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## Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Programs

Department of Behavioral Health Services  
Behavioral Health Initiatives

# Overview of the Behavioral Health Initiative:

The Behavioral Health Initiative is funded under the one eight percent gross receipts tax approved by Bernalillo County voters in the 2014 General Election. The tax was approved by the Bernalillo County Commission in February of 2015 based on voter approval of the measure

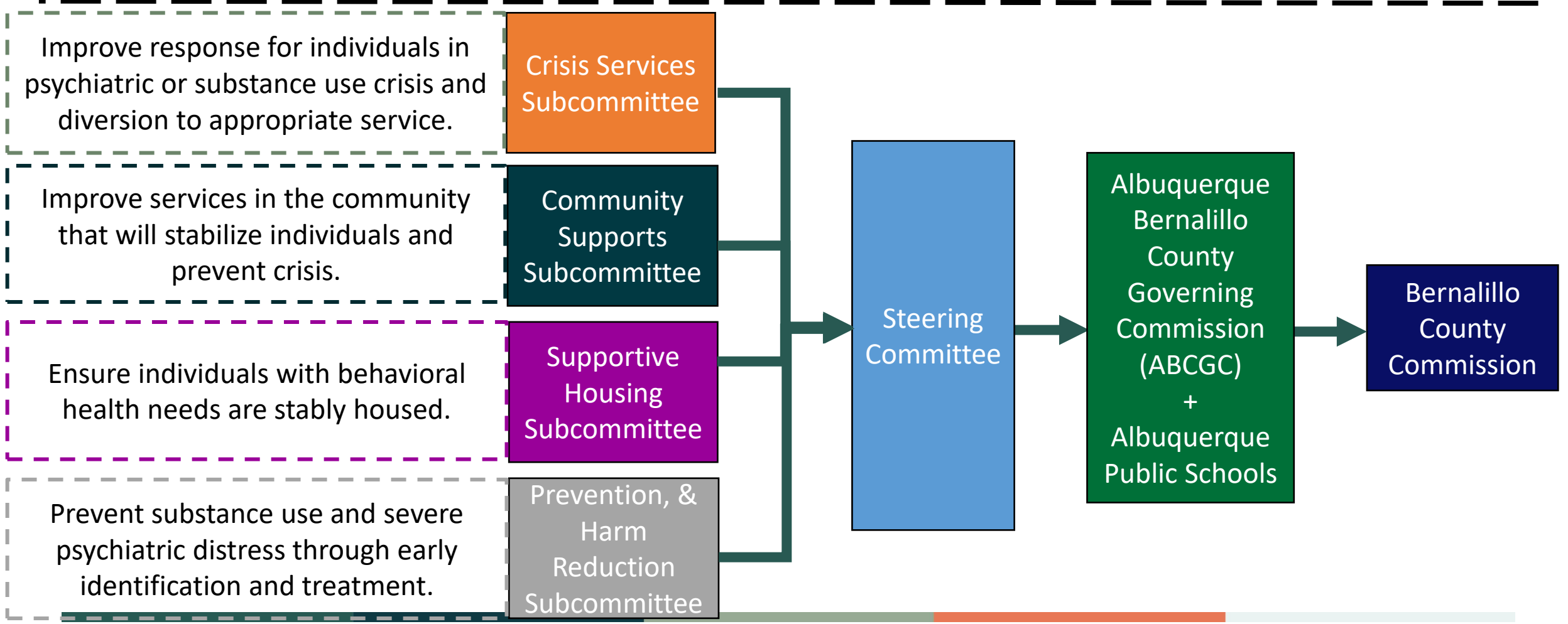
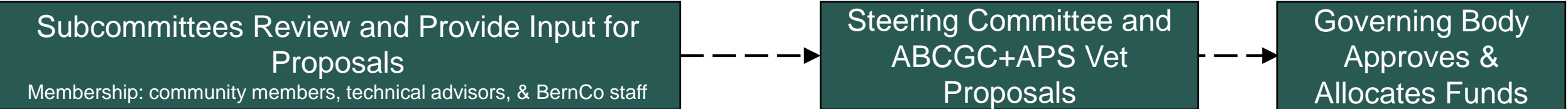
- Community Partners Inc. (CPI) developed a roadmap for including community input and creating a governance structure to include subcommittees assigned to priority areas.



