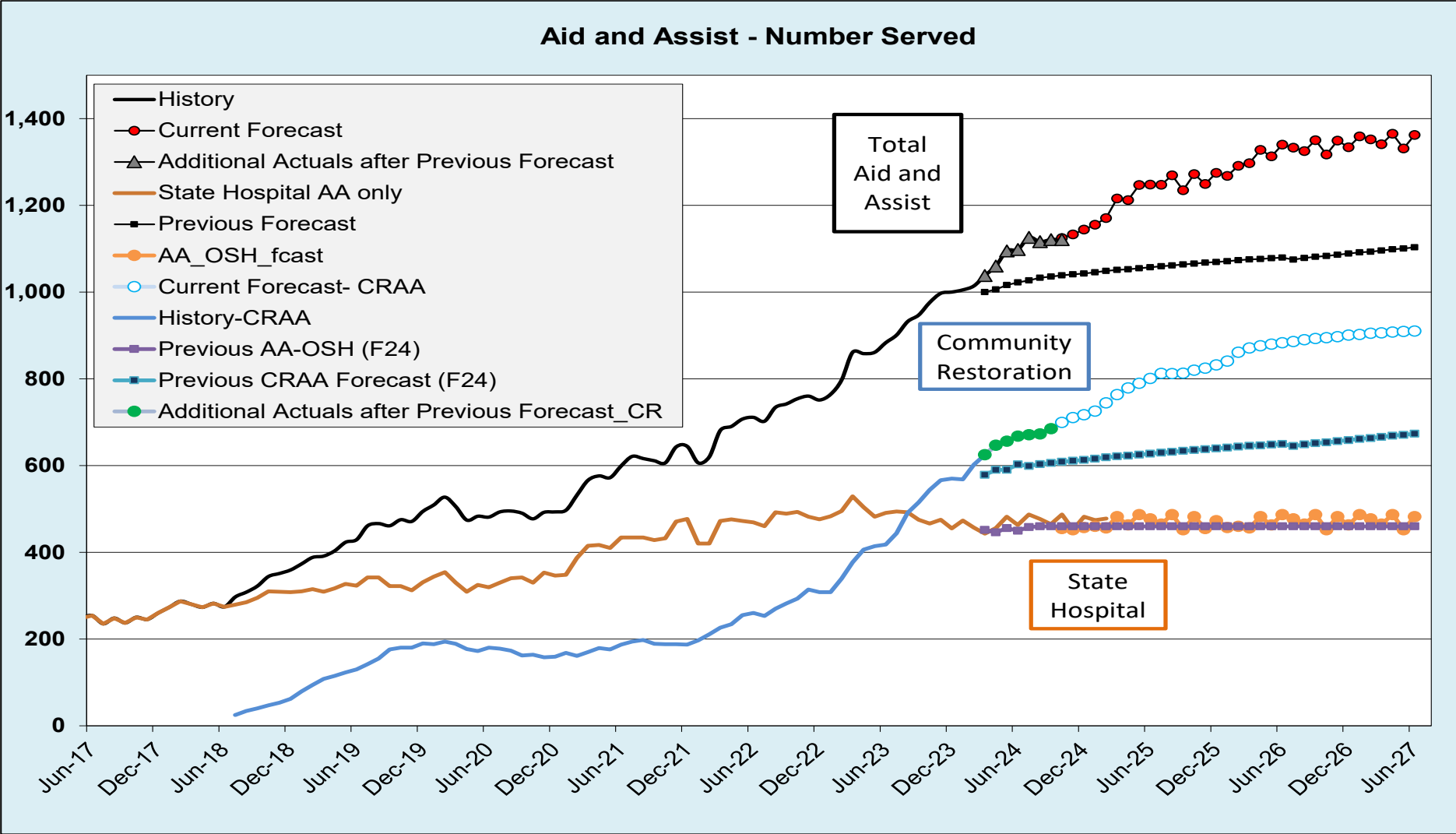
Not enough
workforce or
funding for a
Firehouse
model



Deschutes County Crisis Stabilization Center



Community Restoration Caseload Forecast



Caseload
Forecast,
April 2025

What is keeping us up at night?



- CCO funding reductions
- Federal Medicaid cuts
- More people in 'mandated population' status to serve in communities without commensurate funding and suitable placements



Bracing for Federal Policy Impacts on Oregon BH System

Medicaid Eligibility Changes and Federal match reductions

Marketplace changes

Future of Demonstration Programs

Mental Health and Substance Use Block Grants uncertainty

Broad Executive Orders that conflict with current laws

2025 Legislative Session

BH System Bright Spots

1. Investments in Civil Commitment and Aid & Assist informed by CMHP Cost Study (HB 4092)
2. HB 2024 (BH Workforce Incentives)
3. HB 2005 (community restoration time limits, some investment, see #1)
4. HB 2059 (SRTF/RTF Capacity)
5. SB 610 (M110 Oversight & Accountability Council changes)
6. Continuation of Jail diversion investments

