

CYFD Strategic Plan + Status of the Indian Child Welfare Act in NM

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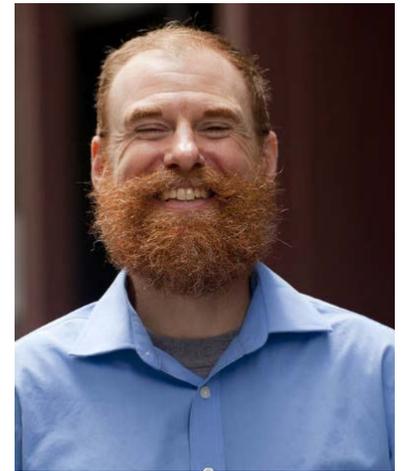
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CYFD Statewide Strategic Planning

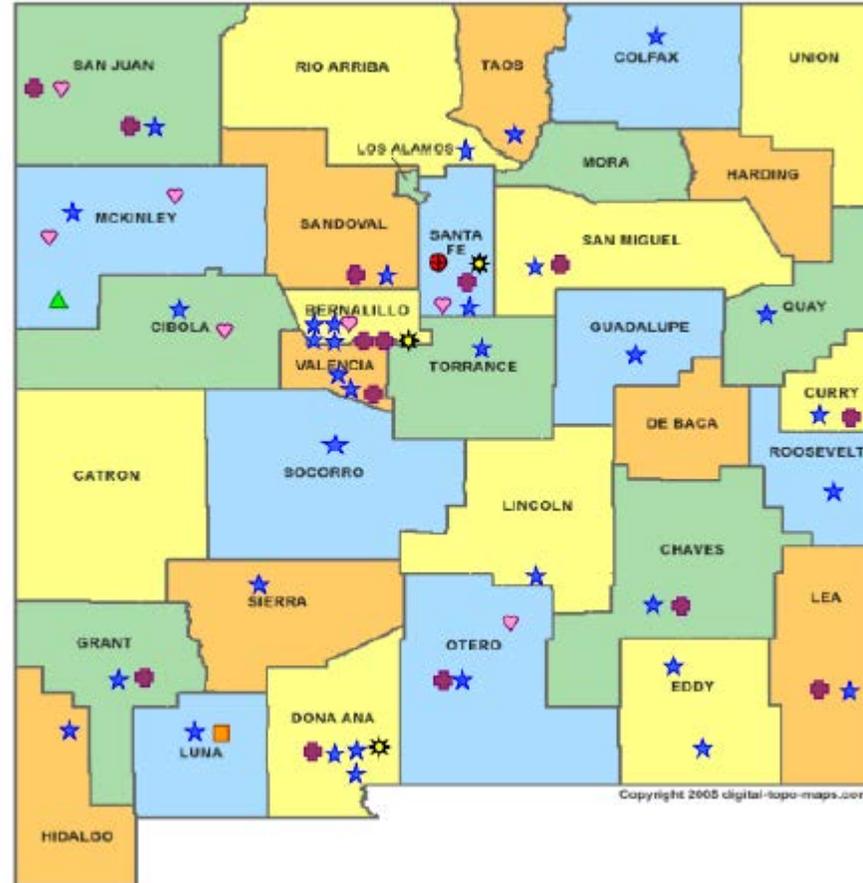
March: Santa Fe (Central),
Gallup, Espanola

