



Department of  
**Mental Health &  
Substance Abuse Services**

# SAPT Block Grant in a Non-Medicaid Expansion State

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# What Does Tennessee Look Like?

- Population is 6.5 million
- Primarily rural
- Many counties have high poverty/racial disparities
- 400,000 not covered by health insurance
- Estimated 100,000 (25%) have behavioral health needs
- Estimated 40,000 Veterans are not covered
- Leader in many negative health conditions (diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, to name a few)
- Second in the nation for opioid prescribing
- High rates of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

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- **Clinical Treatment**
  - **Full Continuum of Care**
    - **Medically Monitored Detoxification**
    - **Social Detoxification**
    - **Residential Treatment**
    - **Partial Hospitalization**
    - **Intensive Outpatient**
    - **Outpatient**
    - **Medication Assisted Treatment**
- **Women's Services**
- **Adolescent Services**
- **HIV Early Intervention Services**
- **Teletreatment**
- **Workforce Development**

# How the Block Grant is used in Tennessee

- **Recovery Support Services**
  - Case Management
  - Child Care
  - Drug Testing
  - Recovery Skills (broad category)
  - Recovery Housing
  - Relapse Prevention
  - Spiritual/Pastoral Support
  - Transitional Housing for Women with Dependent Children or who are pregnant
  - Transportation

# Medicaid Expansion

- General Assembly must approve any plan for Medicaid Expansion
- CMS has approved a plan called *Insure Tennessee*
- Governor Haslam presented *Insure Tennessee* in 2015 to General Assembly and over whelming defeated
- Was not presented in 2016 due to election year
- Likely to be presented again in 2017
- Speaker of the House Harwell has appointed a health care task force of legislators – *3-Star Healthy Project*- to offer suggestions for a possible plan

# What will Happen if Block Grant is Decreased because of Medicaid Expansion

- **FEAR among TDMHSAS, community providers, advocates, and some in the General Assembly**
  - Critical services will not be provided
  - Number of individuals served will drastically decrease
  - Less provider agencies funded
  - Possibly wipe out recovery support services
  - Less community coalitions and prevention programs may be funded
  - Put the General Assembly in a position of deciding whether or not to cut funding to other departments to fund SUD treatment
  - Medical expenses will “sky rocket”
  - People will die



# Does Tennessee have a Plan?

- Governor's plan of *Insure Tennessee* passes
- New plan may be developed by *3-Star Healthy Project* and approved by the General Assembly
- General Assembly could allocate new dollars
- Who knows what will happen!

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