

Behavioral Health Transformation:

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BH-CONNECT: Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care & Treatment

A five-year Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration and related State Plan Amendments.

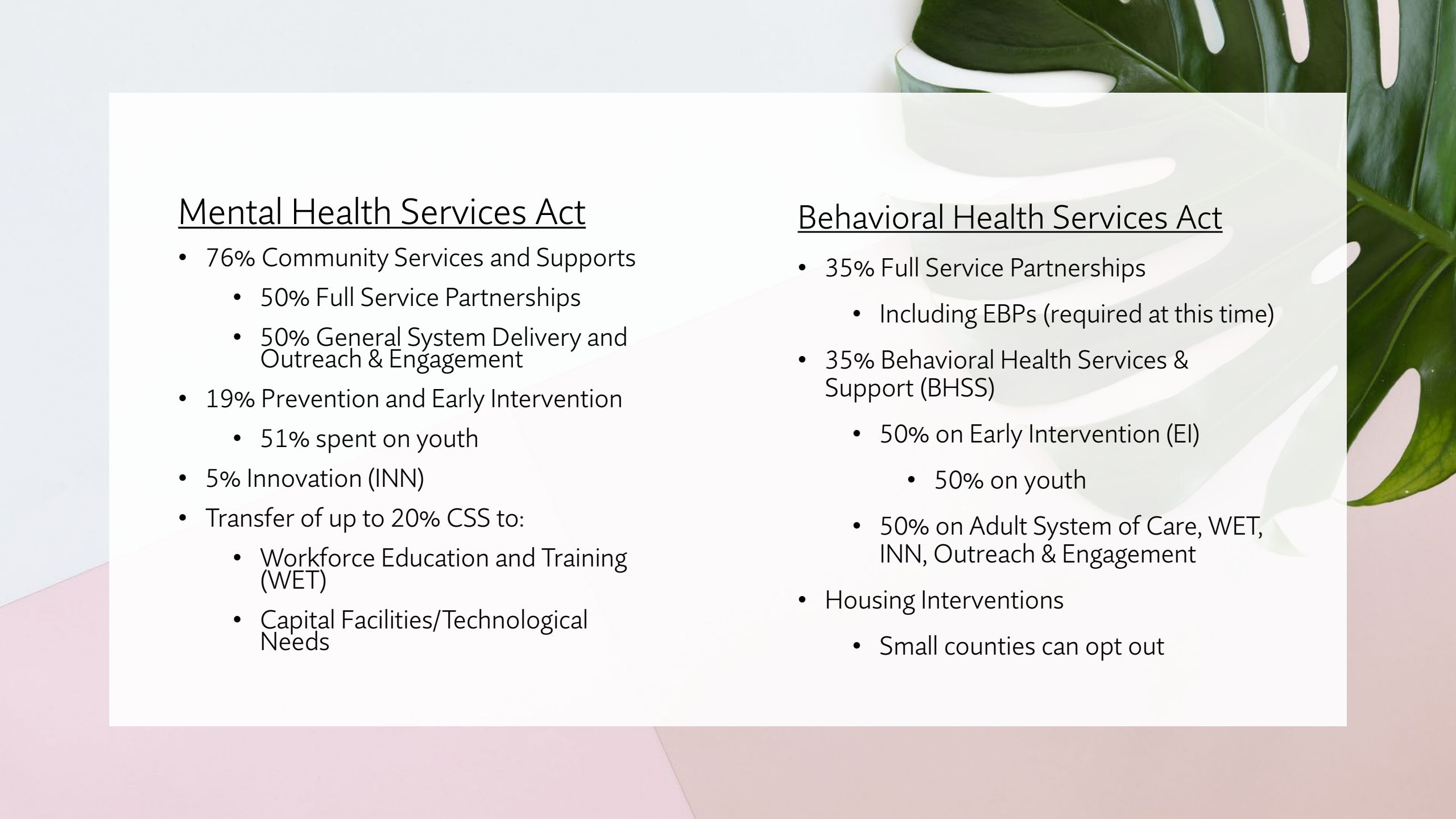
Expands access to highly effective, community-based services and evidence-based practices (EBPs) for Medi-Cal members with significant behavioral health needs.

Key EBPs for Adults: Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Forensic ACT (FACT), and Individual Placement and Support (IPS). Under BH-CONNECT there are opt-in.

Required EBPs for Youth: Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC), High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW), Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST), and Functional Family Therapy (FFT).

