



Blueprint for Change

Implications for Newborn Screening

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Outline

- CYSHCN and MCHB/HRSA
 - CYSHCN = Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- What is the *Blueprint for Change*?
 - “Measure What Matters”
- What does *Blueprint* mean for NBS?
 - Fulfilling the public health promise of NBS
 - A vision for how data can support improved outcomes for CYSCHN and their families, especially those identified through state NBS programs



It's (Past) Time to Prioritize Sickle Cell Disease

1. Limited guideline implementation

- TCD screening: 47% of 2-9 y/o and 38% of 10-16 y/o (2019)
- Hydroxyurea: 38% of 2-9 y/o and 53% of 10-16 y/o (2019)

2. Lacking national healthcare infrastructure

- Data on epidemiology, health care use, access to care, outcomes that matter
- National quality improvement measure like TCD screening
- Barriers to prescribing HU and other clinical guidelines
- Unconscious bias, systematic and interpersonal racism

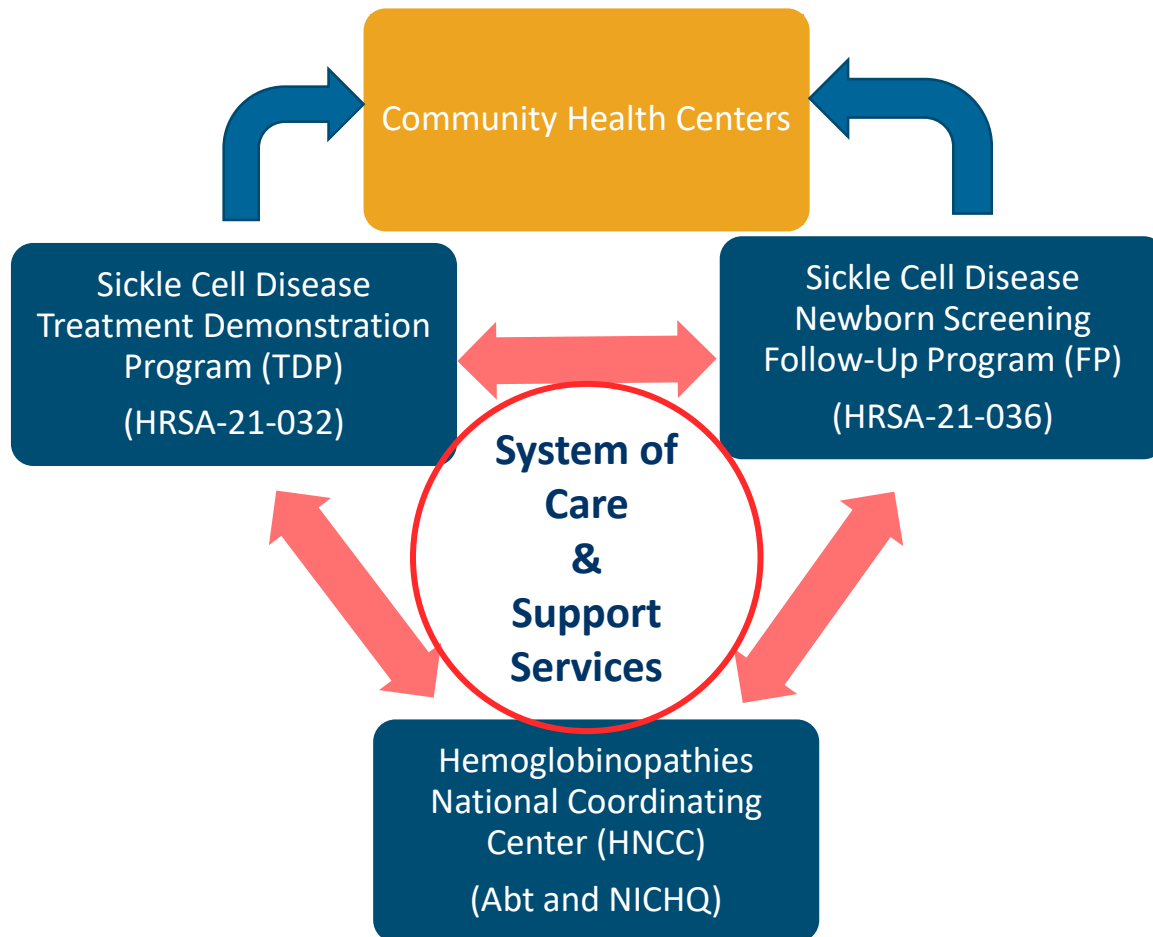
3. Strategies to address inequities

- Specialty provider SCD training (APPs)
- Reimbursement for hospital to recoup costs for providing comprehensive quality care
- Provider workshops on diversity and equity



