

A photograph of a diverse group of young people sitting outdoors on a rooftop or balcony. They are laughing and smiling joyfully. In the center, a young woman with bright teal hair is laughing with her eyes closed. To her left, another young woman with dark hair is also laughing. To the right, a young man is smiling. The background shows a cloudy sky and some buildings.

ADVANCING EQUITY: COVERAGE TO ACCESS

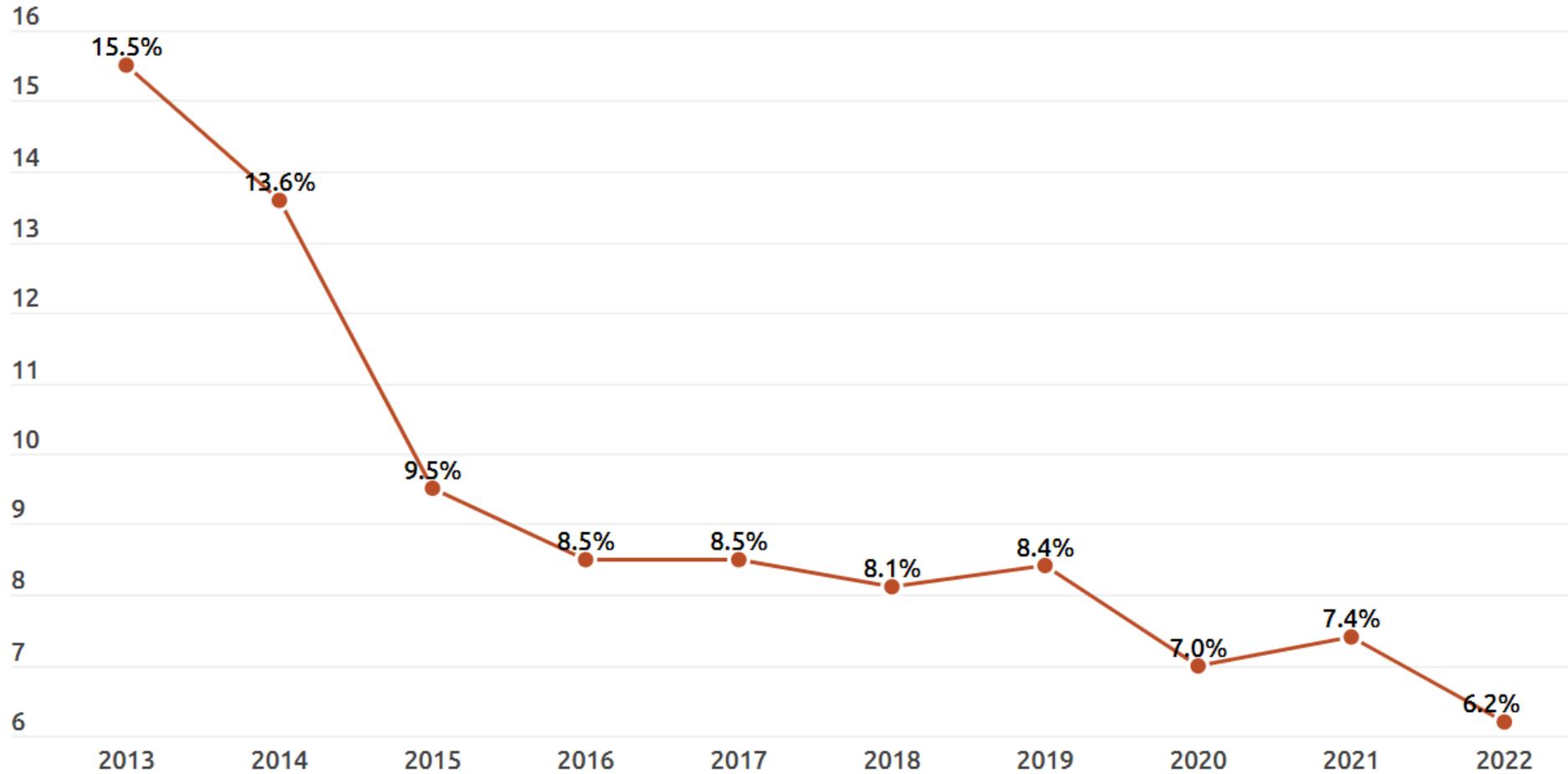
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Insure the Uninsured Project
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Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH
CalHHS Secretary

Our collective progress on the uninsured rate in California

More progress in 2024 as we implement new coverage expansions in Medi-Cal



As we look ahead, we cannot only focus on **coverage**, but we must also focus on **access and affordability** to disrupt deep and systemic inequities.



