

EBCI IDD/Autism Project Update

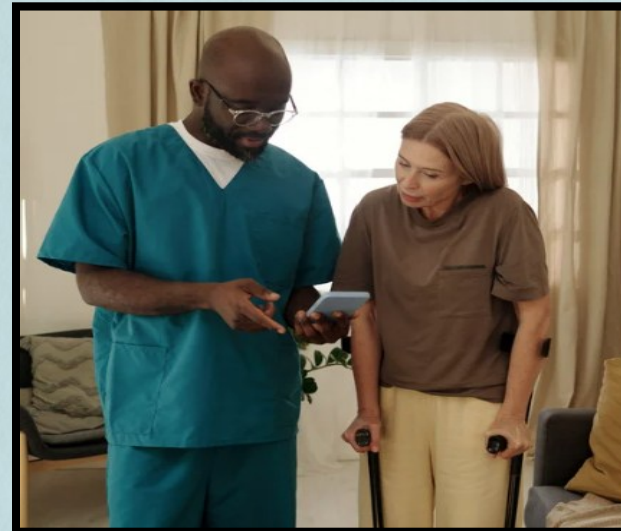


INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES(IDD)/AUTISM UPDATE

AUGUST 2026

Overview

- Gaps and Needs Identified
- Project Goals
- Care Management
- Enrichment Resource Center Functions



Gaps and Needs Identified

Access

- Long wait times for assessments and services
- Availability of specialized therapies, medical care, and habilitation supports
- Availability of Dual dx options (MH/SU and IDD)
- Availability of Respite

Lack of meaningful day options utilizing best practices

- Employment
- Recreation
- Habilitation supports and services

Lack of residential options as individuals transition to adulthood and aging

Lack of transportation options

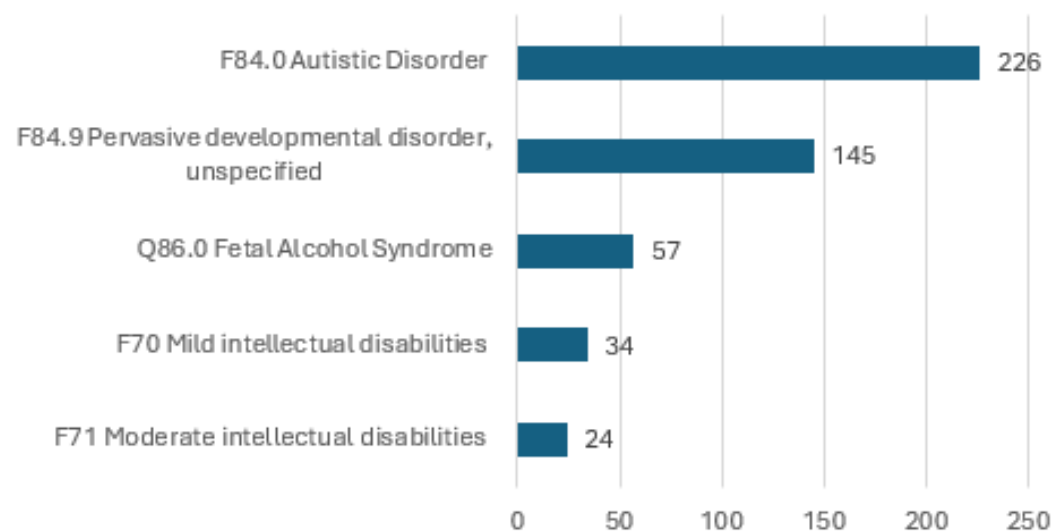
Knowledge about the IDD system of supports/services and philosophy of practices of self-advocacy and self-direction