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HRSA SCD: Bridging Between Communities and Clinicians



Strengthen the **system of care and support services**:

- Educating patients, families, and clinicians (ex: SAPPOR program)
- Linking individuals and families to evidence-based care
- Partnerships between clinicians, community organizations, and other stakeholders

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Allergies	9	Learning disability	8.2
Asthma	8	ADHD	7.5
Diabetes	0.1	Depression	3.3
Sickle cell	0.1	Autism	2.8
Child cancers	0.02	Intellectual disability	1.5
Liver transplant	0.0004	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	0.4
	13,000 more	Visual loss	0.4
	(rare) conditions	Cerebral Palsy	0.3
		Down Syndrome	0.15

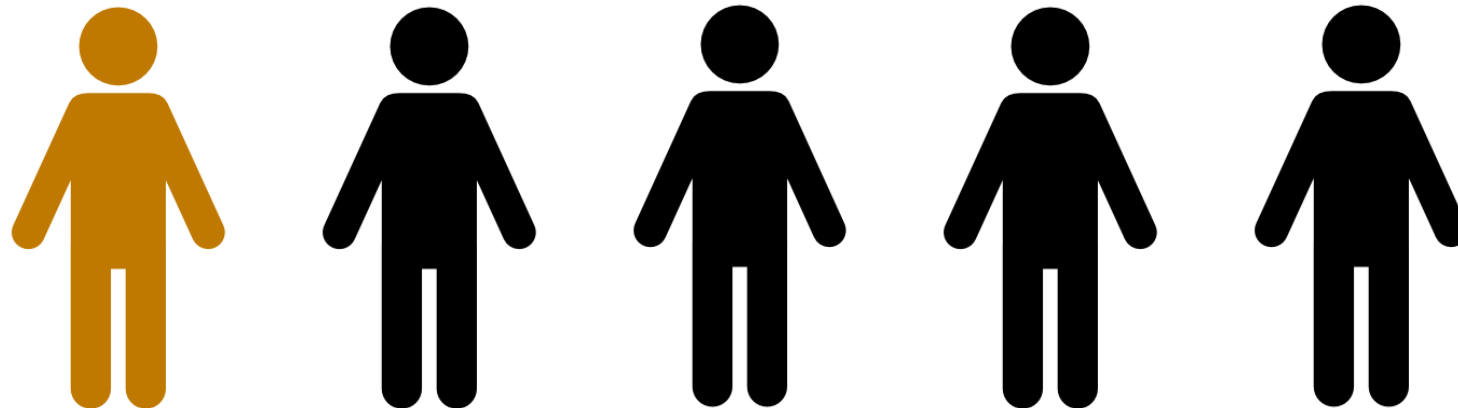
(Chronic conditions per 100)



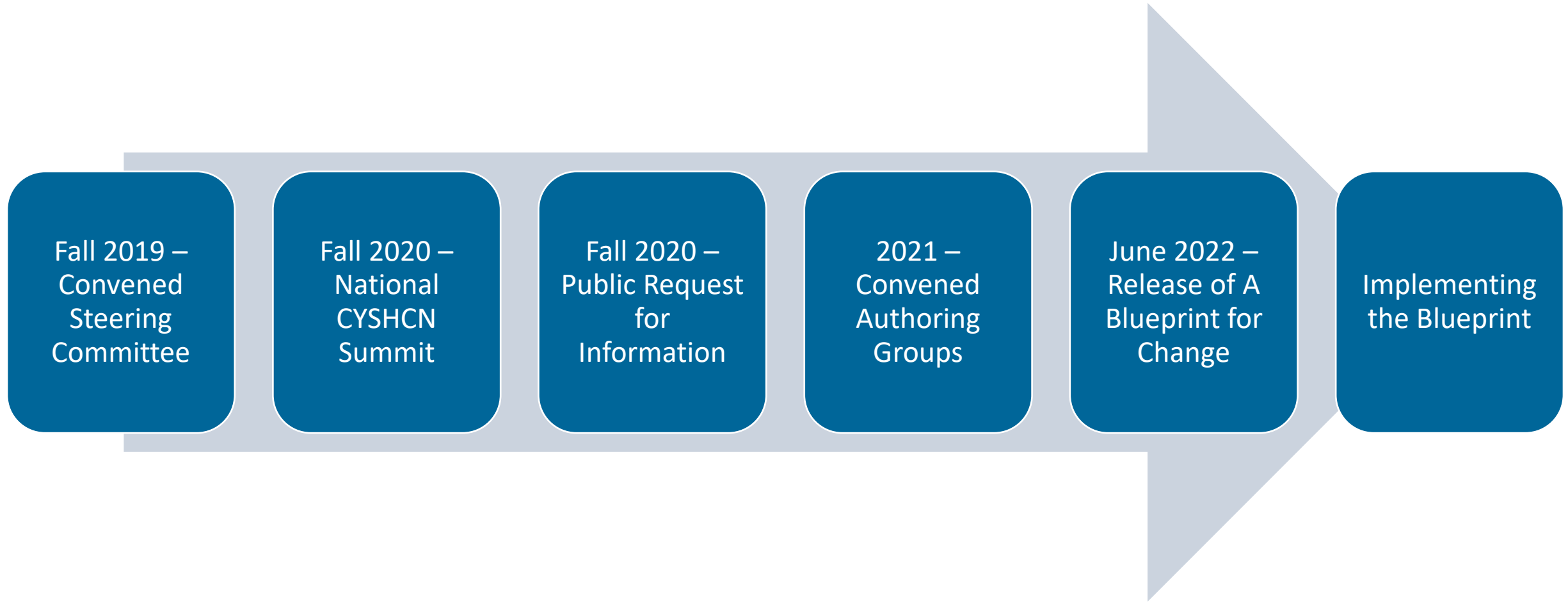
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Who are CYSHCN?