April: 23 Nations, Farmington,
Las Cruces, Los Lunas

May: Hobbs, Carlsbad,
Artesia, Roswell, Deming,
Albuquerque, Taos, Ruidoso

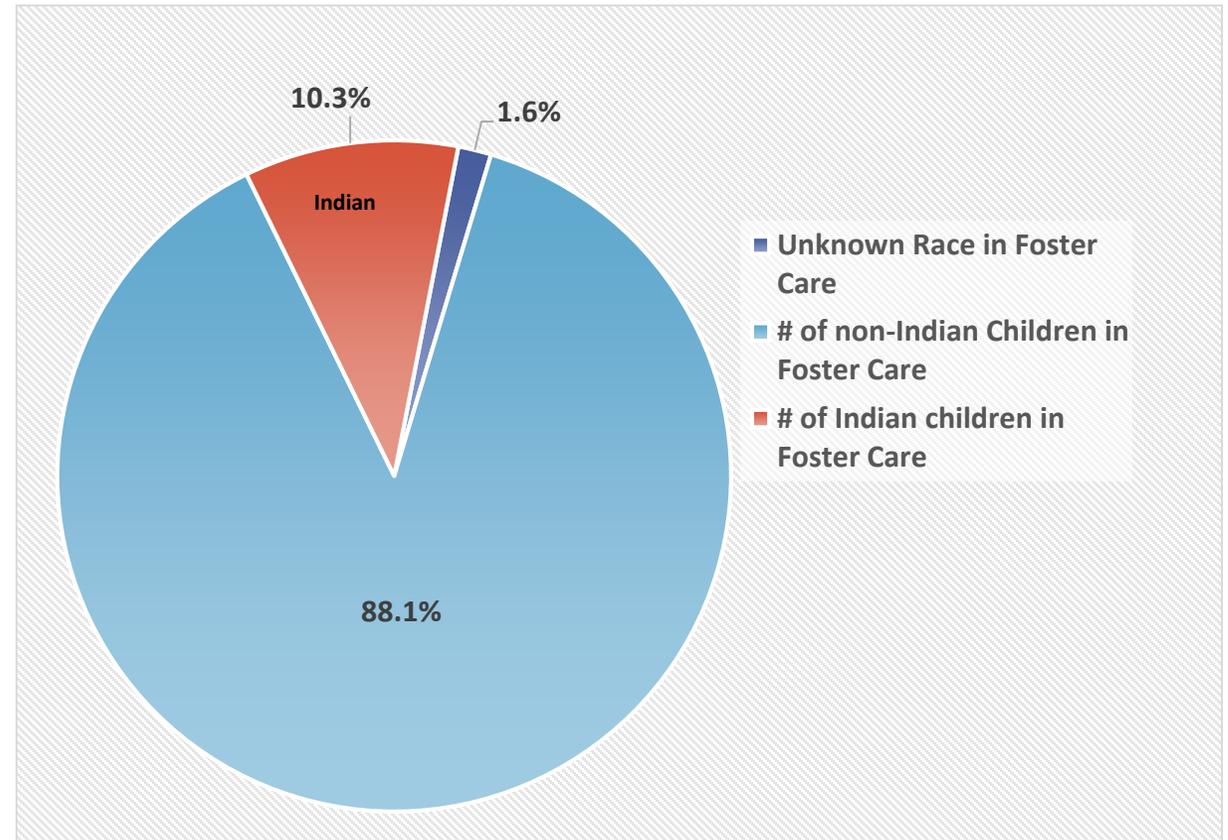
June: Las Cruces, Truth or
Consequences, Albuquerque,
Alamogordo

July: Raton, Las Vegas, Santa
Fe (Local)



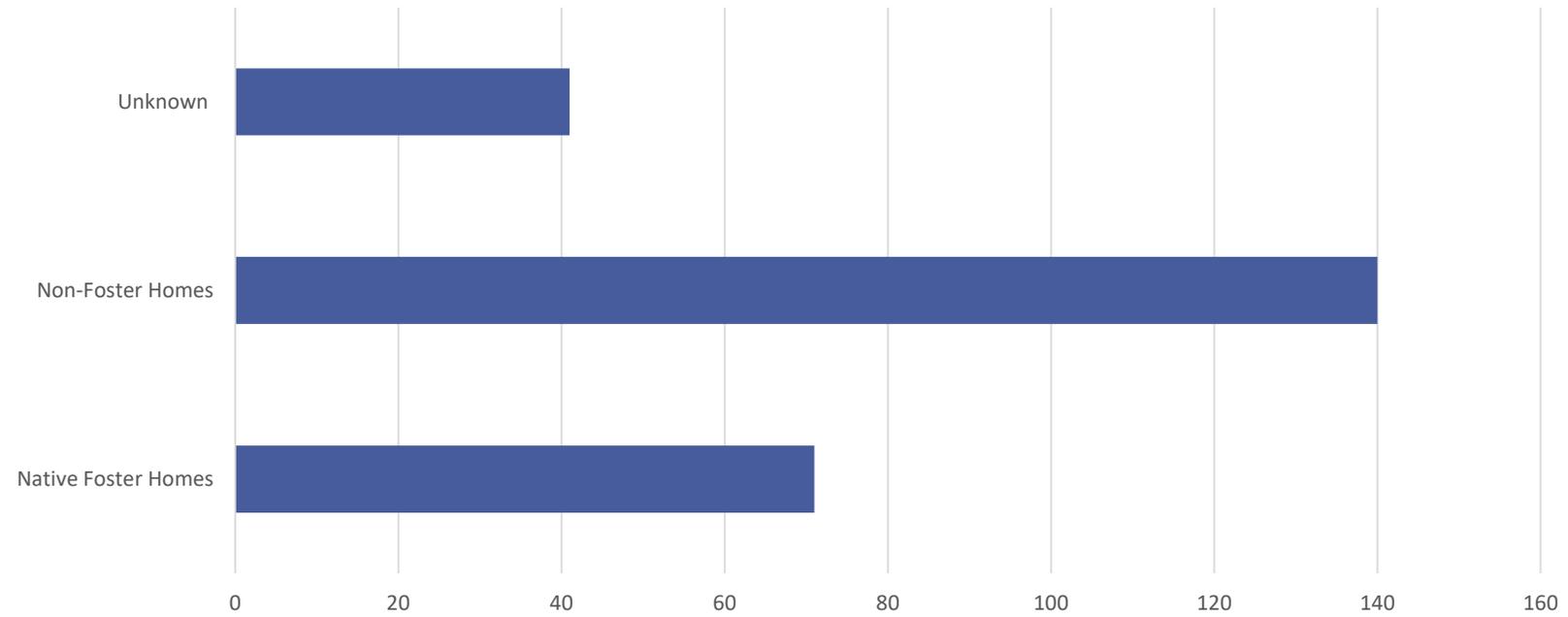
Number of Children in Foster Care

INDIAN CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE	252
UNKNOWN RACE IN FOSTER CARE	39
NON-INDIAN CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE	2160
GRAND TOTAL:	2451