Focus on affordability to driver greater access



Office of Health Care Affordability

Coverage and access must be rooted in affordability.

- Established in 2022, the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) recognizes that it is in the public interest that all Californians receive health care that is accessible, affordable, equitable, high-quality, and universal
- We have three primary responsibilities:
 - Slow health care spending growth
 - Promote high value system performance; and
 - Assess market consolidation
- Currently proposing to adapt a 3.0% statewide spending target for 2025-2029



Other efforts that look to improve high-quality access

- New Medi-Cal Managed Care Contracts
- HHS Data Exchange Framework
- Home and Community-Based Services
- Workforce for All Initiative
- Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative



Bridging systems and sectors to improve access

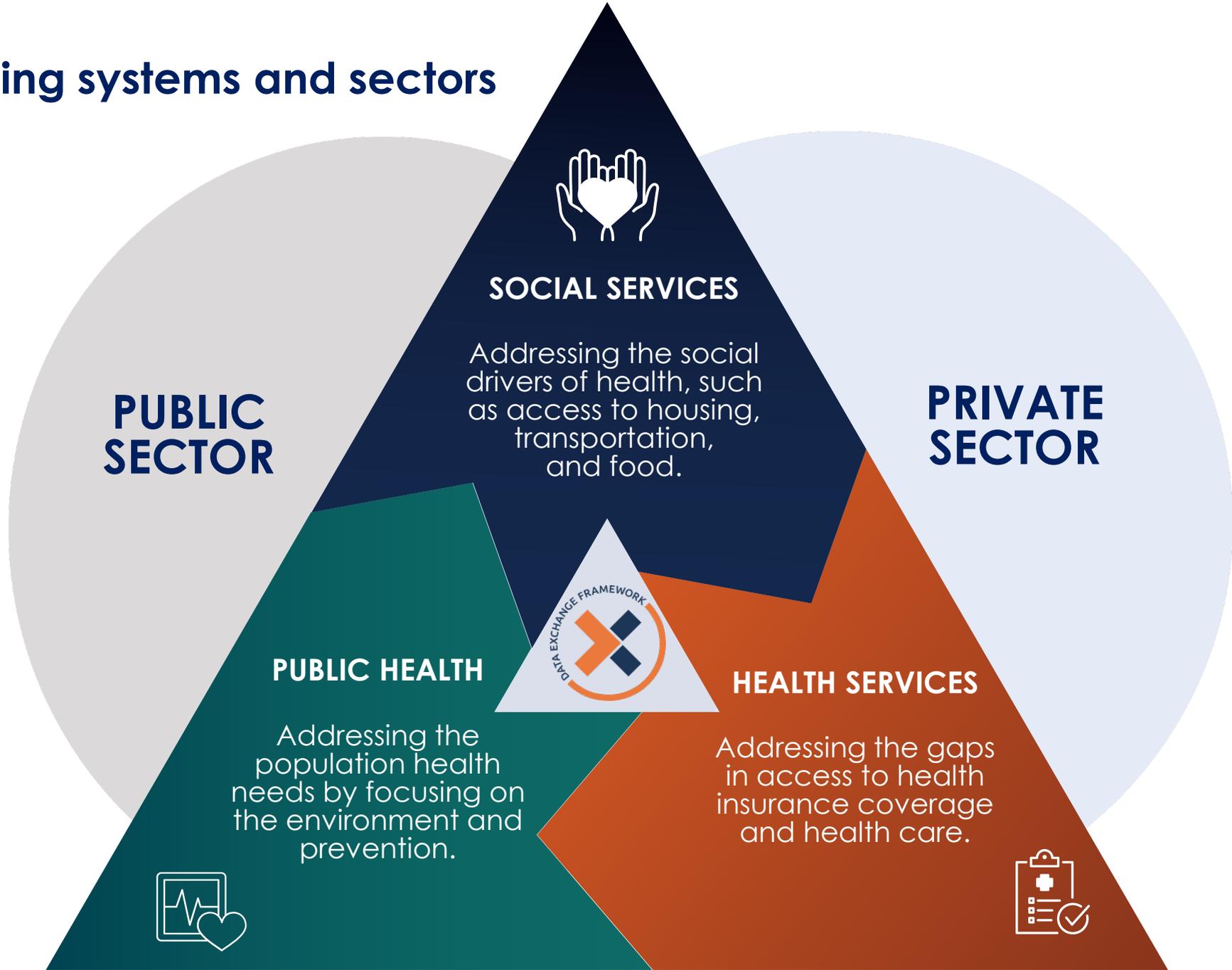


Our health and human services systems operate in silos

Must do better to connect systems to better serve the whole needs of patients



Bridging systems and sectors





Connecting programs and initiatives to drive access



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2024 – 2025 PROGRAM PRIORITIES