Children or youth *who have or are at increased risk for* chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required for children generally.



Development of the *Blueprint for Change*



ARTICLES

Introducing the Blueprint for Change: A National Framework for a System of Services for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs

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A Blueprint for Change: Guiding Principles for a System of Services for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs and Their Families

Sarah E. McLellan et al

Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs: A Profile

Reem M. Ghandour et al

Progress, Persistence, and Hope: Building a System of Services for CYSHCN and Their Families

Michael D. Warren et al

Health Equity for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs: A Vision for the Future

Amy Houtrow et al

Quality of Life and Well-Being for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs and their Families: A Vision for the Future

Cara L. Coleman et al

Access to Services for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs and Their Families: Concepts and Considerations for an Integrated Systems Redesign

Dennis Z. Kuo et al

Financing Care for CYSHCN in the Next Decade: Reducing Burden, Advancing Equity, and Transforming Systems

Jeff Schiff et al

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Blueprint for Change: A National Framework for a System of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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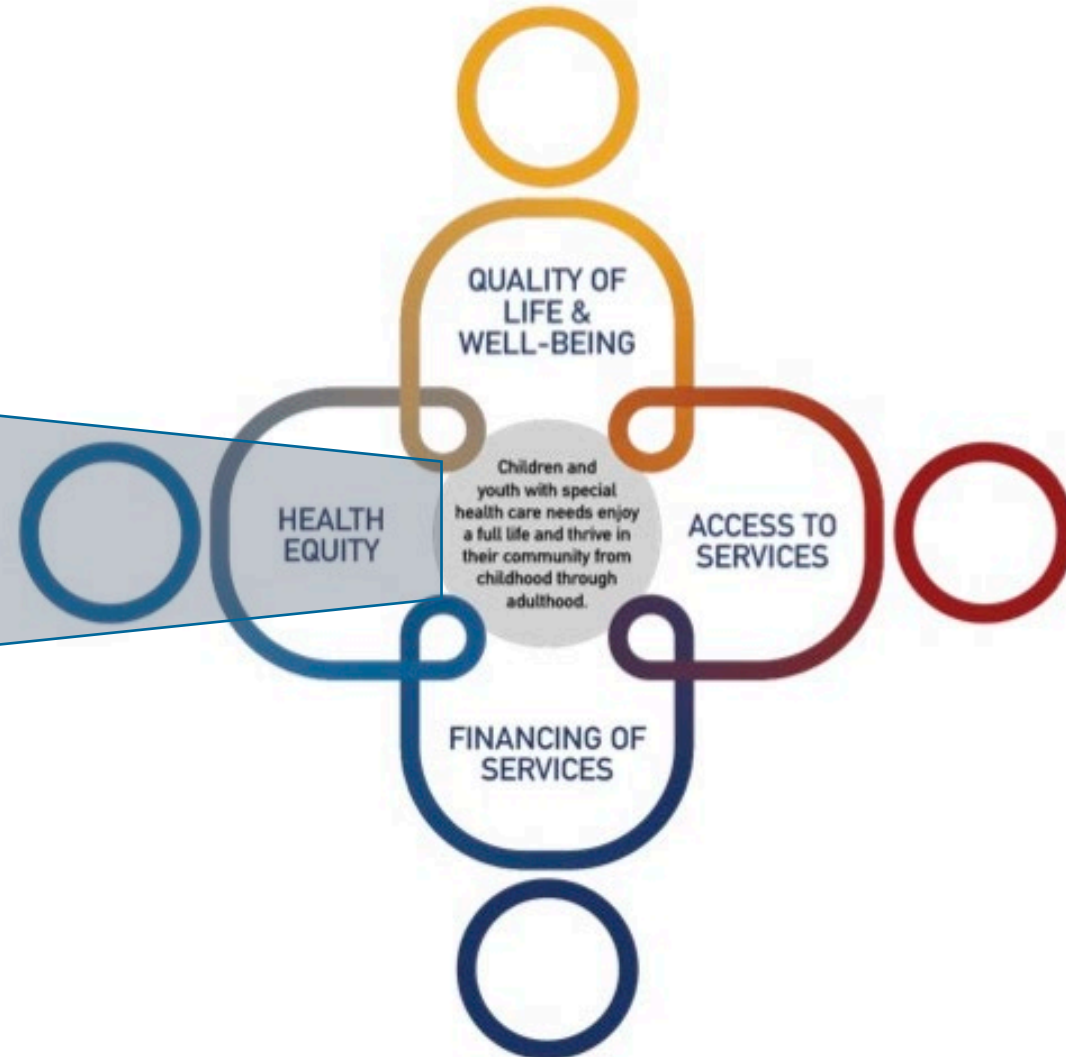
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MCHB *Blueprint for Change for CYSHCN*