NUMBER OF NATIVE FOSTER HOMES

Native Foster Homes	71	28.2%
Non-Foster Homes	140	55.6%
Unknown	41	16.3%
Grand Total	252	100.0%

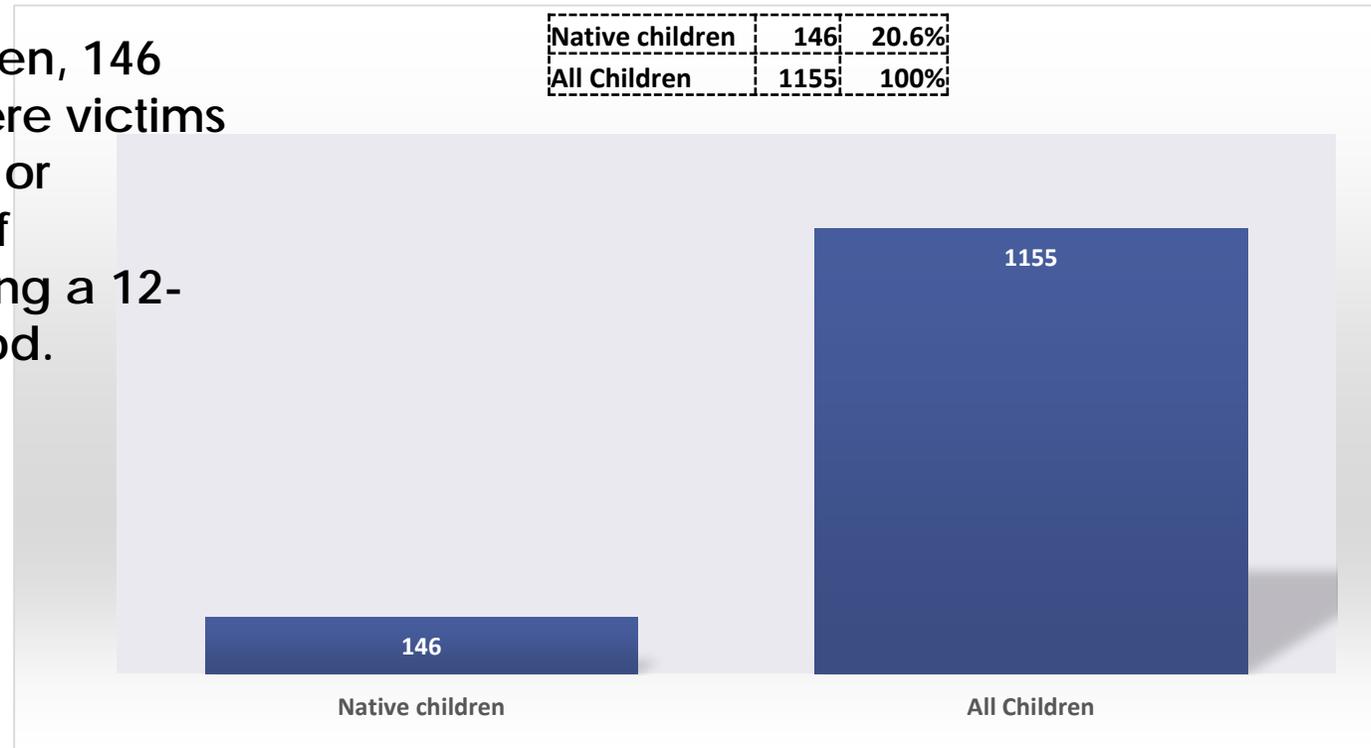


**NUMBER OF NATIVE CHILDREN ON EACH KIND OF PERMANENCY PLAN
(i.e. # OF REUNIFICATION/ADOPTION/GUARDIANSHIP)**

Plan Type	Permanency Plan Goal
1=Reunify with Parents	98
2=Live with Relatives	13
3=Adption	117
5= Emancipation	8
6=Guardianship	1
7=Case Plan Goal Not yet established	13
Unknown	2
Grand Total	252

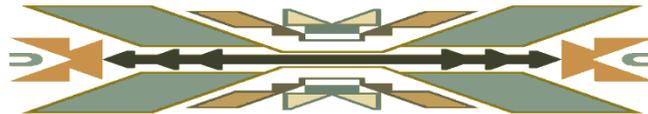
RECURRENCE OF MALTREATMENT

Out of 1,155 children, 146 native children were victims of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment during a 12-month target period.



