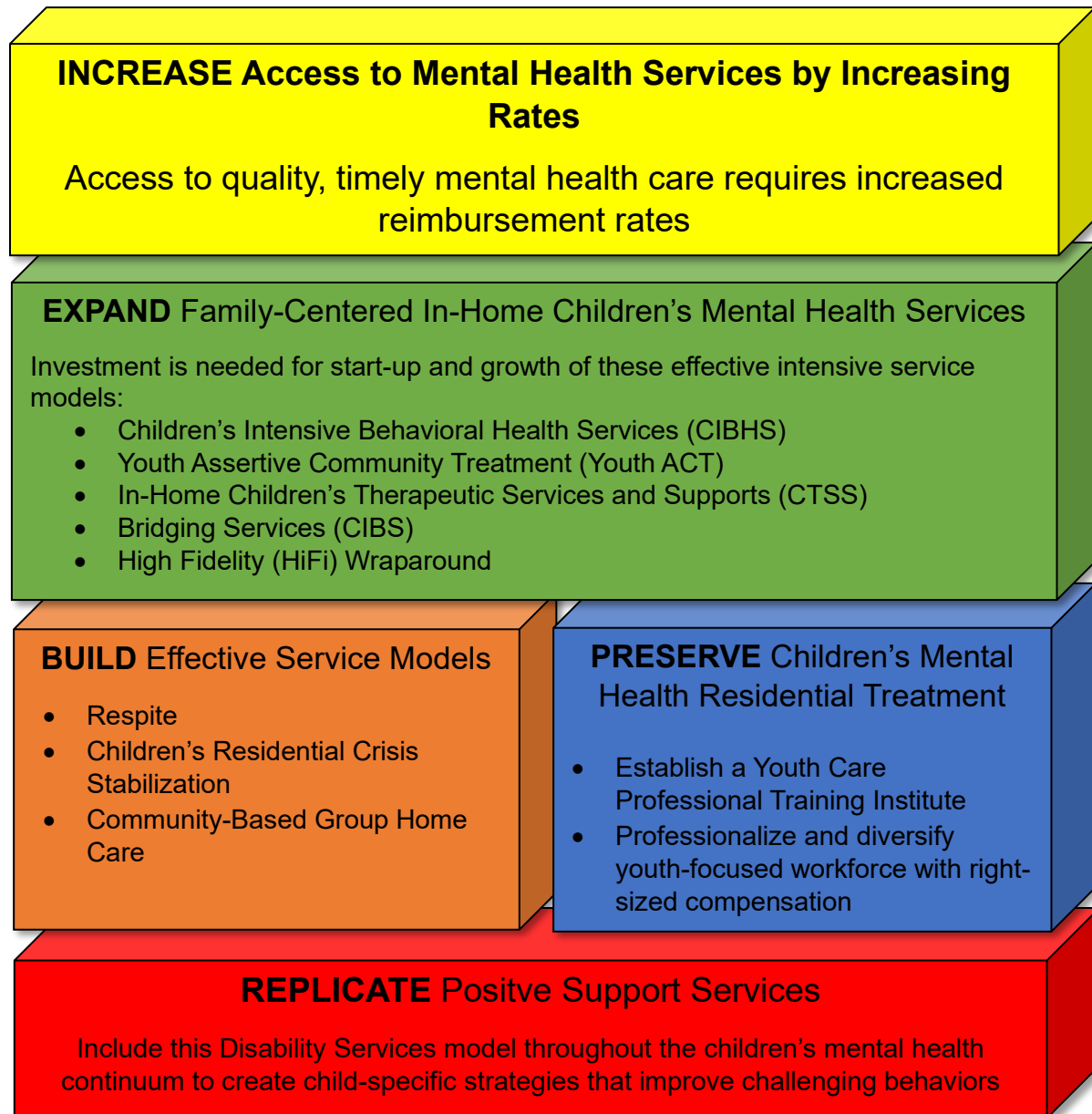


Building Blocks for Children’s Mental Health

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Children’s mental health needs¹ are going unmet, due to a lack of mental health services. Children are waiting for months to access needed treatment and families are too often forced to rely on hospital emergency departments as their front door to care. This crisis is not new and it’s getting worse. It is harming children and families, debilitating our emergency systems and needs immediate attention.

The solution is to build the mental health system children and families need to live their best lives. The following Building Blocks outline the investments and infrastructure required to solve the current crisis and provide treatment to our children.



¹ In this document, “mental health” is inclusive of behavioral health needs for children who may have a variety of presenting diagnoses.

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