Children and youth with special health care needs enjoy full lives and thrive in their communities from childhood through adulthood



What's New in the Blueprint? Quality and Equity

- QOL: Child and caregiver well-being
 - What families tell us really matters
 - Children thrive when caregivers are healthy
 - Appropriate measures/outcomes point the system in the right direction, even if imperfect
- EQUITY: Every child is thriving
 - Fair and equitable outcomes
 - One approach: “targeted universalism”
 - Ensure that historically underserved and/or marginalized populations have equitable outcomes

Quality of Life and Well-Being for Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs and their Families: A Vision for the Future

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OBJECTIVES: To fulfill the promise of a life of dignity, autonomy, and independence for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families, greater value must be assigned to meaningful outcomes, such as quality of life and well-being.

abstract

MESSAGE: Despite decades of research, programs, and measurements addressing quality of life and well-being for CYSHCN and their families, there still is no consensus on how to measure, implement, or achieve them.

KEYWORDS: As the US health care system strives to reach the health care goals of safe, efficient, effective, equitable, timely, and patient-centered care, youth and families must be equal partners at all levels of the health care system—from clinical decision making to designing and implementing programs and policies.

CONCLUSIONS: The health care system must systematically measure the priorities of CYSHCN and their families. It also must incorporate data on quality of life and well-being when developing services, supports, and systems that help CYSHCN and their families to flourish rather than hinder them.

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SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE



Coleman et al, “Quality of Life and Well-Being for CYSHCN and their Families” *Pediatrics* June 2022; Houtrow et al., “Health Equity for CYSHCN” *Pediatrics* June 2022.



***Blueprint* GOAL Plain Language Version**

**Every child gets the services they need,
so that they can play, go to school,
and grow up to become a healthy adult.**

(And so grown-ups and siblings can thrive too.)

Original language: “Children and youth with special health care needs enjoy full lives and thrive in their communities from childhood through adulthood.”



What do we do? “Measure What Matters”

1. QOL

- Universal measures: child thriving, kindergarten readiness, healthy weight, successful transition to adulthood, caregiver well-being
- At least one condition-specific measure