Tribal Customary Adoption

- ❖ **HM51 requires a report to the Indian Affairs Committee by Nov. 1, 2019**
- ❖ **CYFD is working with the NM Tribal ICWA Consortium and the NM State Tribal Judicial Consortium to organize a workgroup to begin creating the recommendations**
- ❖ **Challenges federal policies that dictates a preference for termination of parental rights and adoptions over other permanency plans for children in foster care**

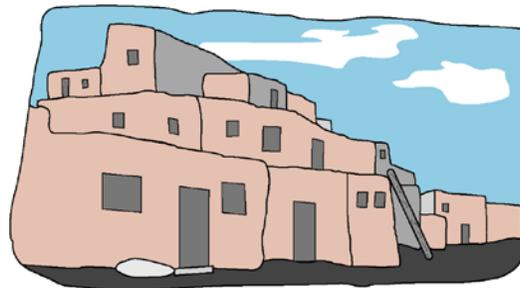




Indian Child Welfare Court

- ❖ **A project of the 2nd judicial district court, headed by Judge Marie Ward (2nd Judicial) and Judge Timothy Eisenberg (Taos Pueblo); numerous stakeholders are advising**
- ❖ **Special Master Catherine Begay will hear ICWA court cases**
- ❖ **Planned to launch on Indigenous People's Day 2019 and begin accepting cases January 2020**
- ❖ **CYFD is creating a specialized ICWA unit to better meet the needs of Native American families and to serve this court**
- ❖ **The Administrative Office of the Court is soliciting for specialized attorneys for the court**

- ❖ **This will be the 7th ICWA Court in the Nation.**
- ❖ **Currently 47 families identified that this court could serve; 90 children and 97 parents would have ICWA expertise**
- ❖ **The court has created new ICWA court forms that will be recommended for statewide use.**
- ❖ **Peacemaking model would replace court-mandated mediation**



