



Session 5: Addressing Service Gaps in California for Youth in Foster Care

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- **Unconditional Care: helping children, youth and families succeed through the most difficult times in their lives**
- **A comprehensive continuum of programs across service systems:**
 - education
 - behavioral health
 - immigration
 - child welfare and juvenile probation

Expedited Transition Services: Serena



Expedited Transition Services



Key Lessons Learned

- Collaboration is key
- Importance of integrated behavioral health services
- Relationships matter

Looking Ahead

- A Universal Array of services for every child welfare-involved youth and family
- AB 808 (Stone): Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot



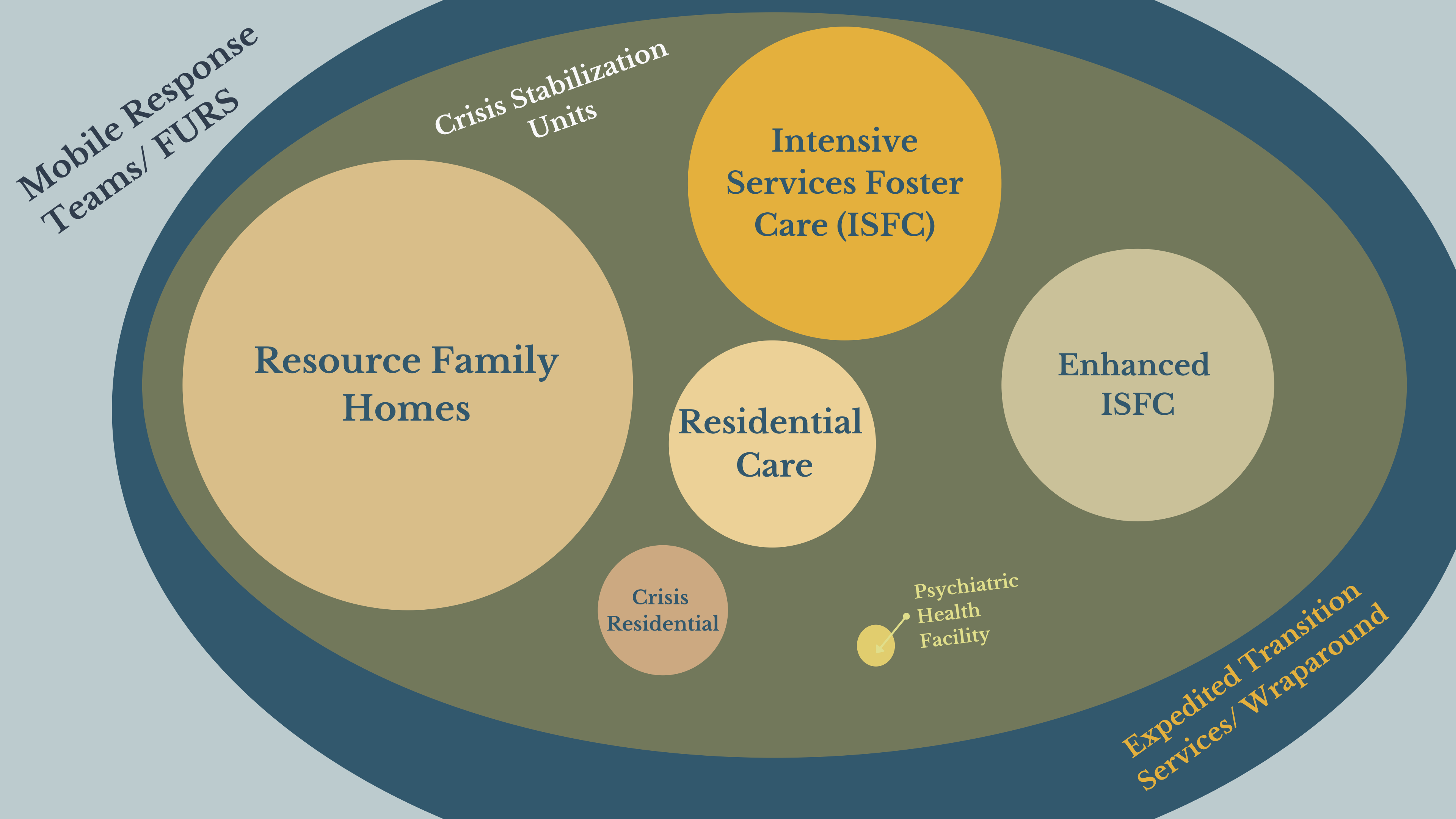
California Child Welfare Council: Behavioral Health Committee

- **County behavioral health departments, managed care organizations, behavioral health providers, state agencies, legal advocacy organizations, parent advocates, advocates with lived experience navigating the child welfare system**
- **Scope of work:**
 - **Preventing unnecessary entries into the child welfare system**
 - **Providing alternatives to CPS reporting when there is not imminent danger**
 - **Effectively supporting the behavioral health needs of children and families involved in child welfare/juvenile probation**
- **Policy Recommendations 2020: Defining the Universal Array of Services required by every child, youth and family involved in, or at risk of imminent involvement in, the child welfare system**