2. Populations

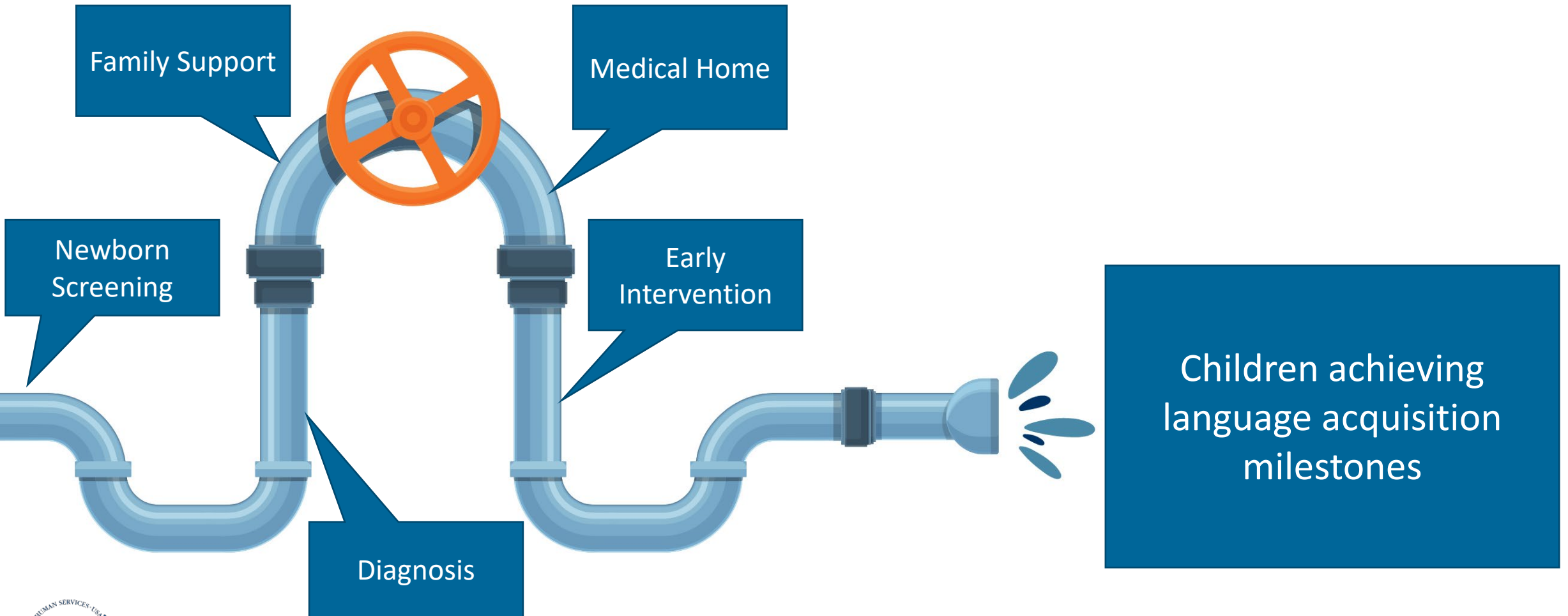
- Systems-level
 - What % of children/caregivers achieve the measures?
- Equity
 - Do the demographics of numerator match those of the denominator?

3. Accountable

- All organizations plan, track, explain (some SDOH/HRSN in their control)
 - Some rewarded for increased % of people achieving measures?
- Universal measures in NOFOs, Title V, Medicaid, NSCH, CDC, etc.



EXAMPLE: NBS for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Infants



ACHDNC – Genetics in Medicine (2008)

Long-term follow-up after diagnosis resulting from newborn screening: Statement of the US Secretary of Health and Human Services' Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders and Genetic Diseases in Newborns and Children

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- Central components
 - Care coordination
 - Evidence-based treatment
 - Quality improvement
- Features
 - Quality chronic disease management
 - Condition-specific treatment
 - Care throughout lifespan

ACHDNC – Genetics in Medicine (2011)

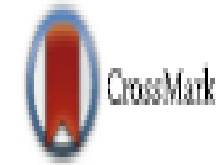
What questions should newborn screening long-term follow-up be able to answer? A statement of the US Secretary for Health and Human Services' Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children

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 - Care coordination
 - Evidence-based treatment
 - Quality improvement
- Perspectives
 - State and nation
 - Primary/specialty providers
 - Families

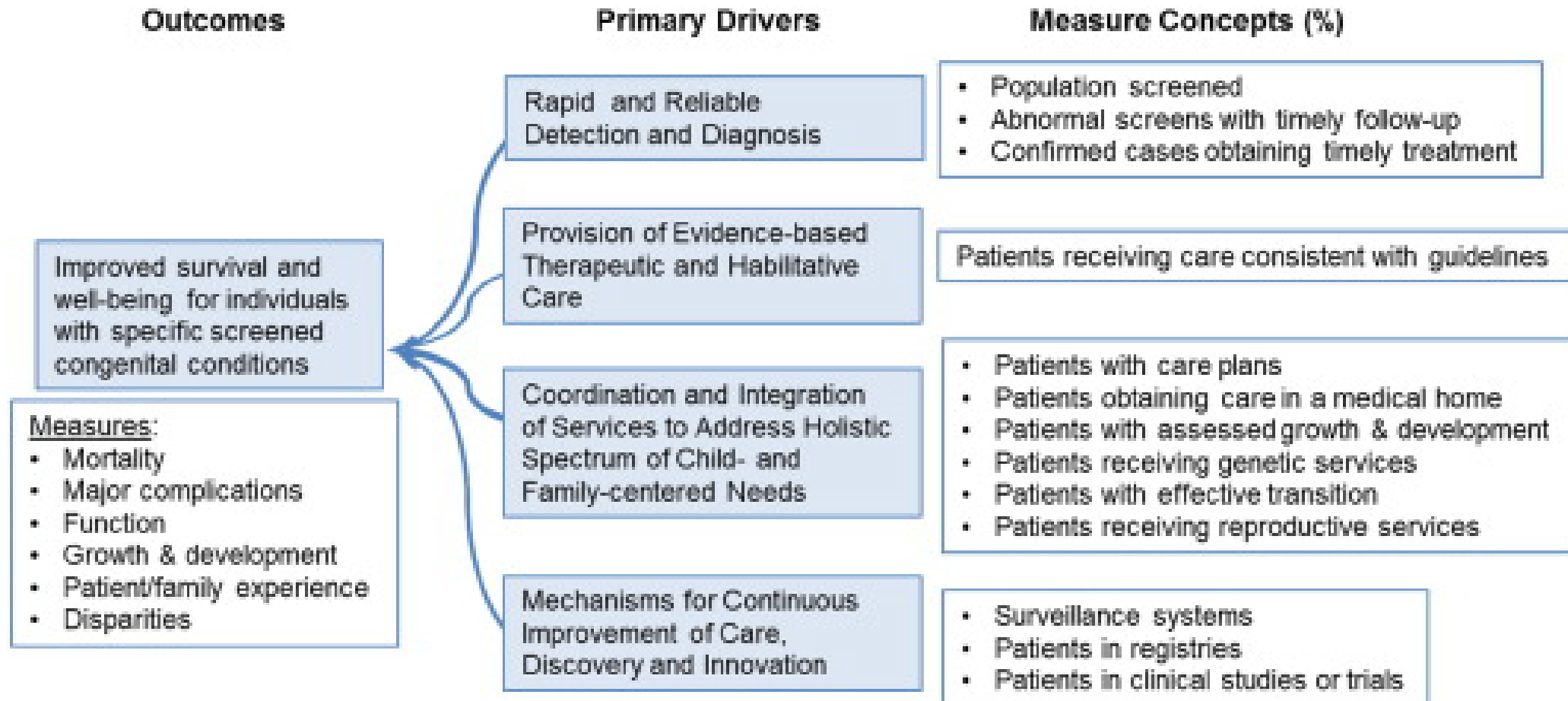
ACHDNC – Molecular Gen & Metab (2016)