We at the California Health and Human Services Agency remain committed to advancing our vision of a Healthy California for All through our guiding principles and strategic priorities.

Together, we have an opportunity to reshape the future of our state, and an opportunity to build a more just and inclusive California.

- 1 Building a more equitable system of service delivery for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 2 Establishing a local aging network that creates a more seamless experience of home and community-based services.
- 3 Improving outcomes for children and youth in the foster care system through payment reform.
- 4 Modernizing our behavioral health system to provide services to help anybody, anywhere, anytime.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Focus on Equity

Actively Listen

Use Data to Drive Action

See the Whole Person

Put the Person back in Person-Centered

Cultivate a Culture of Innovation

Deliver Outcomes

2024-2025 CalHHS PROGRAM PRIORITIES

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We are excited to augment our existing CalHHS focus areas with the following four priorities for 2024-2025. Please see this as an invitation for stakeholders and partners to join us in connecting these efforts to our existing work across CalHHS and throughout California communities. We hope you join us in shaping the final form of these efforts as we use them to pursue more fully a true Healthy California for All.



Building a more equitable system of service delivery for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In early 2024, CalHHS and our Department of Developmental Services will launch the creation of the Master Plan for Developmental Services. This Master Plan will create the road map to modernize and improve the decades old system that delivers critical developmental services to hundreds of thousands of Californians.

Built upon recent historic investments to increase rates within the developmental services system the Master Plan will leverage these investments to strengthen accessibility, quality, and equity across services. Furthermore, in recognition that California's developmental disabilities system is deeply connected to other health, social and educational systems, the Master Plan will seek to create and strengthen bridges that connect the developmental services system to other critical systems.

The modernized system will seek to utilize existing system components including our 21 regional centers to deliver more equitable, consistent, accessible services to achieve improved and more reliable outcomes for all developmental service system consumers. Our goal is to realize a system where the state pays for services based on quality, outcomes, and cultural competence, rather than simply based on volume.

Working with a broad range of stakeholders including consumers and their families, services providers, workforce entities, regional centers, and advocates, we expect to implement a 21st century developmental services system that sets higher expectations and delivers wholistic and person-centered services to individuals and families.