Strategic Plan Foundation

More Appropriate Placements

Reduce Congregate Care

Increase Kinship Care

Increase Community Based Mental Health Services

Special Protocols for Vulnerable Populations

Prevention

Institutionalization

Homelessness

Trauma

Optimization

Data

Accountability

Funding

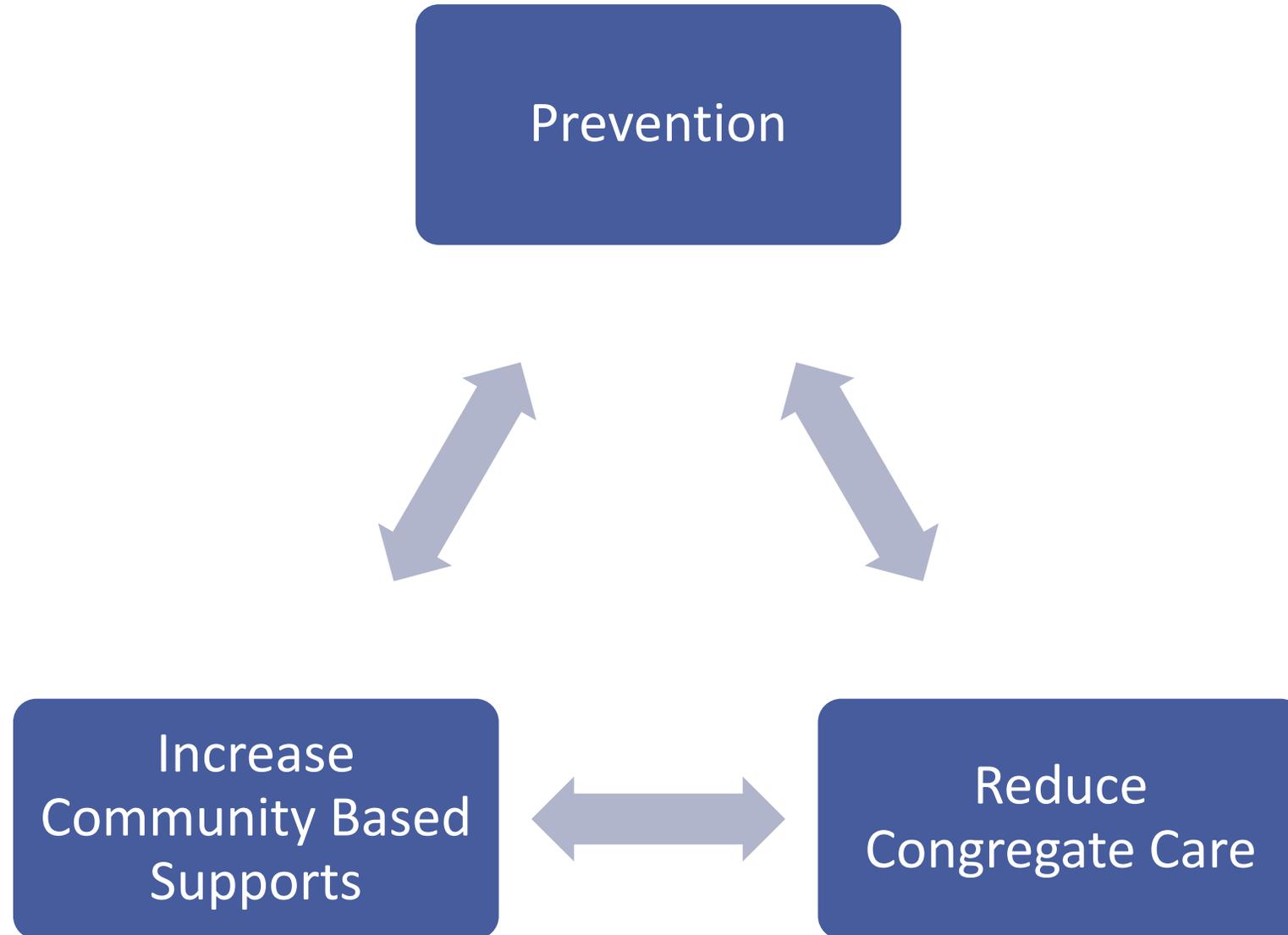
Staffing

Vacancy Rates

Increased training/support

Workforce Development

Building More Appropriate Placements



More Appropriate Placements Work Streams

Congregate Care Reform

QRTP Licensing

Building out exceptions for special populations

Community Based Supports

Kinship Care

Community Based Mental Health Services

Prevention

Restructuring Front Door Access (SCI, Homelessness Partnerships)

Behavioral Healthcare Supports for Parents (HB 230, residential stays, MST)

Why Kinship Care?



Research has shown that foster **children in kinship care** have:

- ✓ Fewer prior placements
- ✓ More frequent and consistent contact with birth parents, siblings
- ✓ Felt fewer negative emotions about being placed in foster care than children placed with non-relatives
