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# Transforming Behavioral Health Care for Nevada Children

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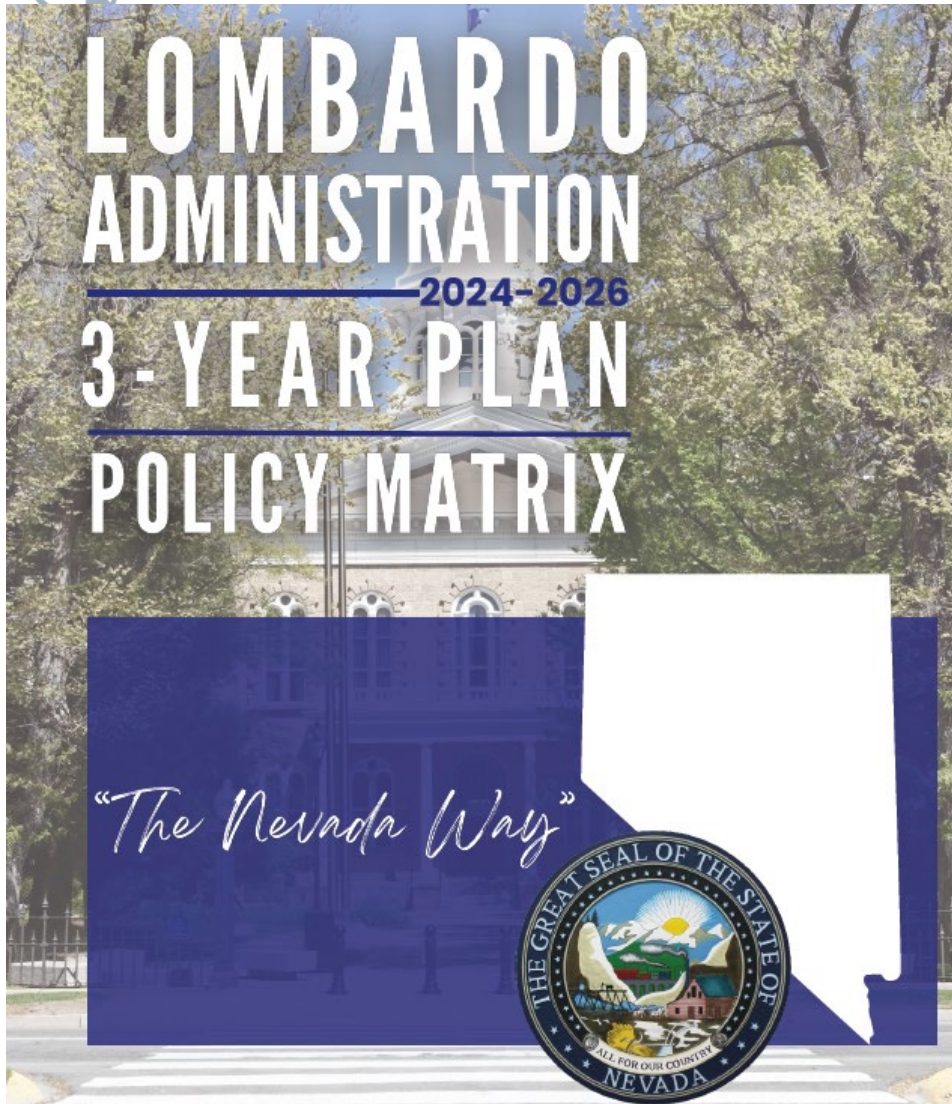


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# Meeting Purpose



To announce new efforts to address the State's children behavioral health crisis as part of the Governor's three-year plan, "The Nevada Way," which includes deploying strategic investments in new mental health services.

To solicit feedback from the public and community partners on these new efforts.

To create a transparent forum for implementing changes to Nevada's behavioral health system for children.



# The Vision



Nevada children have access to the behavioral health services they need to live and thrive with their families and in their communities.

## Values

- Child-Centered
- Family-Focused
- Community-Based
- Accountable System of Care
- Coordinated Response