## *2014 Ballot Question:*

*“Are you in favor of the Bernalillo County Commission establishing a one-eight percent gross receipts tax to be used for the purpose of providing more mental and behavioral health services for children and adults in the Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Area, to provide a safety net system that develops a continuum of care not otherwise funded in New Mexico.”*

# Behavioral Health Initiative (BHI) Structure



# BHI Priority Areas and Projects

## Crisis Services

- Mobile Crisis Teams
- Fire Mobile Crisis Teams
- Crisis Stabilization Svc
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
- \*Crisis Triage Center

## Community Supports

- Peer Support Drop-ins
- Peer Case Management
- Senior Peer Case Mgmt
- Intensive Case Management-Emergency Shelter
- Resource Re-Entry Center
- Living Room Model (2)
- \*Outpatient Clinic
- \*Forensic ACT

## Supportive Housing

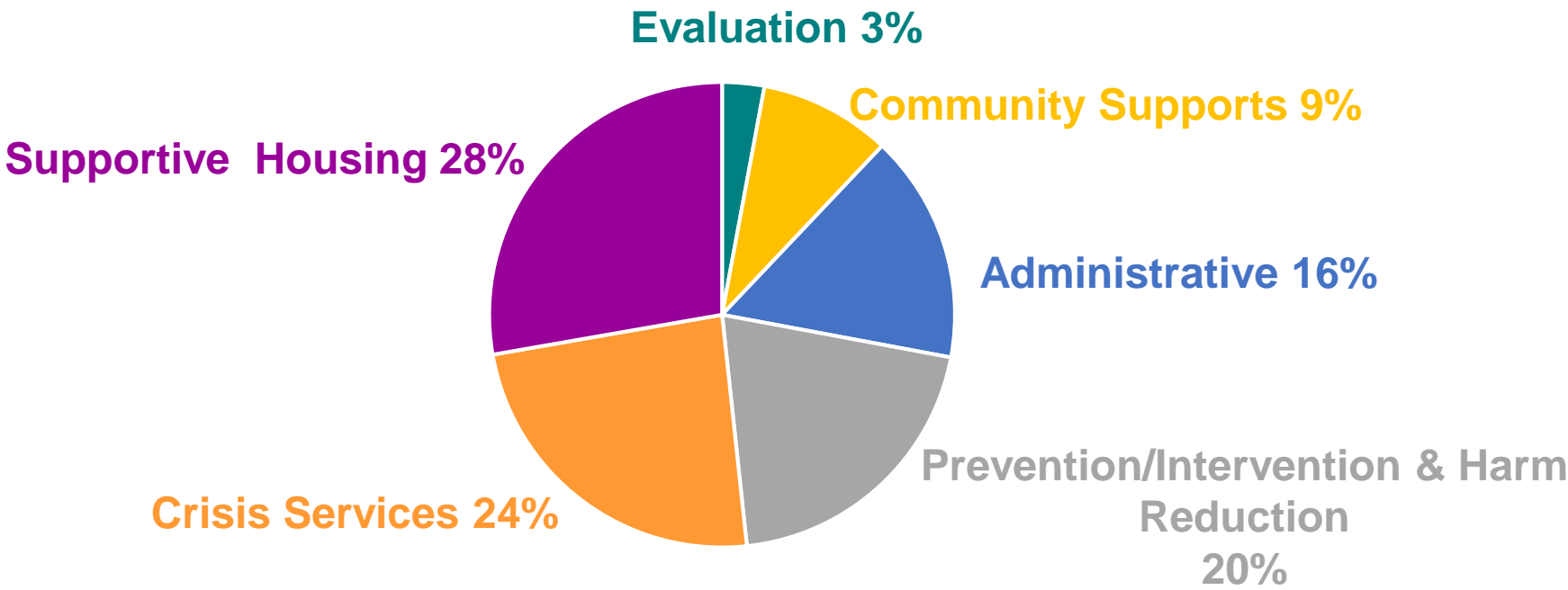
- Community Connections (scattered site)
- Youth Transitional Living
- Tiny Home Village
- Safe Home for Sex Trafficked Youth
- Single Site (individuals)
- \*Single Site (multi-Family)

## Prevention, Intervention & Harm

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Training and Education
- Bridging Behavioral Health
- Suicide Prevention
- Community Engagement Teams
- \*School Based Mobile Health Centers

\* Currently under development.

