



# It Takes a City

Bridging LEAs to Resources for Enhanced Student Outcomes

# AGENCIES

- **Department of Health Care Finance**
- **Department of Behavioral Health**
- **Department of Health**



# District of Columbia

## Department of Health Care Finance



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# Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF)

DHCF's mission is to improve outcomes by providing access to comprehensive, cost-effective and quality health care services for residents of the District of Columbia



# Medicaid In the District Of Columbia

- DC offers robust, comprehensive benefit package
- District's program costs ~\$2.7 billion, 70% from federal funds
- Department of Health Care Finance is the State Medicaid Agency
  - CHIP is a Medicaid expansion in DC
  - Also administers two locally funded programs: the Health Care Safety Net Alliance and the Immigrant Children's Program
- Eligibility determinations for assistance programs done by Economic Security Administration (ESA) in Dep't of Human Services (DHS)
- Approximately 1 out of every 3 District residents receives health care through the Medicaid and Alliance programs (~237,000 participants)



# Children's Health Coverage in DC

- Insurance Coverage and Medicaid/CHIP Participation
  - Very Low Numbers of Uninsured and Very High Numbers of Children Participating in Public Insurance
- Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment Overview
  - 70% of the District's Children are enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP
- Service Delivery for Pediatric Care Under Medicaid
  - All beneficiaries under 21 receive the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services benefit through Managed Care and Fee-for-Service



# EPSDT: Medicaid Benefit for Children

- EPSDT service benefit—a mandatory set of services under federal law for children in Medicaid
- EPSDT has three major elements:
  - (1) **Access:** States must inform families of the benefit and services their children are entitled to and provide assistance so that children can receive the services they need
  - (2) **Screenings and Education**
    - Regular and as-needed assessments of physical, developmental and behavioral/mental health
    - Health education and counseling to parent
  - (3) **Diagnosis and Treatment**
    - When screenings uncover health concerns, EPSDT requires the coverage of services needed to diagnose and treat the concerns



# Medicaid Service Delivery in DC

- DC Medicaid's Two Service Delivery Systems:
  - Managed Care [approximately 90% of Medicaid children]
    - AmeriHealth DC
    - MedStarFamily Choice
    - Trusted Health Plan
    - Health Services for Children with Special Needs(for disabled children up to age 26)
  - Fee-for-Service [approximately 10% of Medicaid children]
    - Children with Disabilities not residing in an institution
    - Children residing in LTC facilities
    - DYRS-linked children
    - Children under custody of Child & Family Services Agency (foster care, adopted)
  - Provider Types Serving Children in the District of Columbia
    - FQHCs (e.g., Unity, Mary's Center)
    - Facility-Based (e.g., Children's Hospital, Georgetown)
    - Provider Practice Groups



# Reporting and Documenting Well-Child Visits

- DHCF changed billing requirements and rates for EPSDT/well-child visits as of 10/1/14 with instructions to use Preventive Visit CPT codes and specific codes for screenings (e.g., 96110 for developmental)
- Billing Changes Established to Help DHCF and MCOs:
  - Confirm that all components of a well-child visit were performed;
  - Detail need for diagnostic or treatment services; and
  - Establish accountability for linking and tracking children in need of EPSDT services to the appropriate providers.



# Integrating Primary Care with Developmental, Behavioral and Oral Health

- Documentation on Well-Child Visits will Help Related Initiatives for Children in DC
  - DC Pediatric Oral Health Coalition & Fluoride Varnish implementation
  - DC Collaborative for Mental Health in Pediatric Primary Care (Partnership with Children's National Health System (CN), Georgetown, Dept. of Behavioral Health (DBH), DHCF and Children's Law Center)
  - Help Me Grow (Department of Health)
  - Mayoral Initiatives: Raise DC & Early Success Council (includes goals related to measuring developmental screens)



# Partnering with MCOs to Improve Service Delivery of EPSDT through Provider Education

- Primary Care Provider Education
  - HealthCheck Training & Resource Center:  
<http://www.dchealthcheck.net/index.html>
  - Materials on Medicaid's EPSDT Benefit for DC Providers, Government Agencies and Families
  - EPSDT training (for 5 CMEs paid by MCOs every two years) and Fluoride Varnish Training for PCPs to serve children 0-3
  - Based on Bright Futures Guidelines with latest materials and guidance documents from CMS, HRSA, and national organizations
  - Compliance of training monitored by DHCF and MCOs



