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# What’s Next: Understanding and Treating the Condition of Poverty

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**“Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made, and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.”**

*- Nelson Mandela*



# The Medical Model

## Understanding and Treating Disease



A uniform system of industrywide standards and analytics with continuous quality improvement (CQI)

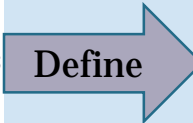
Research Evaluation, Meta-analysis CQI \*



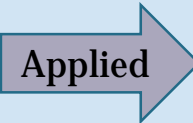
(e.g., diabetes, asthma, cancer)



Evidence-based



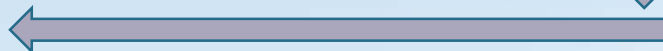
Condition-specific Standards of Care (National Quality Forum establishes measures and analytics)



\* Condition-Specific: Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) ensures ongoing industrywide measurement, reporting, compliance, and outcomes. CQI identifies and responds to opportunities, waste, harm, and challenges.



Data Collection



# Treating Poverty in America



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Poverty-related



Research, Evaluation, and Meta-analysis

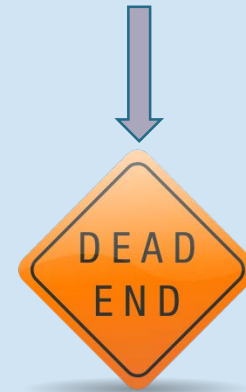


Evidence-based



No comprehensive, cross-industry, interdisciplinary, uniform analytics to support CQI \*

- Client self-navigation
- Individual practitioner preference
- Organizational preference



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# Current Funded U.S. Delivery System

*Client Driven – Disconnected - Ineffective*

## Faith-Based

- 320,000 US Christian Churches
- 3,727 US Synagogues
- 2,106 US Mosques

## Education

- Head Start (\$8.1B) (serves over 32M children in the US)
- Public Schools Vocational & High Education (\$69.9B)
- 99,000 public schools
- 3.7 million elementary and secondary teachers
- 262,300 school counselors

## Human Service

- 1.4 million not for profits
- 650,000 social workers

Client independently attempts to access goods, services & supports



**Estimated Cost:**  
**\$1,660,451,000,000\***  
**Does not include: Foundations, Faith Based, Corporate or Individual Donations**

(\* Federal Office of Management and Budget, <http://febp.newamerica.net/background-analysis/education-federal-budget>).



## Government

- DHS
- Community Mental Health
- Housing
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Veterans
- Juvenile justice
- Prisoner reentry

## Healthcare

- 5,723 hospitals
- 209,000 PCPs
- Medicaid and CHIP (70M, 1 in 5 in the U.S.)
- Medicare health plans (53.8M)





## Industry-Accepted Medical Conditions \*

Environmental Exposures	Symptoms	Diagnosis	Standard of Care	Billable
Lead ingestion	Irritability, high blood pressure, long-term neurological damage	Lead poisoning	Required	✓
Asbestos	Trouble breathing, nausea, vomiting	Cancer/ Mesothelioma	Required	✓
Mosquito bites	Fever, rash, joint pain, conjunctivitis, muscle pain, headache	Zika, West Nile, yellow fever, and malaria viruses	Required	✓
Limited access to fresh fruits, vegetables, and exercise	Increased thirst, blurred vision	Type II diabetes Obesity	Required	✓
Cigarette smoking and second-hand exposure	Wheezing, increased risk of cancer, asthma, COPD	Nicotine addiction	Required	✓
Accidents	Broken bones, closed head injuries	Trauma	Required	✓
Pollution	Difficulty breathing, decrease in lung function, wheezing	Asthma/COPD	Required	✓
<b>Social Determinants of Health</b> Food insecurity, high crime rates, inadequate/unaffordable housing, lack of access to basic needs/resources, limited access to quality healthcare, poorly performing schools, racism, and unemployment, transportation	Increased rates of diabetes and blood pressure, infant and maternal mortality, increased depression and mental health disorders, asthma, compromised immune system and brain development, higher death rates	Extreme Poverty (ICD 10 Z59.5) Homelessness (ICD 10 Z59.0) Lack of adequate food or safe drinking water (ICD 10 Z59.4) Low Income (ICD 10 Z59.6)	<b>Essential</b>	State Specific Medicaid and Medicare Plans (CPT 99490) for Care Management, Behavioral Health, and chronic conditions.

