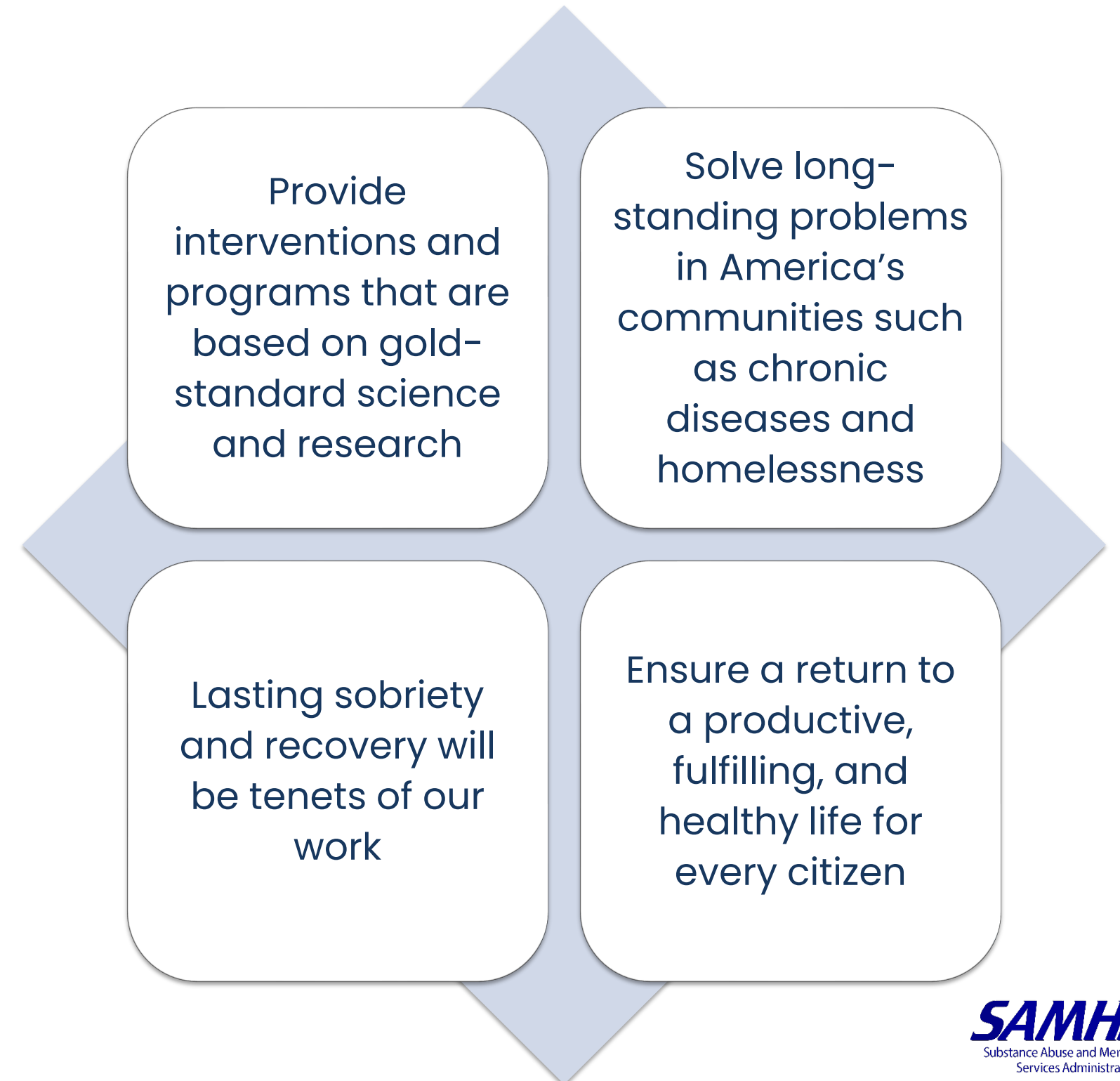


Mental Health Liaison Group Special Session

May 21, 2026

Moving Forward with Purpose

Changing the trajectory of increasing serious mental illness, addiction, and loss of life



988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline



More than 25 million contacts via call, text, chat, and ASL videophone since 2022

JAMA study: 988 associated with significant reductions in suicide among adolescents and young adults

New \$255M award to Vibrant to continue administering Lifeline

Congressional Justification for fiscal year 2027 maintains current budget levels at \$534.6 million