A framework for assessing outcomes from newborn screening: on the road to measuring its promise☆



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the Follow-up and Treatment Sub-committee of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns
and Children (ACHDNC):

Framework for Assuring Good Outcomes from NBS



The Role of Quality Measures to Promote Long-Term Follow-up of Children Identified by Newborn Screening Programs

Presented by the FUTR Workgroup to ACHDNC (February 2018)

- Quality measures are a crucial part of health and health care system
- Many different types of quality measures
- Creating/collecting data for these measures for NBS can be challenging
- Different perspectives needed, esp. patient/family/consumer
- Engage a broad range of stakeholders to
 - Identify a core set of long term follow-up quality measures and data resources
 - Encourage the use of large data collection activities (e.g NSCH) and QI activities (e.g. HEDIS)
 - Health Information Technology (HIT) standards/Clinical Decision Support (CDS) in the EHR

GOAL: Three (Integrated) Buckets of Data

1. Lab result analysis

- Use data from state NBS to improve risk assessment at the pre-diagnostic level

2. Notification/confirmation families & clinicians

- Short-term follow-up (quality indicators for timeliness)
- NewSTEPs

3. Longitudinal clinical care

- LTFU = “long-term” follow up or “longitudinal” follow-up
- Public health surveillance

Bucket # 1: Lab Result Analysis

- CDC ED3N
 - Carla Cuthbert and Amy Gaviglio's presentation
- Data from Bucket # 2 is essential to continuous quality improvement for Bucket # 1
 - “Clinical data” - diagnosis to confirm lab result analysis
 - Bucket # 3 also useful for late onset conditions (childhood, adult)

Bucket # 2 – Short-term follow-up: NewSTEPs

HRSA has funded short-term follow-up data activities for two decades, including the Newborn Screening Data Repository and Technical Assistance Program (“NewSTEPS”) since 2012

Program Goal: To enhance, improve and expand the newborn screening system by supporting state public health newborn screening programs, public health professionals, families, and primary and specialty care practitioners on the implementation of state-based public health newborn screening