Transitional Rent, Workforce Program, billing re: Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs), Clubhouse Model

Incentives for meeting milestones within BH-CONNECT



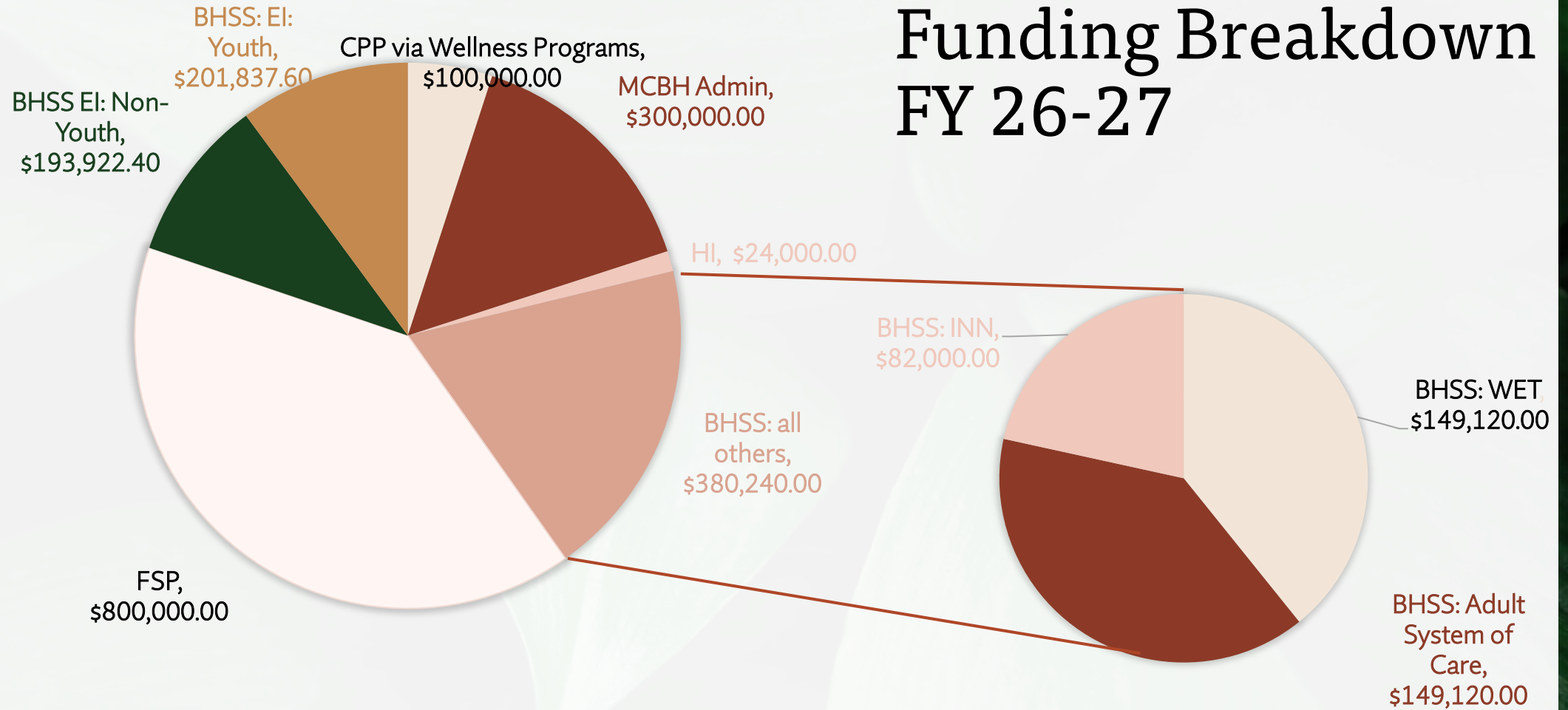
Mental Health Services Act

- 76% Community Services and Supports
 - 50% Full Service Partnerships
 - 50% General System Delivery and Outreach & Engagement
- 19% Prevention and Early Intervention
 - 51% spent on youth
- 5% Innovation (INN)
- Transfer of up to 20% CSS to:
 - Workforce Education and Training (WET)
 - Capital Facilities/Technological Needs

Behavioral Health Services Act

- 35% Full Service Partnerships
 - Including EBPs (required at this time)
- 35% Behavioral Health Services & Support (BHSS)
 - 50% on Early Intervention (EI)
 - 50% on youth
 - 50% on Adult System of Care, WET, INN, Outreach & Engagement
- Housing Interventions
 - Small counties can opt out

BHSA: Potential Funding Breakdown FY 26-27



What's Missing

- Social media outreach
- Community trainings
- \$100,000 of wellness funding
- More if we need to allocate more funding to Housing Interventions





The Overlap:

BH-CONNECT & BHSA

- EBPs
- Workforce Initiatives
- BH-CONNECT creates more pathways for Medi-Cal billing
- BHSA provides state-mandated funding
- BH-CONNECT infrastructure supports BHSA outcomes reporting
- State continuing to move toward generalized data



Other Initiatives/Grants

CARE Court

Mental Health Diversion

Justice-Involved Initiative

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing

Advocacy

State: Small County Exemptions for Evidence-Based Practices based on bill language.

Local: This presentation hopefully demonstrates how challenging the BH landscape is at this time with so many overlapping and sometimes contradictory requirements from the state.



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