Universal Array of Services

- Prevention and early intervention
- Community-based supports
- Tiered therapeutic placement options
- Aftercare services
- High needs and crisis continuum





Mobile Response
Teams/ FURS

Crisis Stabilization
Units

Intensive
Services Foster
Care (ISFC)

Resource Family
Homes

Enhanced
ISFC

Residential
Care

Crisis
Residential

Psychiatric
Health
Facility

Expedited Transition
Services/ Wraparound

AB 808 (Stone): Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot

- Authored by Assemblymember Mark Stone (D-29), leader of Continuum of Care Reform
- Co-Sponsored by Seneca Family of Agencies, County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), and Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC)
- Grants to build the capacity for the in-state care of foster youth, many of whom have historically been sent out-of-state for treatment

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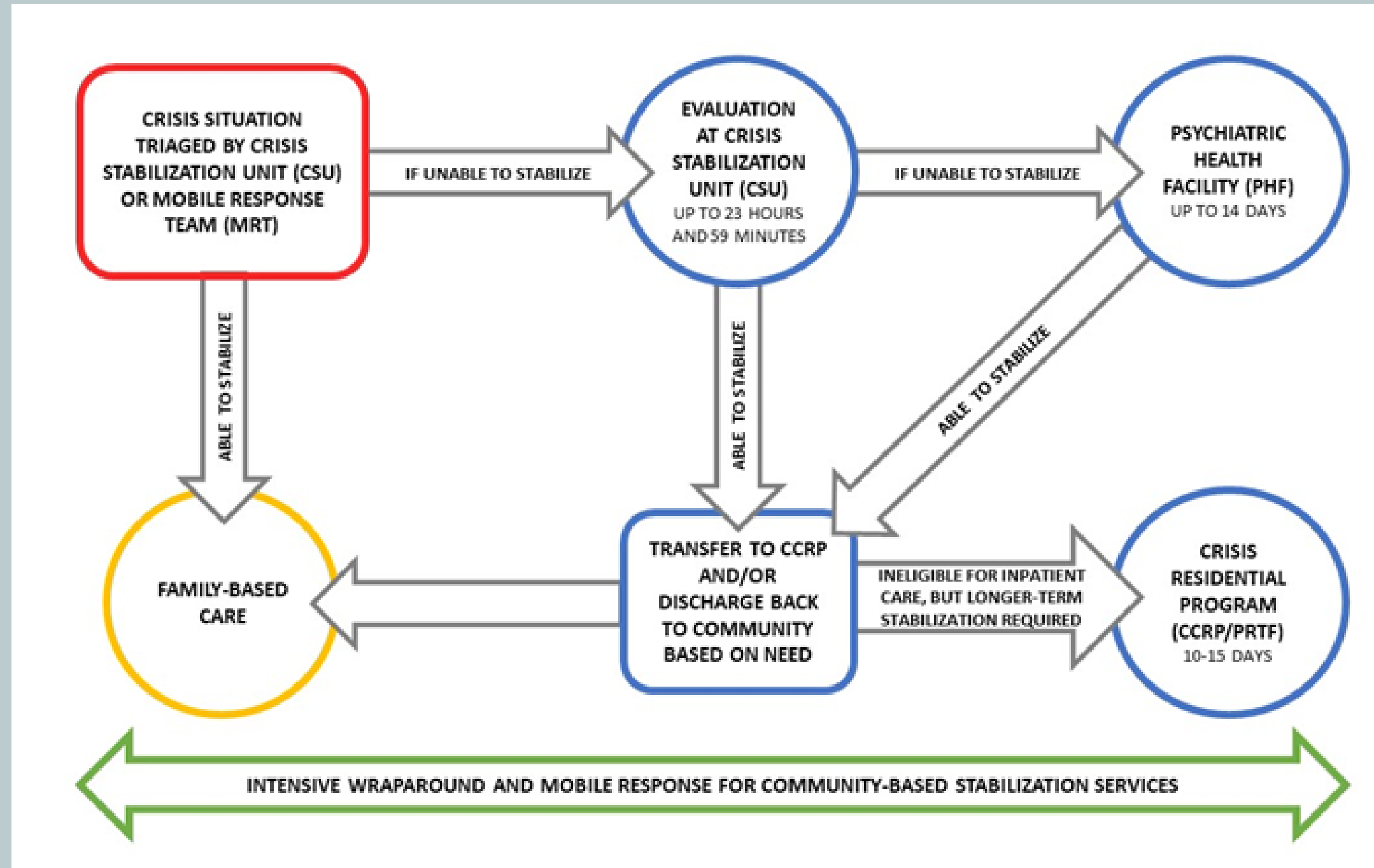
- Several integrated continuums of small, intensive, and highly individualized treatment settings throughout the state to support stabilization and step-down to home-based care
 - Crisis Stabilization Unit and co-located Psychiatric Health Facility
 - Crisis Residential
 - Expedited Transition Services and 24/7 community-based supports
 - Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC)
- Bill is moving to Senate Policy Committees

AB 808 and Reshaping Serena's Story



- Cross-sector collaboration
- Seamless continuum of services

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Q&A