Strategic Priorities

Preventing substance misuse, abuse, and addiction

Addressing serious mental illness

Expanding crisis intervention care and services

Improving access to evidence-based treatment for mental illness, substance use, and co-occurring disorders

Helping individuals achieve long-term recovery and sobriety

Identifying and addressing emerging behavioral health threats

Delivering for the American People



SAMHSA's Core Work Areas

Analyze and disseminate information on the latest data, trends, and what works in prevention, treatment, and recovery

Build capacity and provision of services at the national, state, tribal, territorial, and local levels through strategic resource investments

Advance behavioral health through strategic collaborations and partnerships

Engage in education and communication efforts to catalyze action

Testing and piloting innovative solutions that solve long-standing problems, replicate successes, and eliminate ineffective programs

Key Outcomes



Increase and improve

- Rates of treatment among individuals with AMI, SMI, & SUDs
- Functionality & work-life responsibilities among people with AMI, SMI & SUD
- Rates of individuals in recovery for mental illness & SUDs



Decrease

- Overdose deaths & suicide deaths
- Rates of substance misuse & SUDs
- Rates of AMI & SMI
- Rates of suicidal ideation
- Rates of homeless individuals with AMI, SMI & SUD
- Rates of infectious disease transmission associated with substance misuse and mental illness (e.g., HCV, HIV, STIs)



Progress From Day 1

Grants, Pilot Programs, & Services

HEP-C Initiative (addressing chronic disease)

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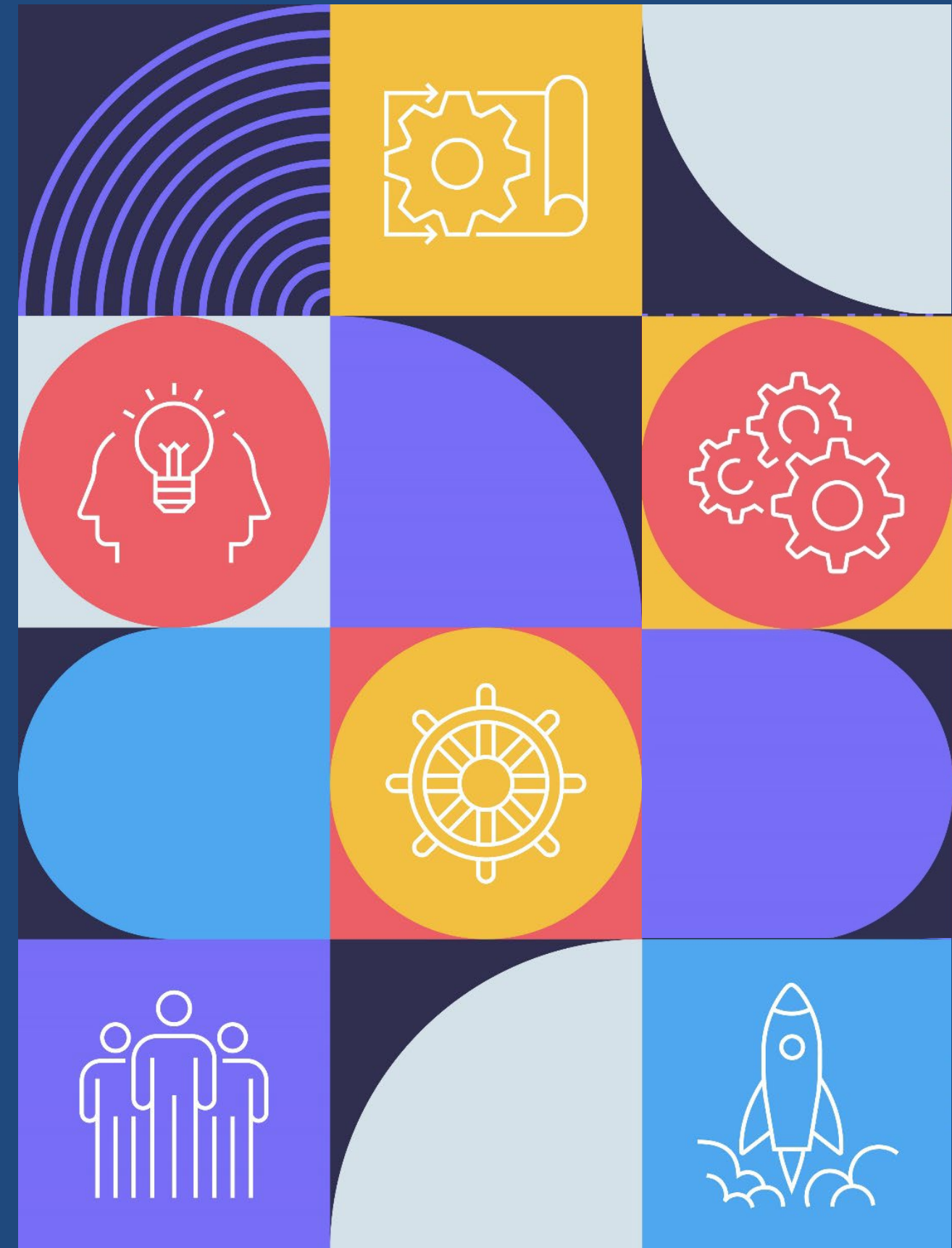
Expanding Assisted Outpatient Treatment and Civil Commitment