- ✓ Less likely to runaway
- In New Mexico, we only place **23% of our youth in formal care with kin.**

Kinship Care – What’s Next?

Dedicated Staffing

Creation of our first ever kinship care director and a dedicated ICWA unit – to help children who cannot remain with parents stay in their communities with kin.

Family Finding – More than asking

Bringing in outside support to develop real Family Finding – technology that helps us locate kin and training on engagement methodologies to help create permanent connections

Funding + Behavioral Healthcare Supports

Increased funding for grandparents helping grandchildren – including closing the subsidized guardianship loophole + leveraging \$ for JJ youth – and dedicated mental health supports for youth in kin placements

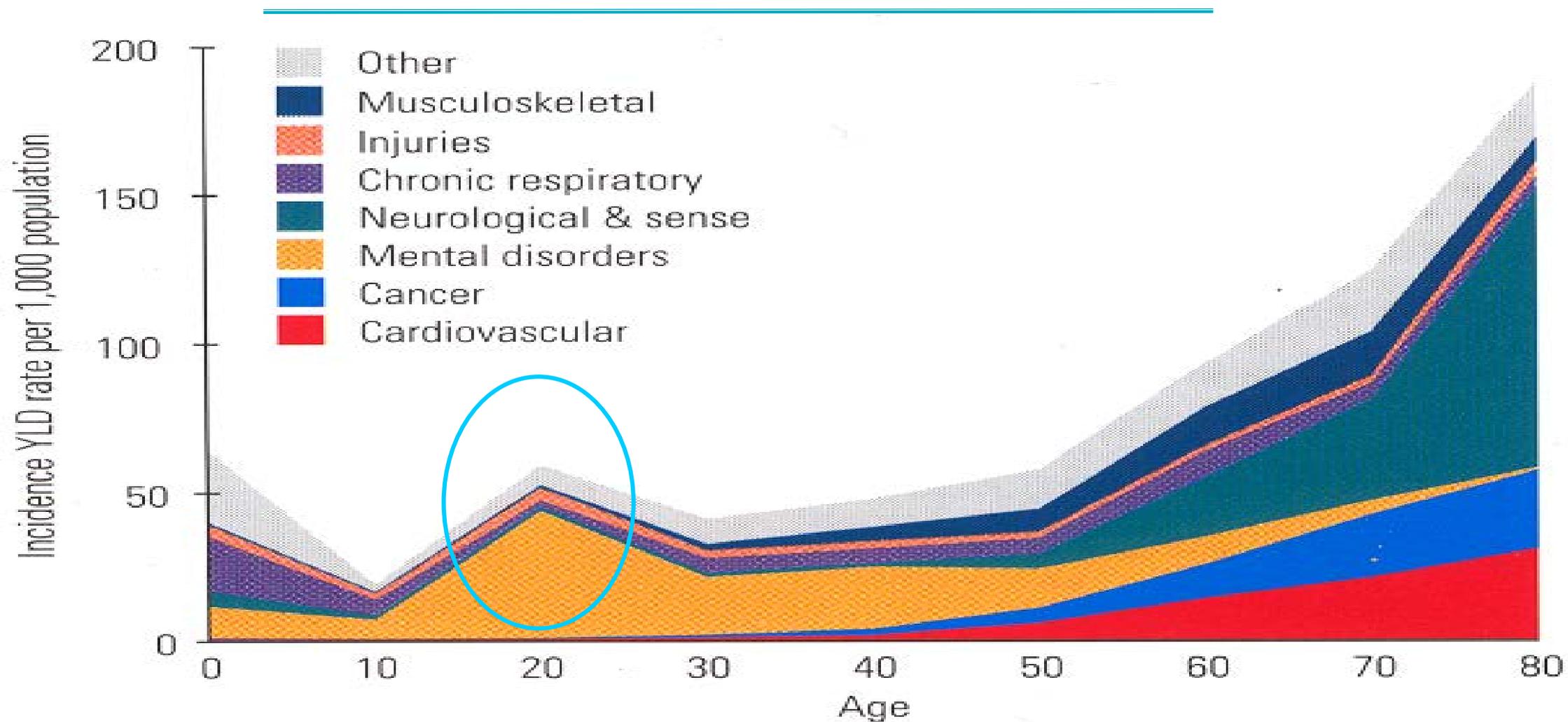
Revising Licensing Standards

Based on Generations United and ABA Center on Children and the Law survey of foster care licensing standards to align New Mexico with national best practices.