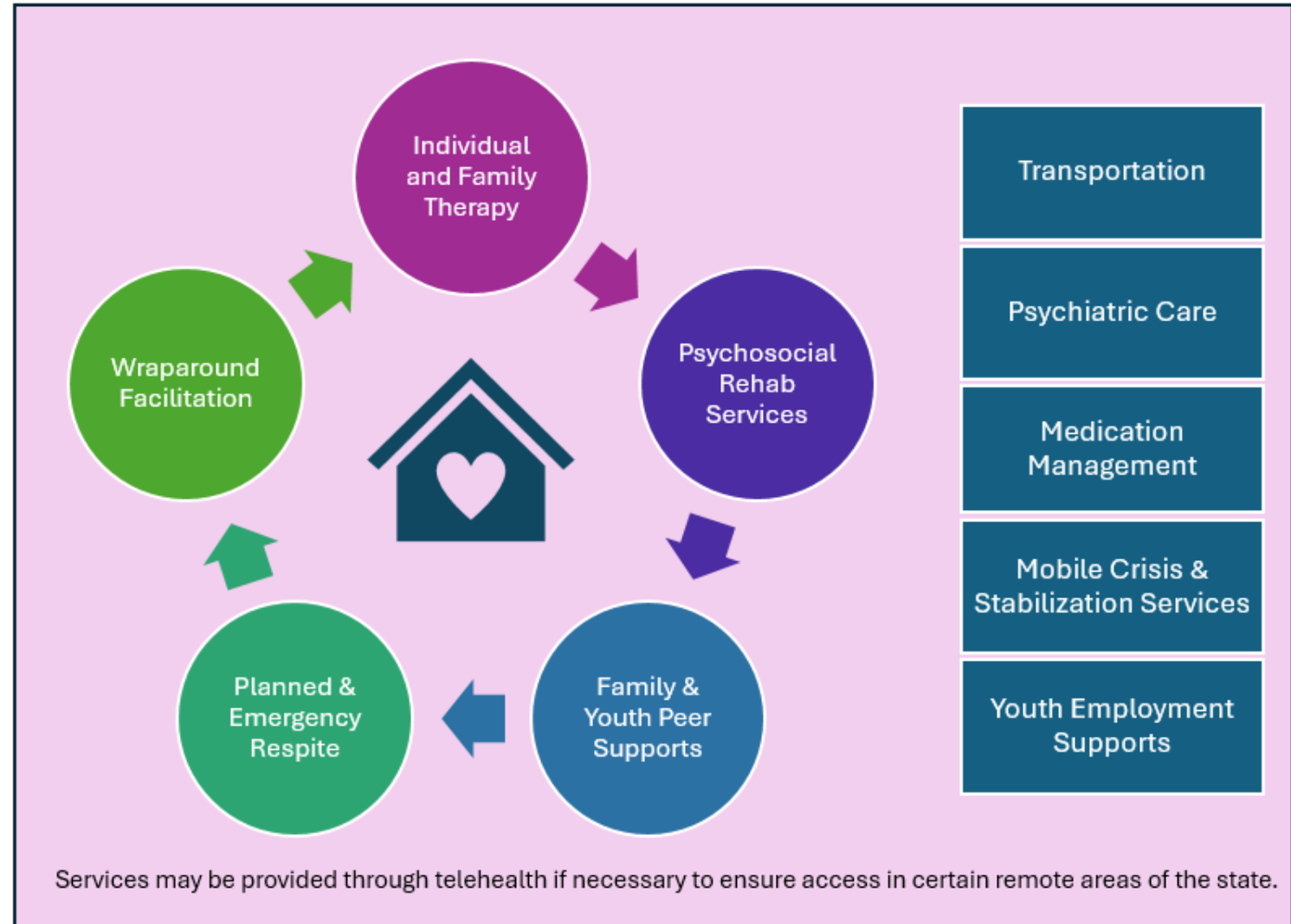
# New Medicaid Home & Community Services



Early comprehensive screenings and assessments of children for behavioral health needs.

All children with serious behavioral challenges will be eligible for new array of services in the home and community.

Foster care families may also access these new services





# Strengthening Quality in Residential Settings



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Residential treatment settings for children should only be used short term, when clinically appropriate, and if there are no safe community alternatives due to a child's behavioral health condition.

## New Medicaid Investments

- New flat base rate of \$800 for all Residential Treatment Centers (RTCs)
- Add-On of \$100 for children under the age of 9
- Add-On of \$100 for children with complex needs

## Medicaid Changes to Improve Quality

- New quality bonus payment for RTCs tied to robust discharge planning, shortened lengths of stay and successful community transitions and low re-admissions
- Require federal certification as a Pediatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)
- Strengthen policies and oversight around discharge planning, admissions, and preventing abrupt terminations and transfers of children
- Increased monitoring and transparency of data and quality metric performance



# Other Medicaid Investments & Changes



## **Coverage of Qualified Residential Treatment Programs**

- Children with SED/SMI who are 13-to-20 years of age
- Group home setting (most under 16 beds)

## **Expansion of School Health Services, Statewide**

- Incentivize screening for behavioral health conditions
- Removing county share

## **Individual and Family Therapy Rate Increases**

- Add-On for Services in Rural Areas
- Add-On for In-Home Services or Telehealth In-Home for Rural