# BHI Budget



FY23 Recurring BHI Budget  
**\$ 22,098,787**



A row of colorful tiny homes with concrete steps and railings. The homes are painted in various colors like red, green, and blue. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Tiny Home Village

- Safe, stable, and dignified transitional living environment for precariously or unhoused.
    - 18-24 month program.
  - Tiny Home Village consists of thirty stand alone 120 sq. ft. homes.
  - Communal space with a high-grade kitchen, computers, laundry, gathering area, programming space, individual locking restrooms and showers.
  - Gated, well lit, and landscaped, including a community garden.
  - Partnership with UNM OCH for case management, therapy, and programming.
  - Officially opened in February 2021.
  - Currently 18 units occupied.
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# Resource Reentry Center (RRC)

- Receives all MDC returning citizens
- Access to phones, charging station, snacks, coffee, computers, clothing, motel vouchers, Narcan, etc.
- On site case management (8 a.m.- 1 a.m.)
- Transition Planning at MDC and RRC
  - Reentry Needs Assessment and Transition Plan
- Metro & District Pretrial Connection
- Coordination with community partners and warm hand off (including transportation in many cases)
- Ability to spend the night until daylight hours (Reopening Spring 2023)
- Direct referral to DBHS C.A.R.E.S. campus (i.e. Detox Program, Supportive After Care Program, etc.)



# Department of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS): Care Campus

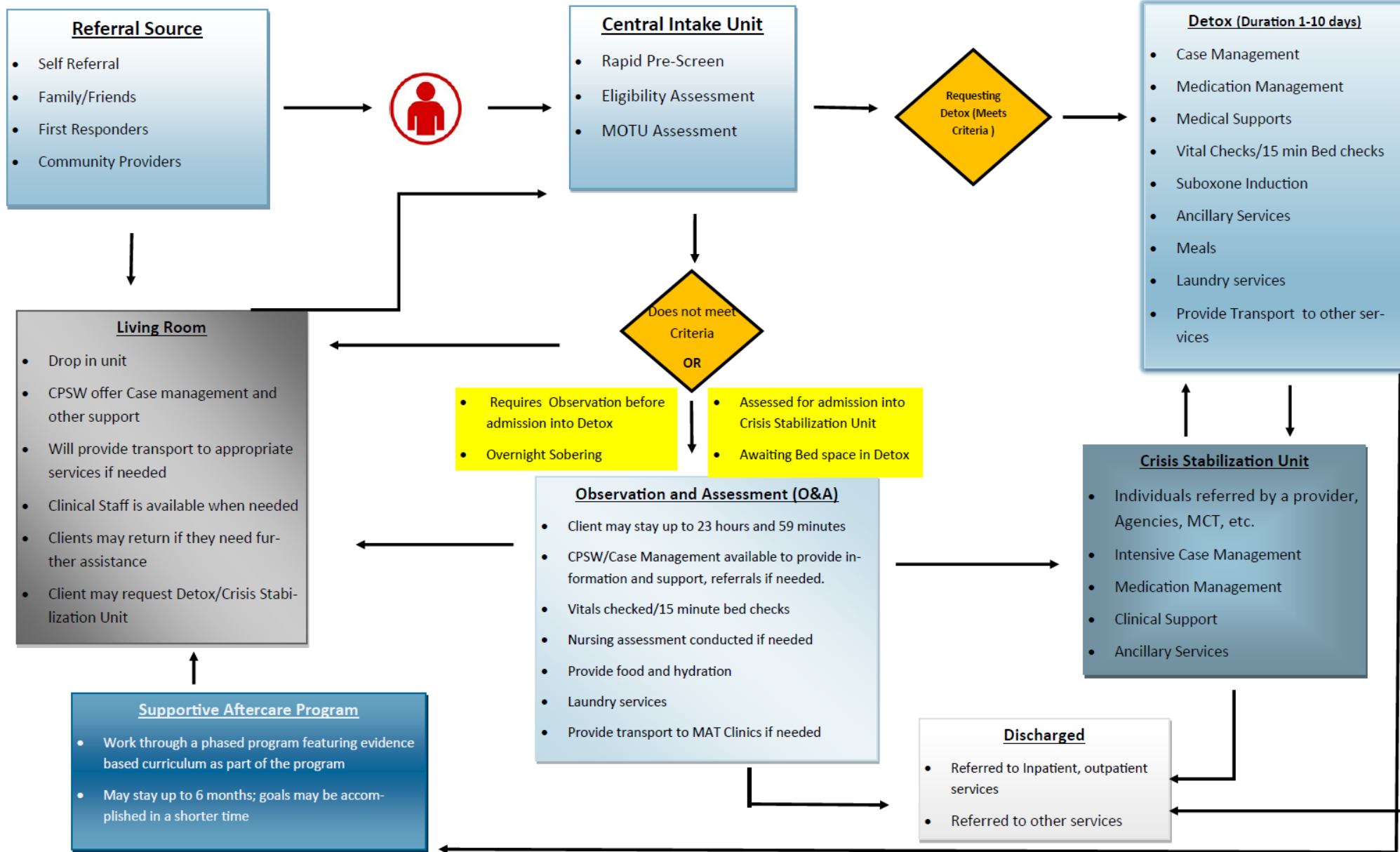
The Comprehensive Assessment and Recovery through Excellence (CARE) Campus provides direct care support services to reduce the impact of alcoholism, alcohol use, drug dependence, drug use, and mental health conditions within the community.