Why Community Based Mental Health Services?

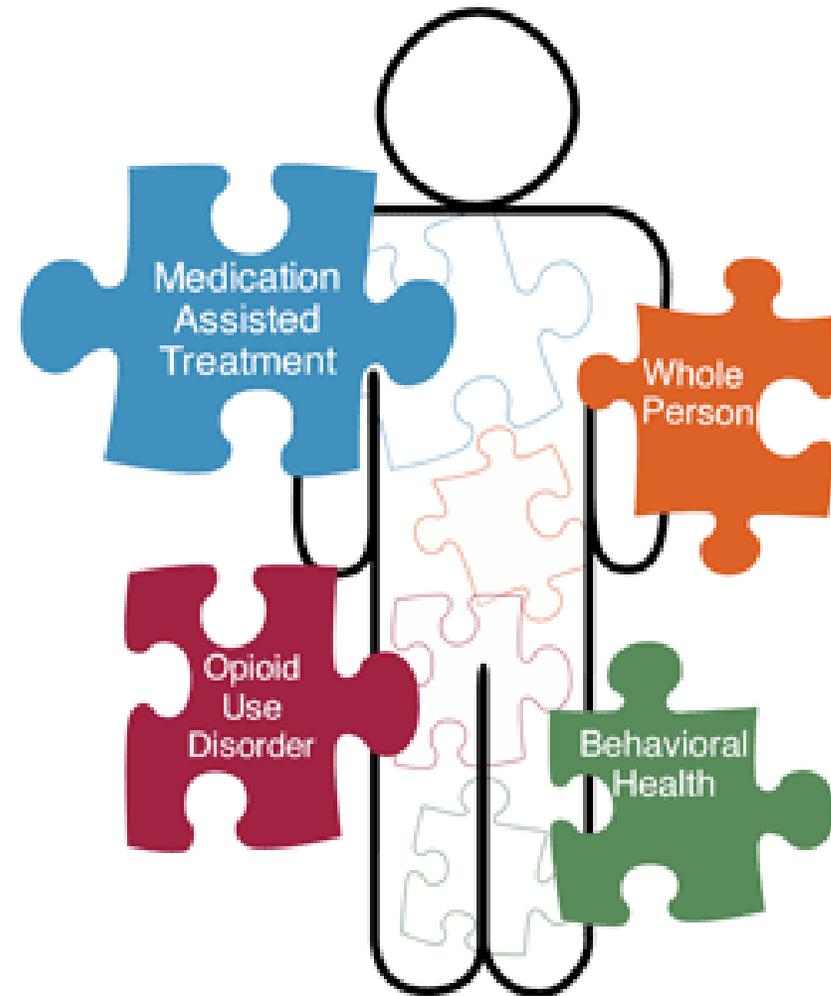


Incidence of Disease across the Lifespan

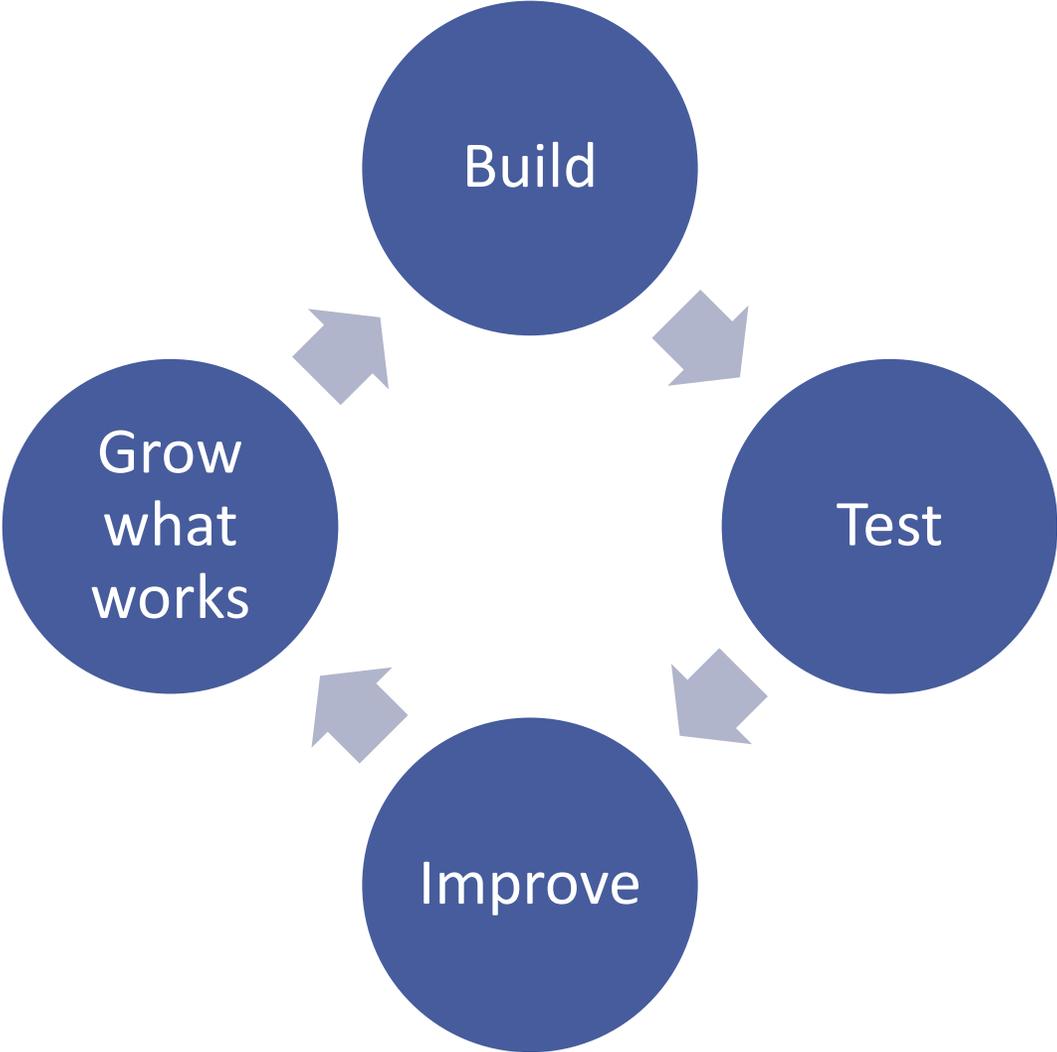


Behavioral Health Collaborative (BHC) Goals

- Expansion of Behavioral Health Provider Network
- Expansion of Community Based Mental Health Services for Children
- Effectively Address Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Provide Effective Behavioral Health Services for Justice-Involved Individuals



How We Get There: Help Now + Future Build



What's Next: Behavioral Health Research & Development

Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)

- Time limited, intensive, strength-based, community-located
- Behavioral support to prevent institutionalization

Therapeutic Case Management (TCM)

- Non-clinical intervention with an emphasis on lived experience and connection/maintaining