## **Behavioral Support Services & Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services**

- Rate Increases and expansion to all children with SED

## **Rate Parity for Inpatient Psych with Acute Hospital**

- For Psych + Detox

## **Removal of Prior Authorization for Crisis Intervention Services**



# The Financing Mechanism

- Senate Bill 435 (2023) allows Nevada Medicaid to use up to 15% of the revenue from the private hospital tax for administrative costs for the tax and any remaining funds to improve access to Medicaid behavioral health care services in the community.
- Nevada Medicaid will leverage these dollars and match them with federal Medicaid dollars.
- To access these funds for these new services, Nevada Medicaid will seek approval from the State's Legislative Interim Finance Committee
  - April IFC – Services & Investments
  - June IFC – Delivery System Modernization & Vendor/Staff





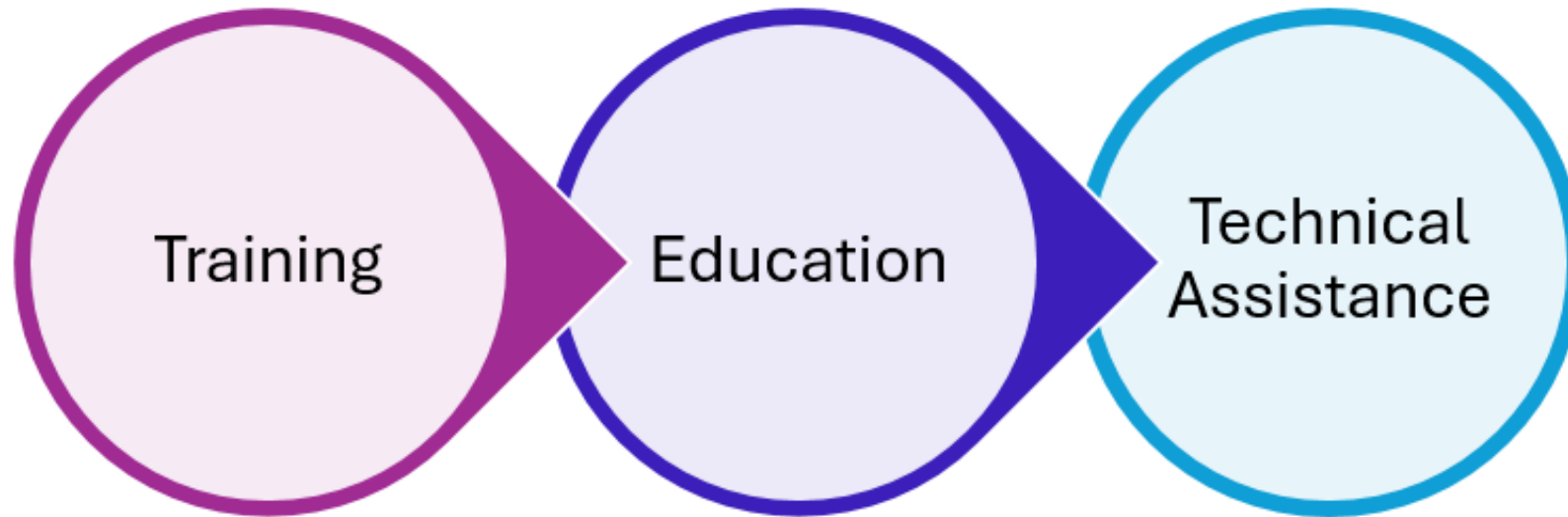
# State Mobile Crisis Response

- Statewide Best Practice Policy and guidance for Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization Services
- Enhanced rates for providers enrolled as Designated Mobile Crisis Teams- outside of the CCBHC
- Proposed addition of Medicaid Provider Type 87
- Proposed development of Nevada Medicaid Services Manual chapter focused on crisis services across the crisis continuum





# New DCFS Provider Unit



- Intensive In-Home Services
- Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization Services
- High Fidelity Wraparound and Intensive Care Coordination
- Trauma Informed Care Training
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- Support for evidence based and evidence informed practices
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Child Care Consultation



# Next Steps

- April Interim Finance Committee
- Schedule Stakeholder Workshop #2 for May to announce additional reforms and changes at Medicaid and other DHHS programs for improving children's behavioral health care
- June Interim Finance Committee
- Establish New Family and Stakeholder Advisory Committee for implementation this Fall
- Develop data dashboard for evaluating changes in 2025
- January 1, 2025 – goal for effective date of most new services and rate changes (pending federal timelines for review and approval)
- 2025-2026 – other delivery system improvements



# Discussion