Lack of Tribal Providers offering supports and services to individuals

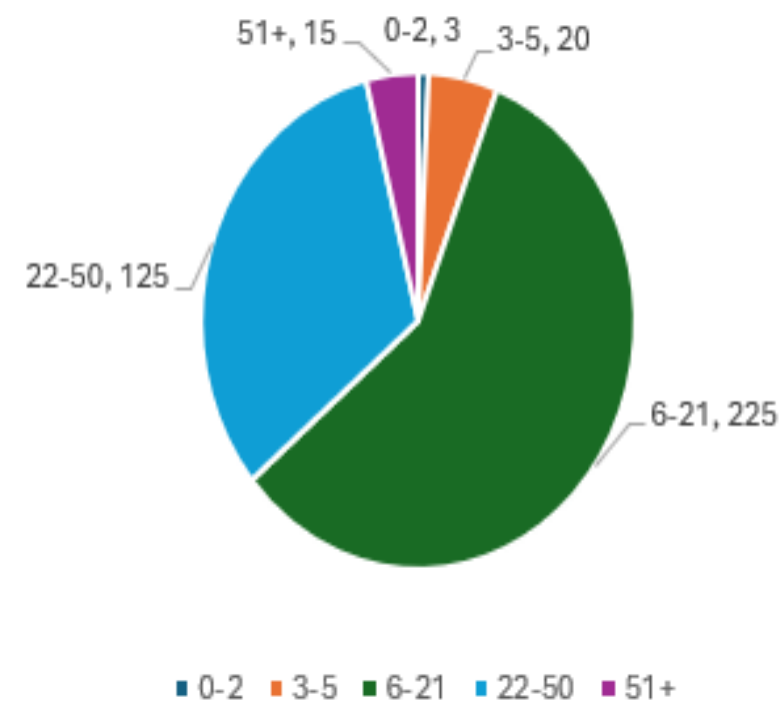
The Tribal IDD Population

388 people identified as having one or more
IDD Diagnoses

Top 5 Unique IDD Diagnosis Codes



IDD Age Groupings



EBCI IDD/Autism Project Goals

1. Develop Tribal **infrastructure** for an EBCI IDD/Autism Program including a mission, vision and operating principles for the EBCI IDD/Autism program.
2. Create a family resource center within the EBCI IDD/Autism Enrichment Center that is a place of knowledge, resources and supports within the tribe and the region.
3. Create tribal system of care and supports for and with individuals with IDD/Autism including housing options, timely access for assessments, meaningful day options, robust care management and respite continuum.
4. Develop competencies, focusing on a tribal workforce, to manage and operate EBCI IDD/Autism services and supports.

Completed FFY 2026 Project Plan

- Research successes from similar programs
- Funded FFY 2026 budget
- EBCI IDD/Autism Steering Committee established
- Selected preferred providers to support community
- Completed Person Centered Thinking/Planning training
- Foundational Clinical Staff identified
- Continue community education regarding services and supports

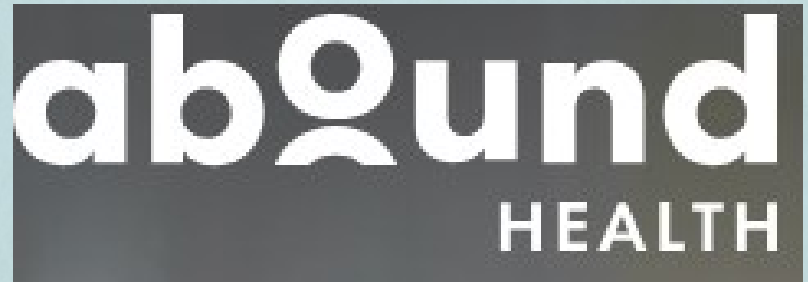


Current Progress

- Implement services in partnership with external service providers
- Educate the community about IDD Care Management
- Tribal Option Care Management supporting members.
- Finalized FFY 2027 project plan and budget
- Developing workforce, exploring partnerships to meet staffing needs
- Establishing healthy working relationships with Preferred Providers



State and Tribal Preferred Providers



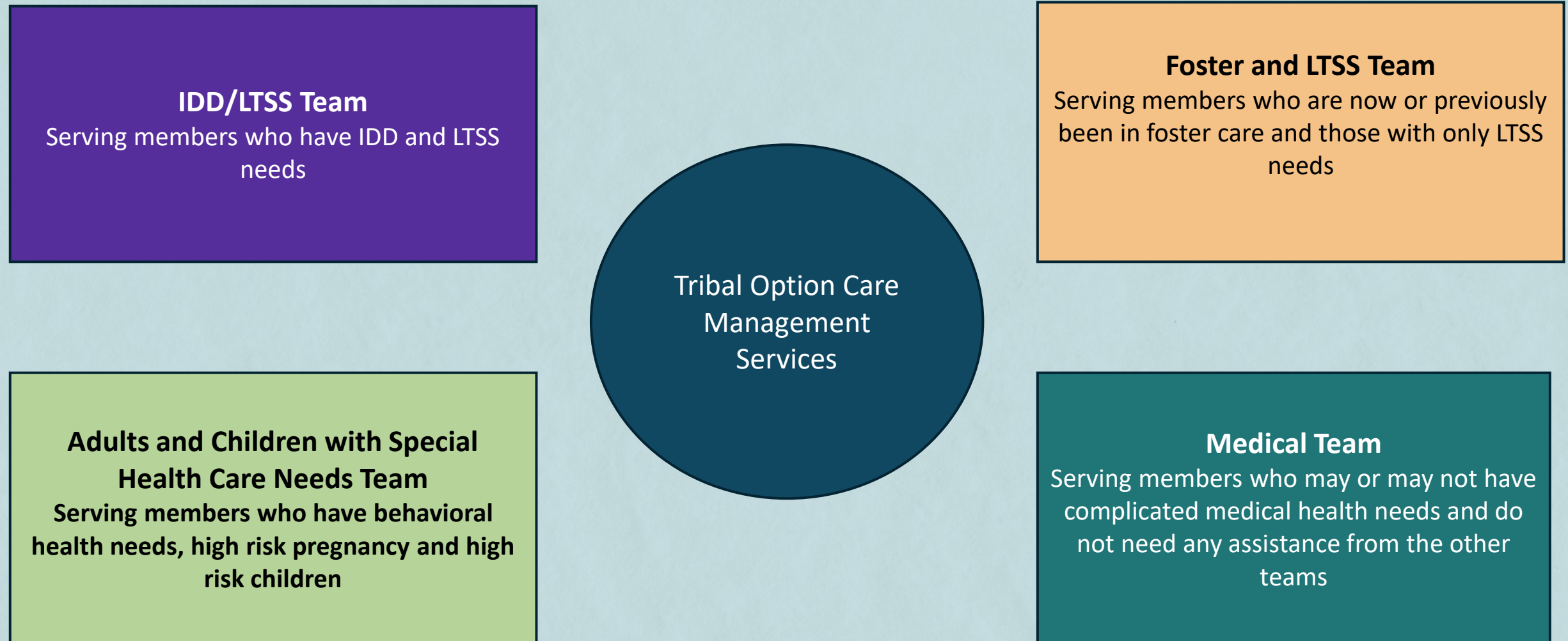
PREFERRED PROVIDERS-ACTIONS TO INCREASE SERVICES