# Monitoring Children's Health

- Meeting Coverage Goals: Crossing the Finish Line for Children's Health Coverage
- Utilization of Services: Improving Numbers and Documenting Service Delivery
  - Documenting Well-Child Visits and Referrals
  - Defining and Quantifying the "T" in EPSDT
- Quality of Care: Selecting Core Measures
  - Use of HEDIS: Core Measures & Measurement Development
- Outcomes
  - Defining Outcome Measures to Tell Story of Children's Health Well-being in Your State
- Communicating Goals with Key Stakeholders in Defining and Monitoring Child Health in Your State:
  - PolicyMakers (Executive and Legislative branches)
  - MCO & Provider Groups
  - Other Child-Serving Agencies Coordinating



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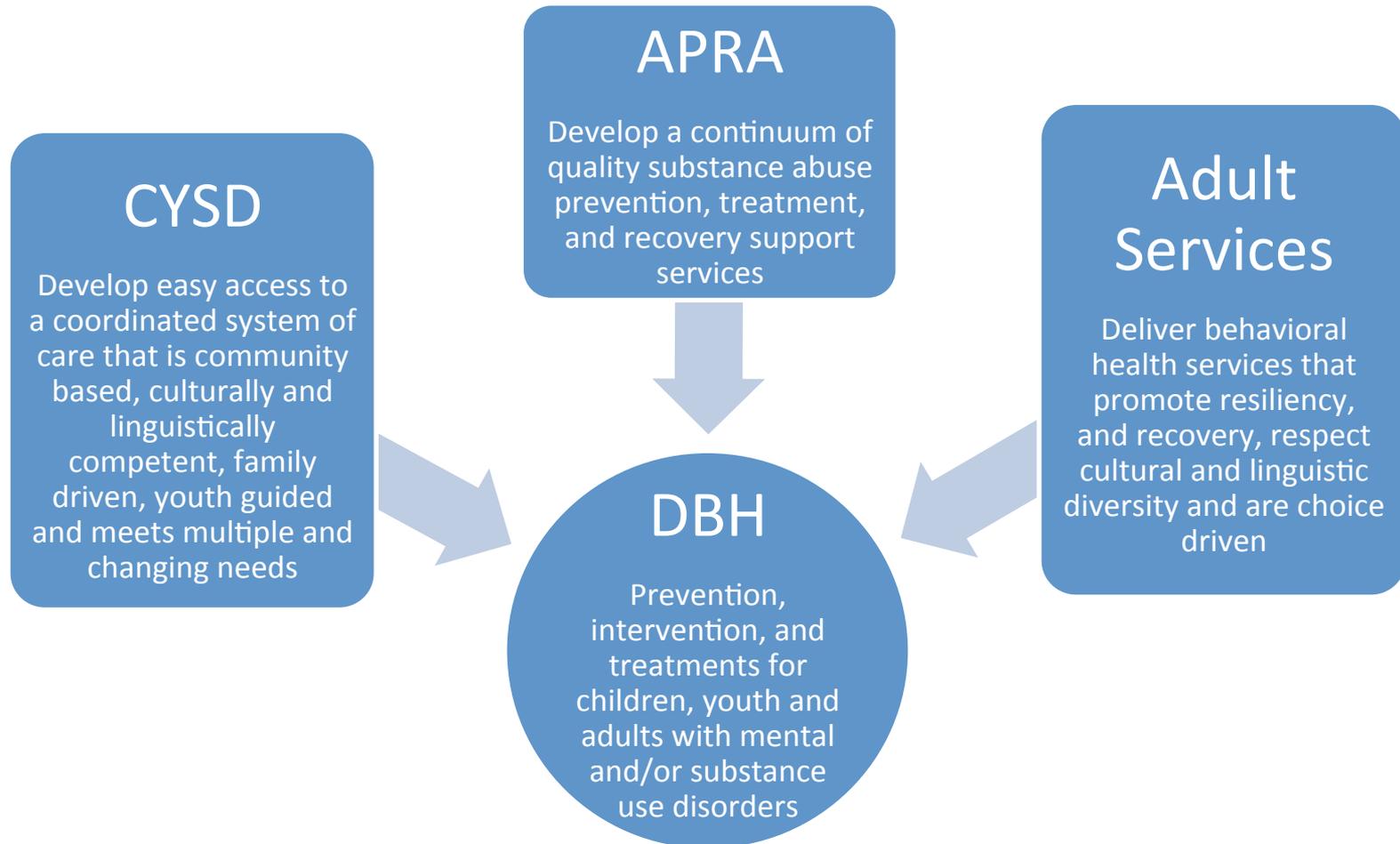