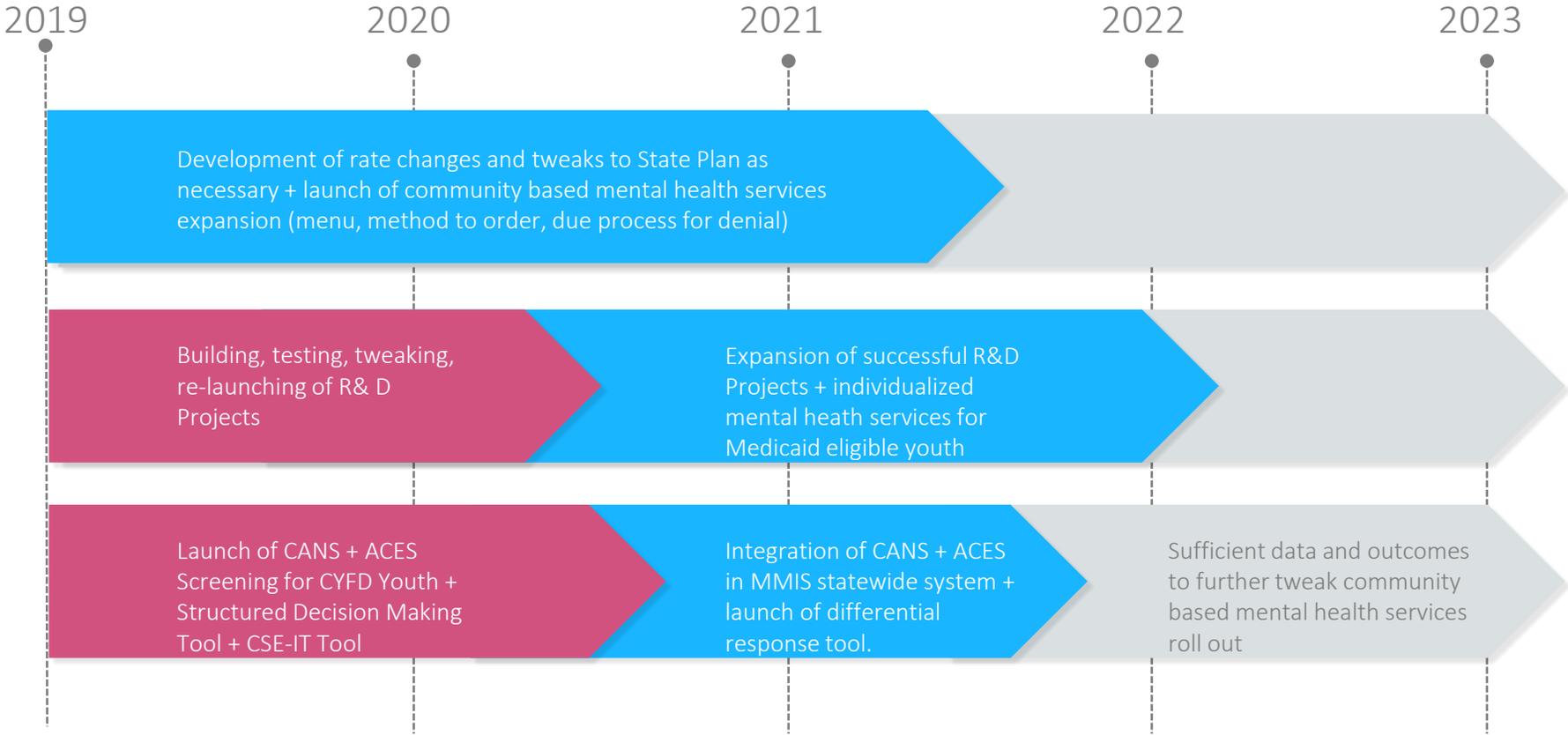
EMT Corps

- Workforce development with wraparound therapeutic supports

High Fidelity Wraparound

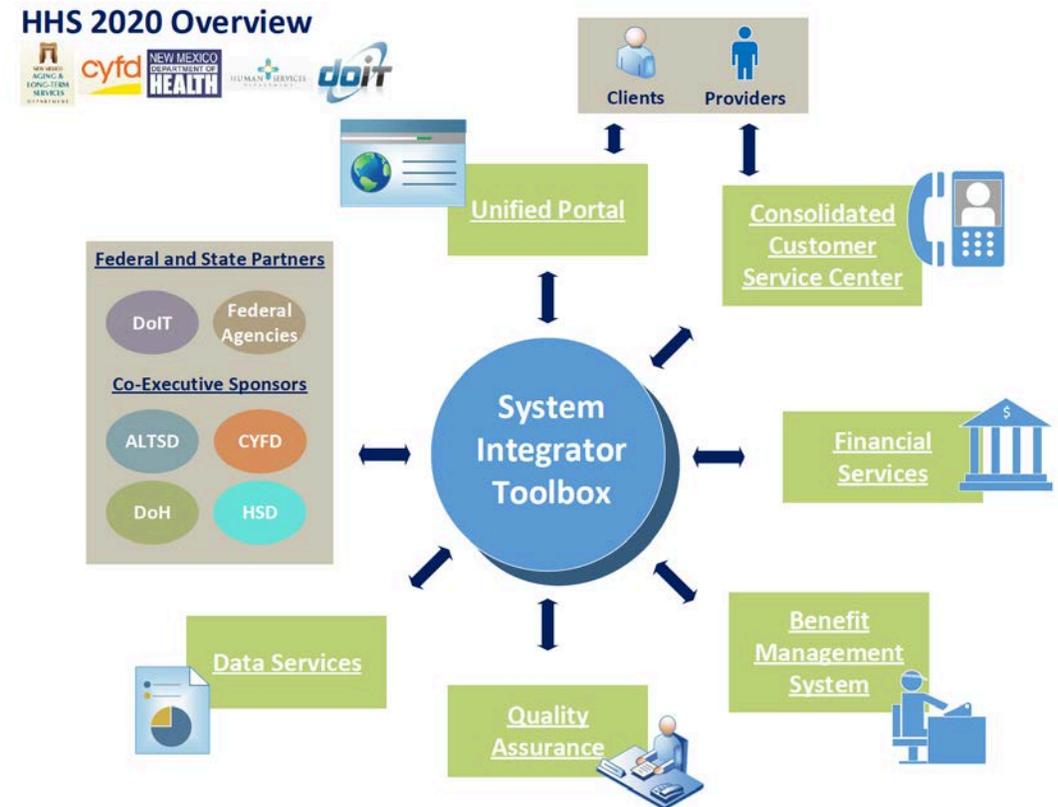
- SAMHSA funded pilot providing intensive care coordination in a strengths-based model focused on adult supports and behavioral health interventions.

What's Next – Data Driven Decisions and Services Growth



HHS 2020

- CYFD is an Executive Co-Sponsor of HHS 2020 and meets monthly to set direction and provide oversight for project
- CYFD's plan to build an MMIS system that is CCWIS compliant will allow for:
 - Integrated data
 - Individual client number across system
 - Increased access to entitlements and supports for children and families
 - Increased data to inform decisions
 - Publicly available dashboards for increased accountability





MMIS 2020

Agile, mobile – who is getting what when and what is the result

Data driven decision making



Federal Penalties (e.g., CAPTA + HB 230, CCWIS Compliance)

IV-E, EPSDT + Medicaid, SSI

Private Funding for R+D



Youth Centered

Child welfare community taskforce – HJM 10

Formal Grievance Process

Increased transparency through data

Optimization

Other Things on the Horizon

- HB 149 – implementation of tribal notification in juvenile justice cases
 - As we account for out-of-home care in juvenile justice cases, full ICWA notice and protections will apply
- JJS Risk Assessment Tool – sharing and learning
- Data System – sharing
- Pilot partners

Questions?