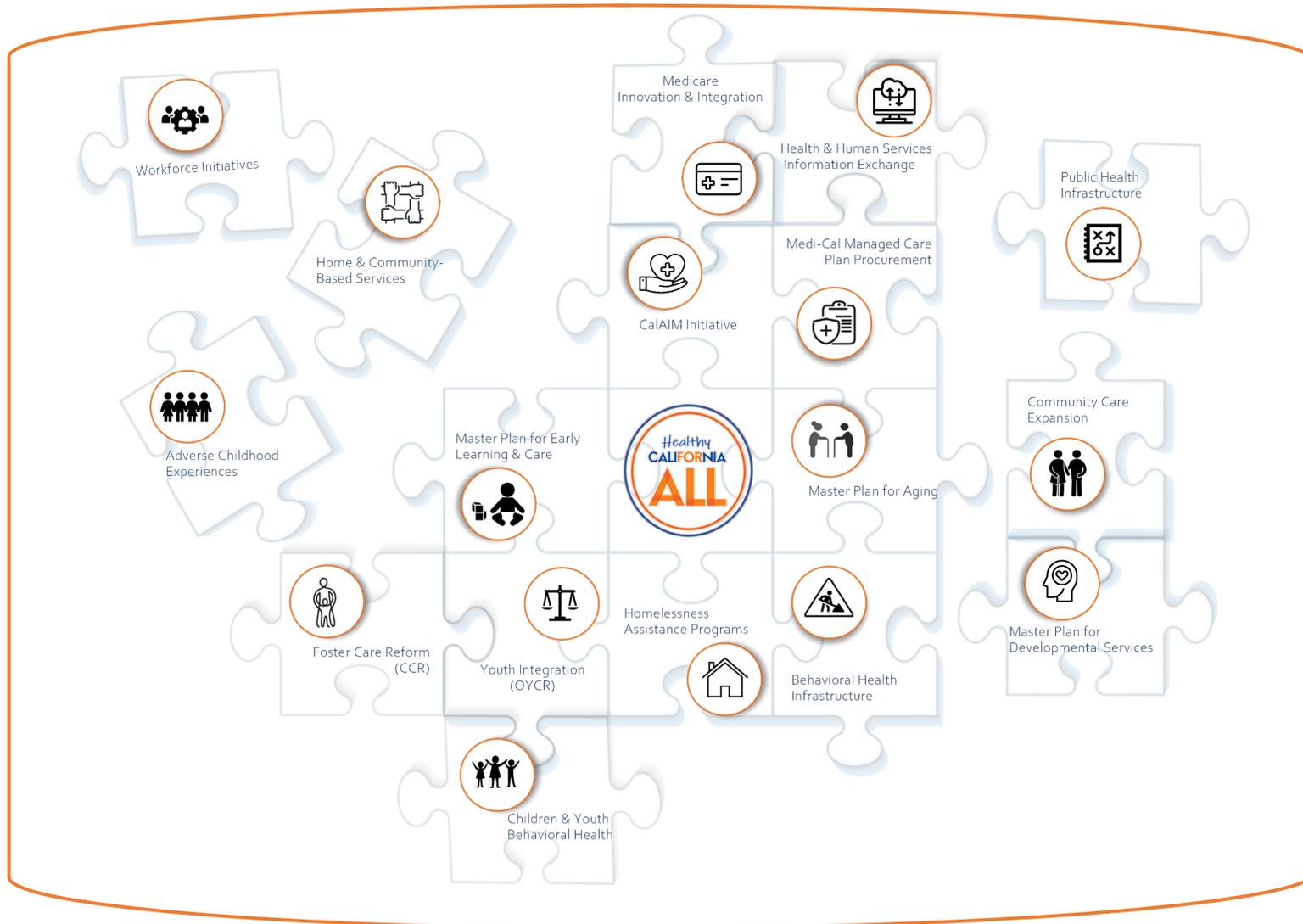
Together we hope to improve access to quality, value-based services; improve measurable outcomes for individuals and their families; better leverage federal reimbursements as a source of financing for services; and improve the integration of developmental services with the physical and behavioral health systems in which this administration has invested so heavily.

The Master Plan will include concrete implementation steps of current investments and initiatives, while outlining additional steps to bolster outcomes for individuals and families, while enhancing regional center accountability and oversight.



Connecting efforts together to promote greater access

Independent and siloed efforts that when put together deliver person-centered care



A photograph of a family of three sitting on a porch. On the left is a young woman with curly hair, wearing a blue denim shirt, smiling. In the middle is an elderly woman with white curly hair, wearing a red patterned top, also smiling. On the right is a young girl with her hair in a bun, wearing a light green top, looking directly at the camera. They are sitting on a dark metal railing in front of a doorway. The background shows a brick wall and a white door frame.

Focus on access to behavioral health services



Over the last four years, California has made historic investments that together begin to reimagine our behavioral health system for ALL.

These efforts:

- Set a bold policy agenda
- Enhance funding
- Create and implement new initiatives
- Connect dots and stitch programs together to close gaps
- Simplify and streamline programs
- Enforce new and existing laws and regulations

Looking to the work that is ahead of us on behavioral health

Intentionally building out the continuum of services

- Continued implementation of the CARE Act
- Continued implementation of the CYBHI
- Implementation of 9-8-8 and Crisis Care Continuum
- BH-Connect - activity stipends, support services payments
- Passage of Senate Bill 326 - Behavioral Health Services Act
- Passage of Assembly Bill 531 - Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023

Digital mental health support for youth, young adults, and families

» **Launching January 2024**

A groundbreaking new program providing free, safe, and confidential mental health support for young people and families across the state with two easy-to-use mobile apps:



BrightLife Kids

Mental health coaching and
resources for parents with kids
ages 0-12

[Learn More](#)

soluna

Mental health coaching and
resources for teens and young
adults ages 13-25

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CalHHS Guiding Principles

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THANK YOU!

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