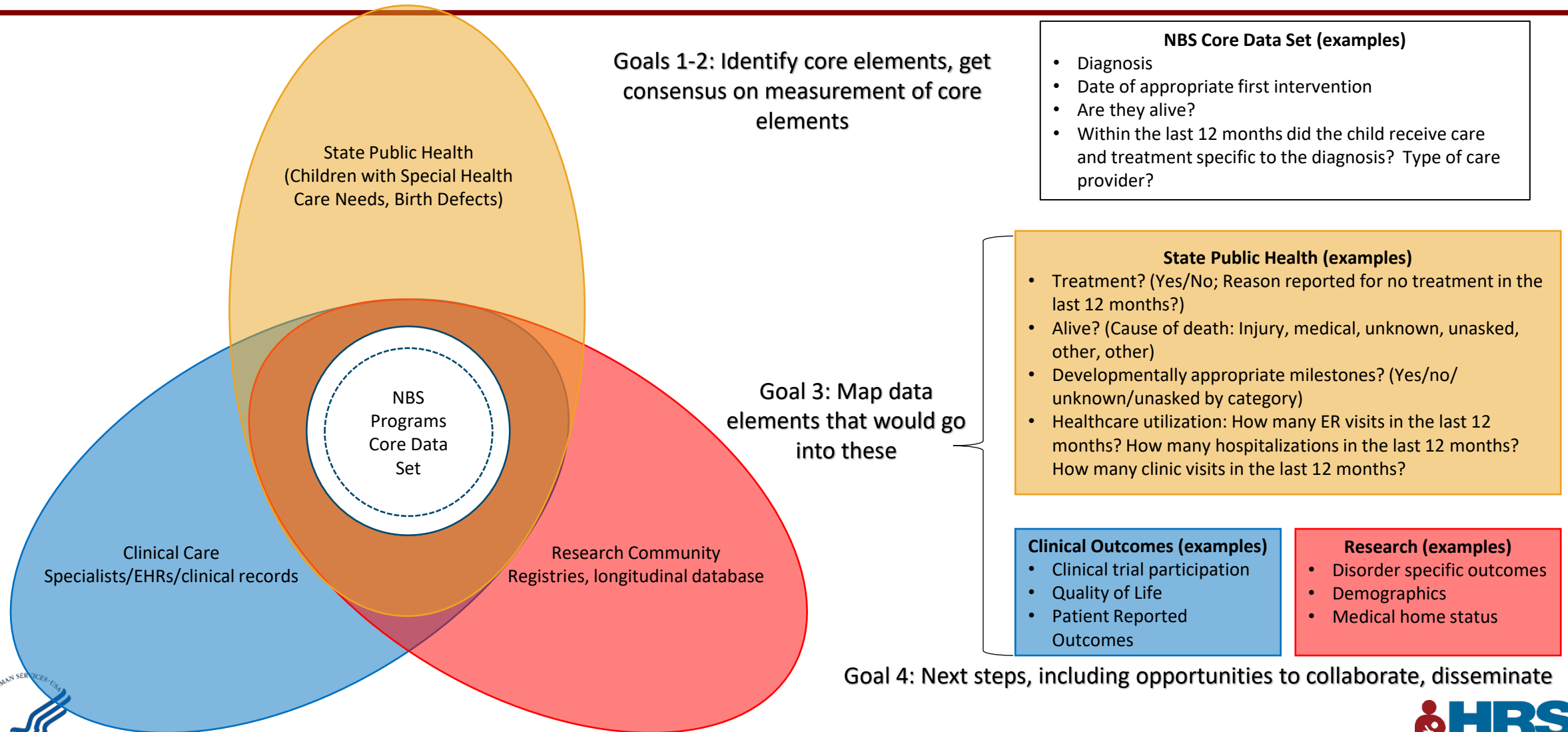
APHL NewSTEPs Center NBS Support Infrastructure:

- Technical Assistance
- Data Repository
- Quality Improvement*

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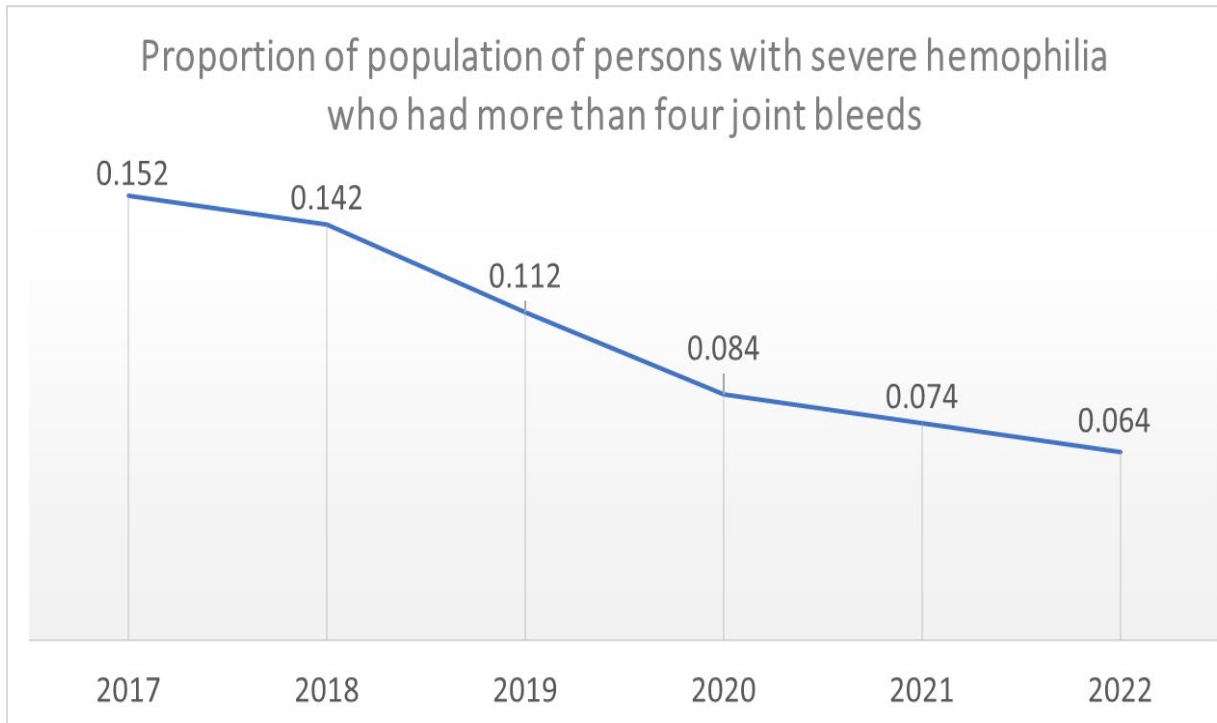