\* **Note:** Recognized disease without genetic predisposition



# Understanding and Treating

## The Condition of Poverty



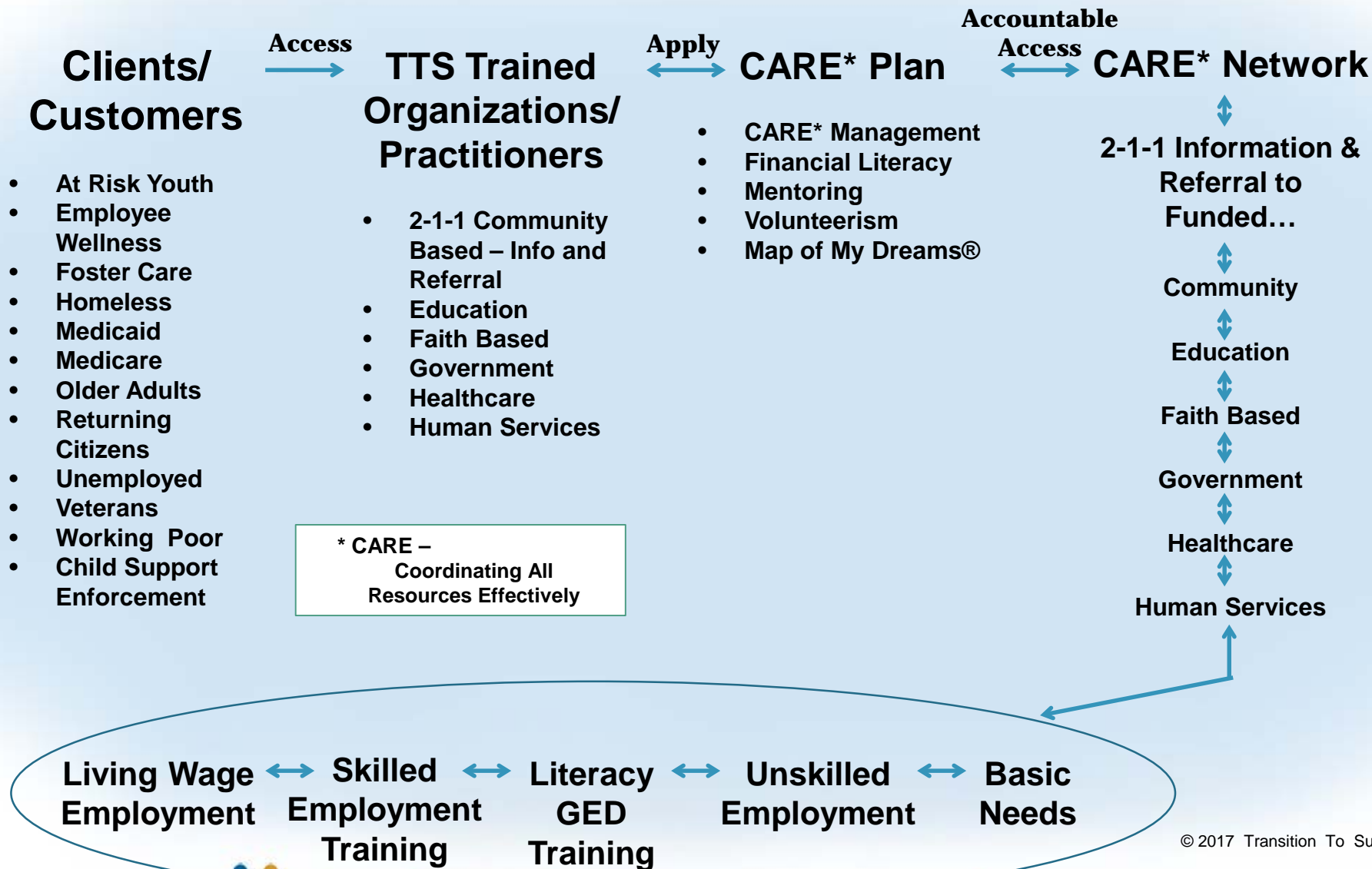
**Transition To Success:**

A uniform system of care with continuous quality improvement (CQI)



# TTS - Treating the Condition of Poverty

## With A Client Centered Community Based Continuum of Care





## **Head Start – Statistically Significant Improvement in 14 of 18 Social Determinant Domains**

*(Including: income, employment, healthcare and transportation)*

## **Outpatient Behavioral Health – Statistically Significant Improvement in 8 of 18 Social Determinant Domains**

*(Including: income, employment, food and child care)*

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Final Evaluation Report  
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## Policy and Practice



- The acceptance of poverty as a Medical Condition caused by Environmental Exposures to the Social Determinants of Health.
- Adoption of uniform procedures, protocols and analytics in the Treatment of Poverty across Health, Human Services, Government and Education.
- Development of Data Collection, Research, Evaluation platforms to drive CQI – Ensuring Research and Data Drive Practice.



## A National Standard of Care To Treat the Condition of Poverty

- A Clinton Global Initiative
- Over 80 Organizations Involved
- Over 800 trained nationwide
- Pilots:
  - Memphis TN – Assisi Foundation
  - Hawaii (Kauai & Oahu) – Goodwill Industries / Child & Family Services
  - Detroit MI – Third New Hope, Funded by St. John Health
  - Pontiac MI – Baldwin Center, Funded by Michigan Health Innovation Fund
  - Michigan Department of Health Human Services – Pathways To Potential
- Organizational Partners
  - Melagro Technology (CMS Approved) – Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Screening
  - River Star Technology – 211 Application – Q1 2017
  - “Diagnosis: Poverty - A new approach for understanding and treating an epidemic” – Book and Curriculum



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# “SPIDERS WEBS UNITED CAN TIE UP A LION!”

*African Proverb*

## Thank you!

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