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# DBH: Agency Functions



# DBH

## Current Collaboration

- School Mental Health Program
- WrapAround (School & Community Based)
- Primary Project and Healthy Futures Program
- Secondary Transition Community of Practice
- Mental Health Awareness Day 2013-2014
- CAFAS & PECFAS
- State Advisory Panel on Special Education
- Behavioral Health Training for Educators

## Tips for Effective Partnerships

- Open and ongoing communication
- Commitment to participation in planning and implementation
- Establish MOU's that clearly identify roles and responsibilities of each partner
- Have mutually identified measurable goals established to meet outcome needs

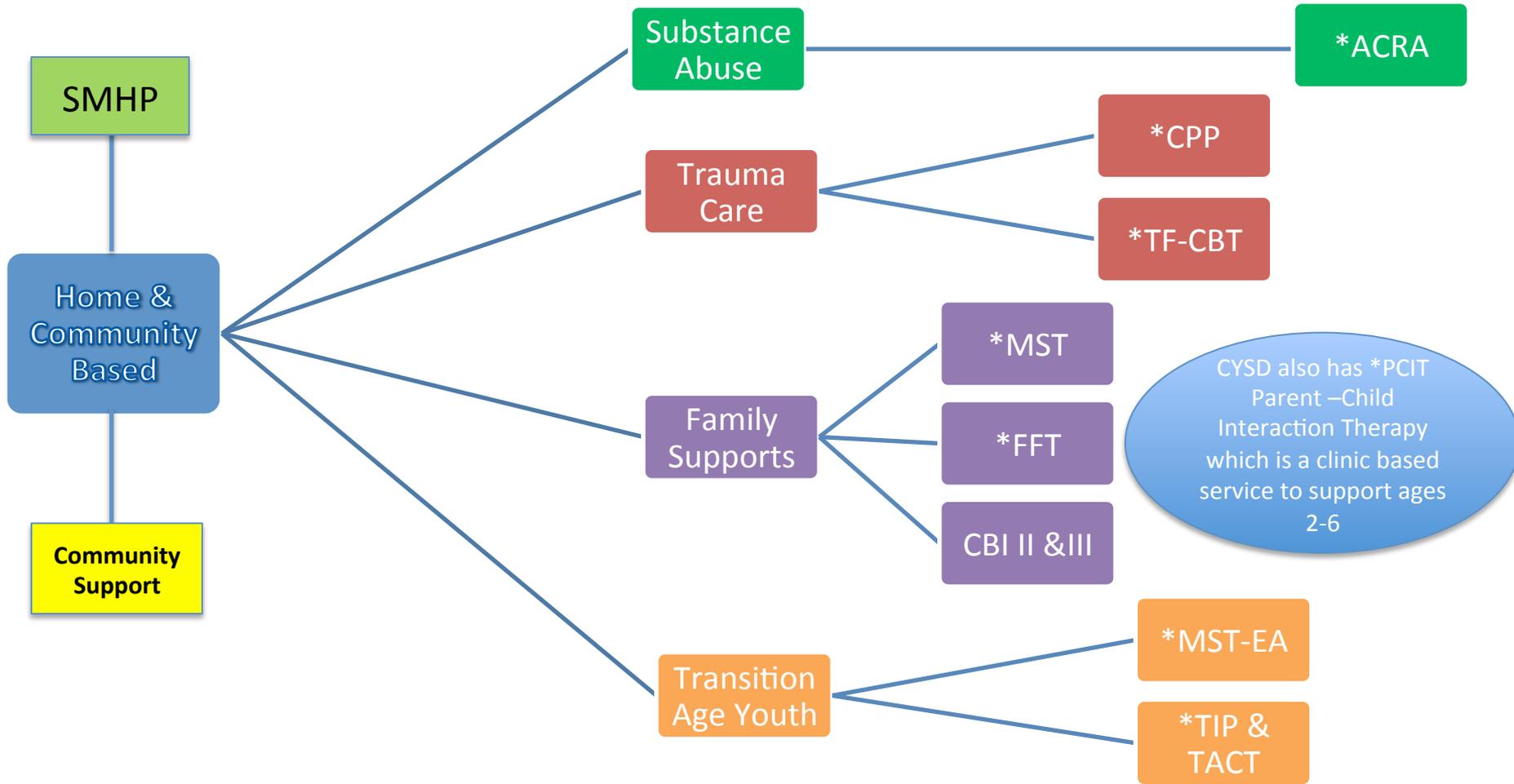
## Future Ideas

- Collaboration between OSSE and DBH Ombudsman Officers
- Increase training to parents on advocacy, mental health impact on education and special education process
- Communication of availability of services to partners
- Collaboration in defining new ways and opportunities to conduct Behavioral Health supports in schools
- Expansion of the School Mental Health Program



# DBH: CYSD Services

\*These programs are Evidence Based Programs (EBP)



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# District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH)



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# Department of Health

## Mission

To promote and protect the health, safety and quality of life of residents, visitors and those doing business in the District of Columbia.

Office of the Director and five Administrations



# DOH- Office of the Director

- \$22 million budget, of which \$17 million is in property management
- 42 FTEs
- Chief of Staff
  - Communications
  - Policy
  - Legislative Affairs
  - Performance Management
- Chief Operating Officer
  - Information Technology
  - Human Resources
  - Risk Management
  - Grants Management
  - Language Access
  - Procurement
  - Facility Management



# Center for Policy, Planning and Evaluation

**Dr. Fern Johnson-Clarke**  
**Senior Deputy Director**

- \$4.8 million budget
- 41 FTEs
- 4 Bureaus
  - Vital Records
  - Research Evaluation & Measurement
  - Data Management & Analysis Division
  - State Health Planning & Development

## Major Initiatives

- Community Health Needs Assessment
- Preventable Causes of Death Report
- Healthy People 2020
- Essence Syndromic Surveillance System
- NEDS
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System



# Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Administration

## **Dr. Brian Amy** **Senior Deputy Director**

- \$6 million budget