- Social Model Detox
- Supportive After Care
- Crisis Stabilization Unit
- Living Room Program
- Outpatient Clinic
- Observation & Assessment





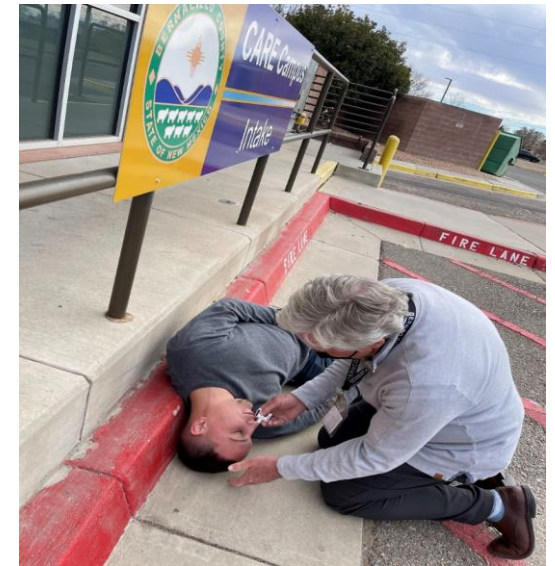


# DBHS Harm Reduction Activities

Narcan kits are available at Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Services at the Central In-take office all day everyday. Staff will review how to use Narcan to revive a person experiencing an opioid overdose.

## FY22 Naloxone Distribution

- 319 kits distributed with
- 219 trainings
- 100 Record of Use



DBHS along with the Bernalillo County Planning and Development Services department developed a needle mapping application where users can upload the number of used needles found, the location and date. The Department leads needle pick up efforts 2-4 times each month, to properly dispose of syringes.