Bucket # 3: LTFU Data Scheme from MCHB grantees

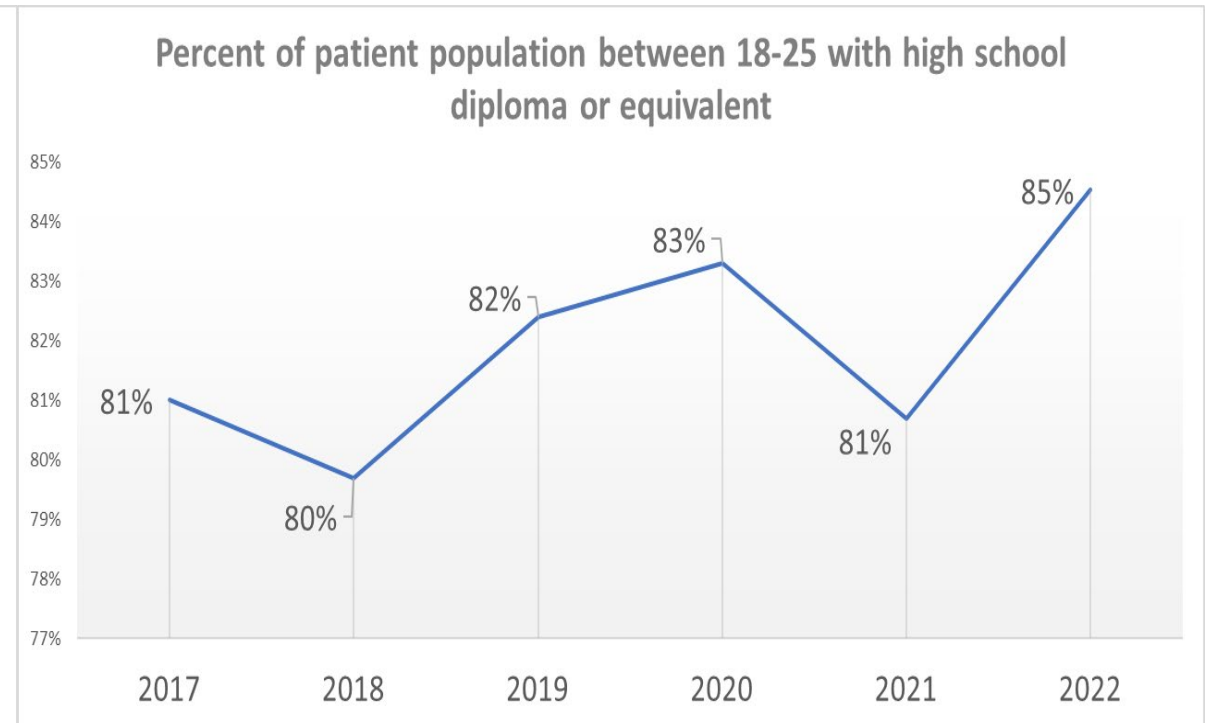


Hemophilia: CDC – HRSA Collaboration

Proportion with >4 joint bleeds



Percent with high school diploma



Community Counts Registry for Bleeding Disorders Surveillance (Community Counts Registry), CDC/NCBDDD and ATHN



Conclusion: Federal Role in NBS

- HRSA (with federal partners)
 - Support ACHDNC and RUSP process
- Support state NBS programs: “NBS is a system, not a test”
 - Implementing new conditions
 - Short-term follow-up
 - Long-term follow-up
- Public Health Ideal
 - If we are going to screen a baby for a condition, we have some obligation to make sure that the child gets treatment
 - Integrated data approach to reaching that ideal



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