- 30 FTEs
- 4 Bureaus
  - Bioterrorism Division
  - Public Health Emergency Operations and Program Support
  - Emergency Medical Services Regulation
  - Pharmaceutical Procurement & Distribution

## Major Initiatives

- Special Event Planning, i.e. Presidential Inauguration
- Strategic National Stockpile
- Pharmaceutical Warehouse
- POD training
- District wide trauma system plan



# Community Health Administration

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**Senior Deputy Director**

- 6 Bureaus
  - Cancer and Chronic Disease Prevention
  - Primary Care
  - Grant Monitoring and Program Evaluation
  - Perinatal & Infant Health
  - Nutrition & Physical Fitness
  - Children, Adolescent & School Health

## Major Initiatives:

- Own Your Health
- WIC/ Snap ED
- Project Wish
- Healthy Start
- Health Professional Loan Repayment Program
- Student Immunization Compliance
- School Based Health Centers
- Home Visitation
- School Nursing Contract
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Cardiovascular disease, diabetes and school health



# School-Based Health Centers

- The Program has one (1) FTE
  - Public Health Advisor
- The centers are funded locally - \$375K/year
- There are six (6) centers for which the Program has oversight:
  - Anacostia SHS
  - Ballou SHS
  - Cardozo SHS
  - Coolidge SHS
  - Dunbar SHS
  - Woodson SHS
- Primary care services are provided at each site



# School-Based Oral Health

- The Program has three (3) FTEs
  - Supervisory Dental Officer
  - Public Health Analyst
  - Community Outreach Worker
- The Program is funded locally
- The goal for FY15 is to complete the procurement process and have services available to all public schools
- The Program provides the following services:
  - Sealant Application
  - Fluoride Treatment
  - Screenings
  - Education



# School Health Nursing Program

- The Program has three (3) FTEs
  - Public Health Advisor
  - Public Health Analyst
  - Quality Assessment Specialist
- The Program assists the Contract Administrator with oversight of service provision in DCPS and PCS who comply with health suite recommendations in order to receive a DOH-supported nurse
- The District has a contract with Children's School Services to provide nursing services to public schools
- In FY15, the contract amount is \$20M



# DOH: Immunization Program

- Collaborates with licensed child development centers schools to increase immunization compliance;
- Manages the District of Columbia's Immunization Information System or DOCIIS;
- Operates the Immunization Express Clinic to provide immunizations to un- or underinsured DC residents.