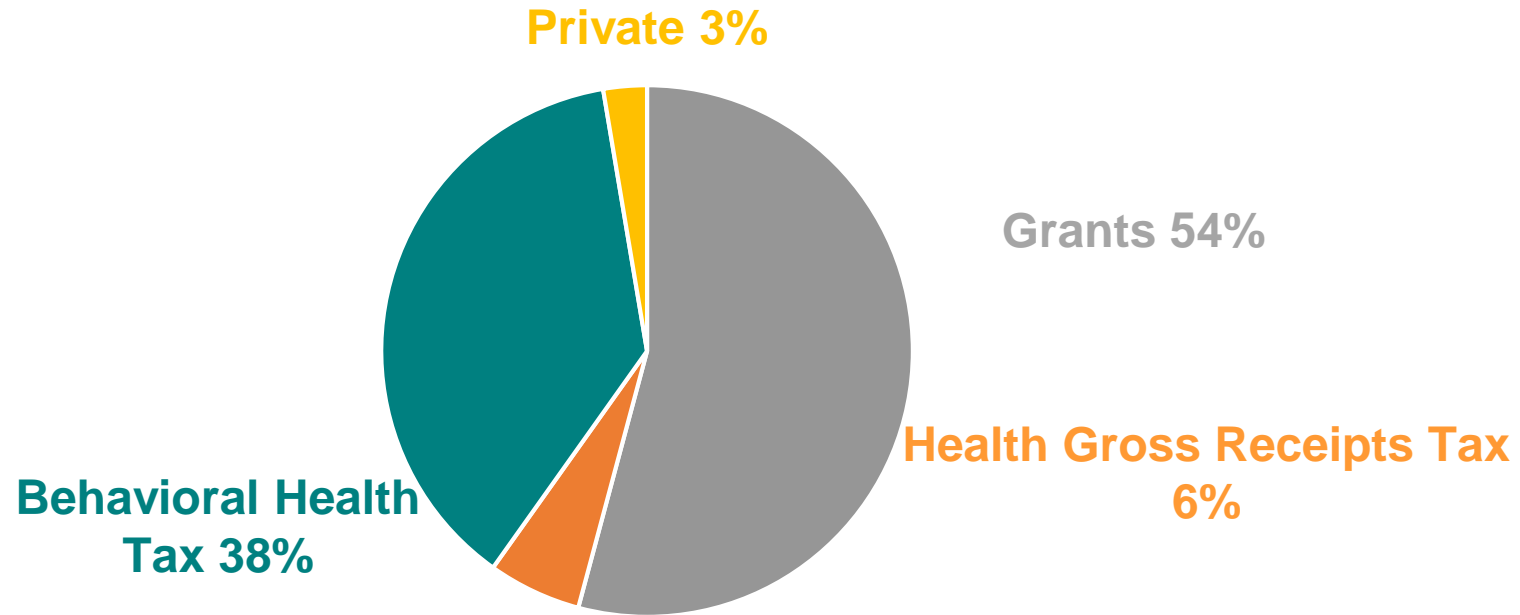
# DFA Funded DWI Programing

The Department of Behavioral Health Services administers various grant-funded supports to the community through the New Mexico Department of Finance & Administration's Local Government Division Liquor Excise Tax. A function of our department is to collaborate and facilitate prevention education, substance use treatment, alternative sentencing programs, and DWI enforcement service.

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Alternative Sentencing
- Enforcement
- Screening
- Evaluation



# DBHS Budget



FY23 DBHS Budget  
**\$ 14,113,182**



# DBHS/UNMH Crisis Triage Center

## Crisis Triage Center

- 16 Patient Rooms, private facility, care for up to 14 days in a dignified setting with flexibility adjust bed volumes by gender.
- Observation room that accommodates 10 clients.
- Co-Located with Peer Living Room, Psychiatric Emergency Services
- Project Timeline
  - July 2022: Demolition of Existing Buildings Begin
  - Sept 2022: Construction to begin
  - January 2024: Construction Completion



# Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Partnerships

## **New Mexico Partnerships:**

- City of Albuquerque
- Law Enforcements
- University of New Mexico Hospital
- Community Providers
- State of New Mexico
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Albuquerque Public Schools
- Various Community Providers

## **National Partners:**

- Stepping Up Initiative
- Department of Justice
- Safety and Justice Challenge
- Council of State Governments
- National Association of Counties





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