

2015 FLORIDA MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Executive Summary

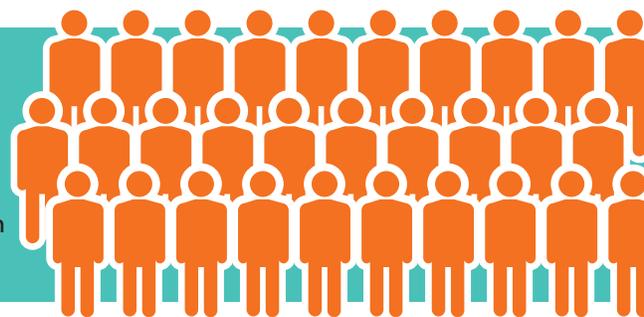


More than

200

ELECTED OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, ADVOCATES & CONCERNED CITIZENS

from throughout Florida came together at a Mental Health America summit last month in Jacksonville to explore current issues in mental health diagnosis and treatment.



THE MHA SUMMIT INCLUDED

keynote speeches from Judge Steven Leifman of the 11th Judicial Circuit and Dr. Michael De La Hunt, chief of Psychiatry from Nemours Children's Specialty Care as well as breakout sessions with expert presentations.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH & SCHOOLS

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES RELATED TO FLORIDA'S JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

INTEGRATING PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTHCARE

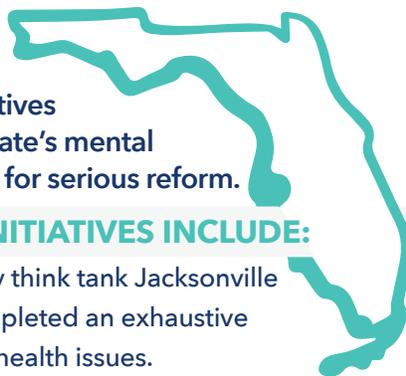
EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION IN PRIMARY CARE

A PRIMER ON LOBBYING & ADVOCACY

The MHA summit was the latest in an increasing number of community initiatives in Northeast Florida surrounding the state's mental health crisis and providing momentum for serious reform.

RECENT NORTHEAST FLORIDA INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

- The nonpro it, nonpartisan community think tank Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. last year completed an exhaustive community inquiry project on mental health issues.
- The Jacksonville System of Care Initiative seeks to help transform local mental health services into a system of care to better meet the needs of children and families struggling with mental health issues.
- The Jacksonville Criminal Justice Behavioral Health Collaborative is working to create a centralized facility to reduce the number of people with mental illness in our jails.
- Several other local organizations including Baptist Health, Jacksonville Public Education Fund, WJCT Public Television and The Florida Times-Union have undertaken recent projects aimed at addressing this community crisis.