988 Lifeline Administrator

Funding for Serious Mental Illness and suicide prevention

Charitable Choice enabling faith-based organization funding access

Expanded access to MOUD in foster care settings



FY 2026 Budget

Appropriation	FY2025 Final	FY2026 Enacted	FY2026 +/- FY2025
Mental Health	\$2,808,546	\$2,823,446	\$14,900
Substance Use Prevention	\$236,879	\$240,879	\$4,000
Substance Use Services Treatment	\$4,159,298	\$4,172,298	\$13,000
Health Surveillance and Program Support	\$169,583	***\$202,994	\$33,411
Total	\$7,374,306	\$7,439,617	\$65,311

*** SAMHSA received 54,311 in Congressionally Directed Spending
All Dollars in thousands

CCBHC Expansion Efforts

2026

10 states will be added

**Medicaid
Demo**

Selected from 14 states plus D.C. who received planning grants in Jan 2025

Will receive assistance to develop their certification process, establish a prospective payment system, and complete the application to participate in 4-year demo

**Philadelphia
Pilot
Program**

Awarded \$2M to assist homeless individuals with SMI and/or SUD

CCBHC will expand treatment and recovery supports

Transition individuals off the streets and into behavioral health care

Faith-based initiative

Outreach and support to faith communities

Overview

Coordinated leadership

- SAMHSA coordinates with the White House Faith Office and HHS Center of Faith

Coordinated framework

- Strengthen collaboration across partnerships supporting the whole continuum of care

Outcomes

- Scalable models of engagement and access
- Training and technical assistance
- Digital communications



Curb Overprescribing

HHS Dear Colleague

- Providers should prioritize informed consent and regularly review risks with patients.
- Incorporate non-pharmacologic and clinically appropriate approaches such as psychotherapy, nutrition, and physical activity.

SAMHSA Education Focus

- Report on prescribing trends.
- Webinars for health practitioners with guidance on:
 - Side effects of psychiatric medications
 - When to prescribe and when to taper
 - Holistic care



Upcoming Funding (2026 NOFOs)

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) – open

Zero Suicide – open

Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) – open

Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Suicide Prevention (GLS) – open

Community Programs for Youth and Young Adults at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis – open

State Consumer Network (SCN) – open today

Center for Excellence on Eating Disorders (COE-ED) – open today

National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)

Project Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education (AWARE)

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

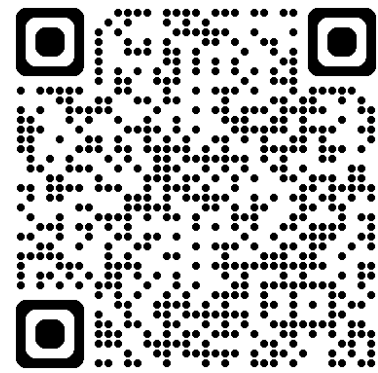
Mental Health Awareness Training Grants (MHAT)

Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)

Technical Assistance Center for Mental Health Peer-Led Organizations (TAC MHPL)

Questions?

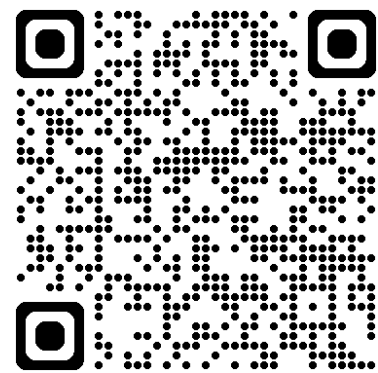
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