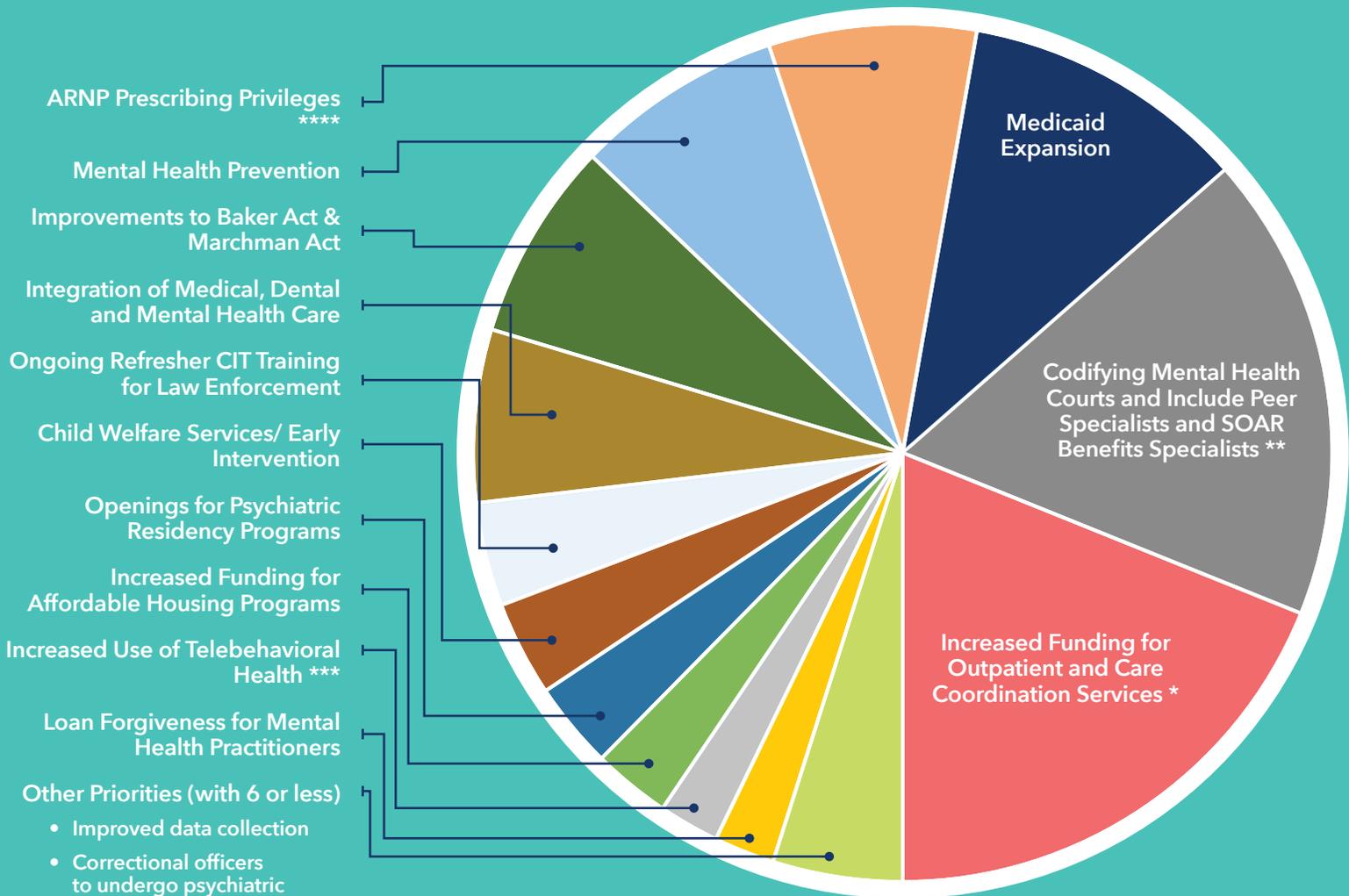


MENTAL
 HEALTH
 REFORM
 PRIORITIES

Summit participants worked collaboratively to help Mental Health America's statewide advocacy network craft its mental health reform priorities for Florida's 2016 legislative session. An overview of those priorities is presented on the opposite side of this page.

TURN FOR MORE

2016 MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Mental Health America of Northeast Florida's 2016 Legislative Reform Agenda

* Increased funding for outpatient and care coordination services, appropriate new general revenue dollars to the Department of Children and Families' Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse budget in the amount of \$45 million recurring.

** Codify mental health courts and include peer specialists and SOAR benefits specialists, authorize a mental health treatment based court that includes the use of peer specialists and SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) benefits specialists and provides a system for adults who are charged with a non-violent crime and who live with a mental illness.

*** Legislation to increase the use of telebehavioral health, authorize telebehavioral health services in order to increase access to mental health treatment particularly in rural and underserved areas.

**** Support legislation relating to ARNP prescribing privileges. Florida has an alarming shortage of psychiatrists leading to long waiting lists and increased mental health crises. Florida is also the only state that does not allow Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners to prescribe to the fullest extent of their training.