- Education of services available to CM and BH Teams
- Developed cultural training for providers
- PR awareness of providers' services to the community
- Identification of shared or common spaces for therapies
- Begin workforce recruitment



Care Management Teams



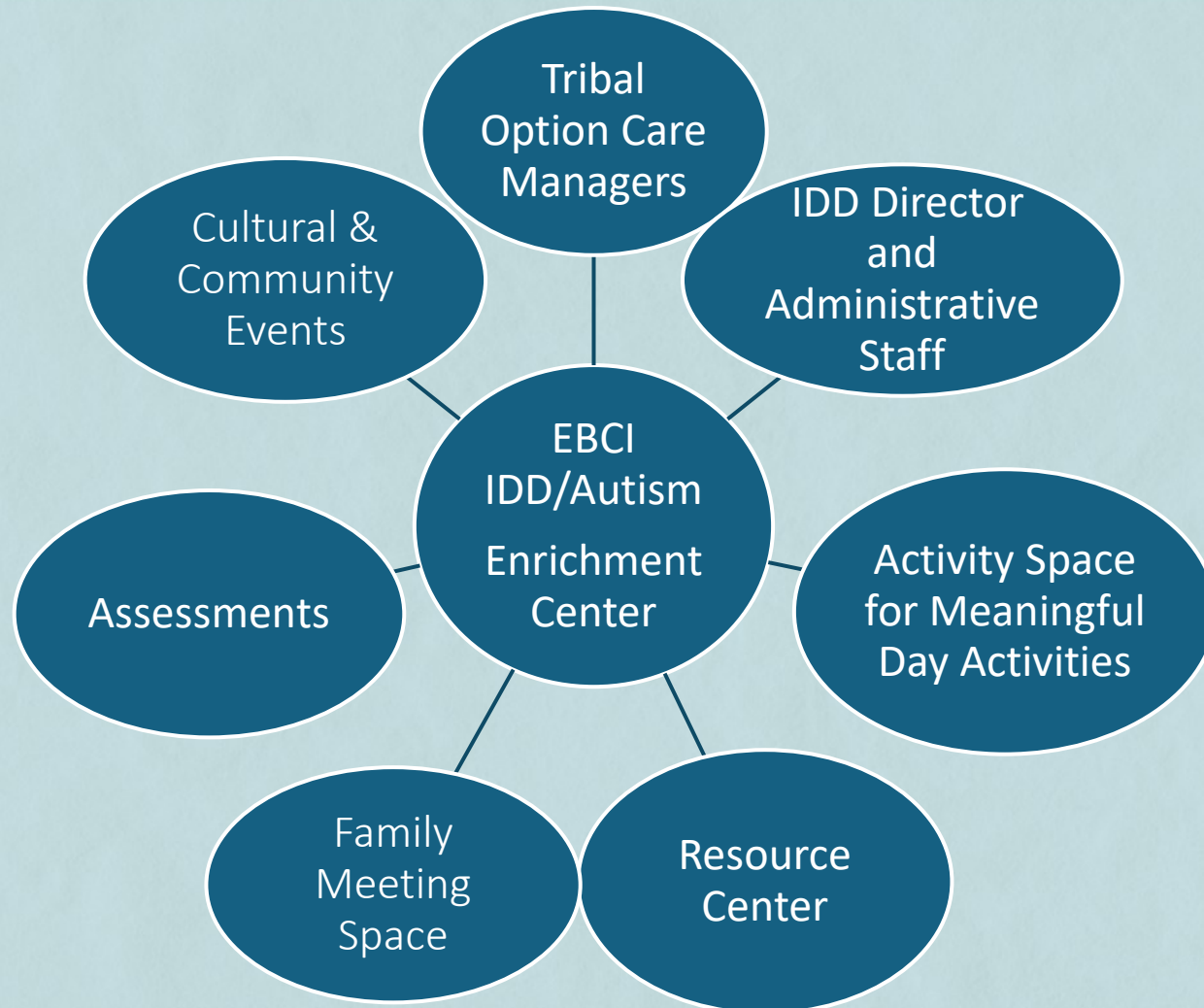
Care Management Roles and Supports



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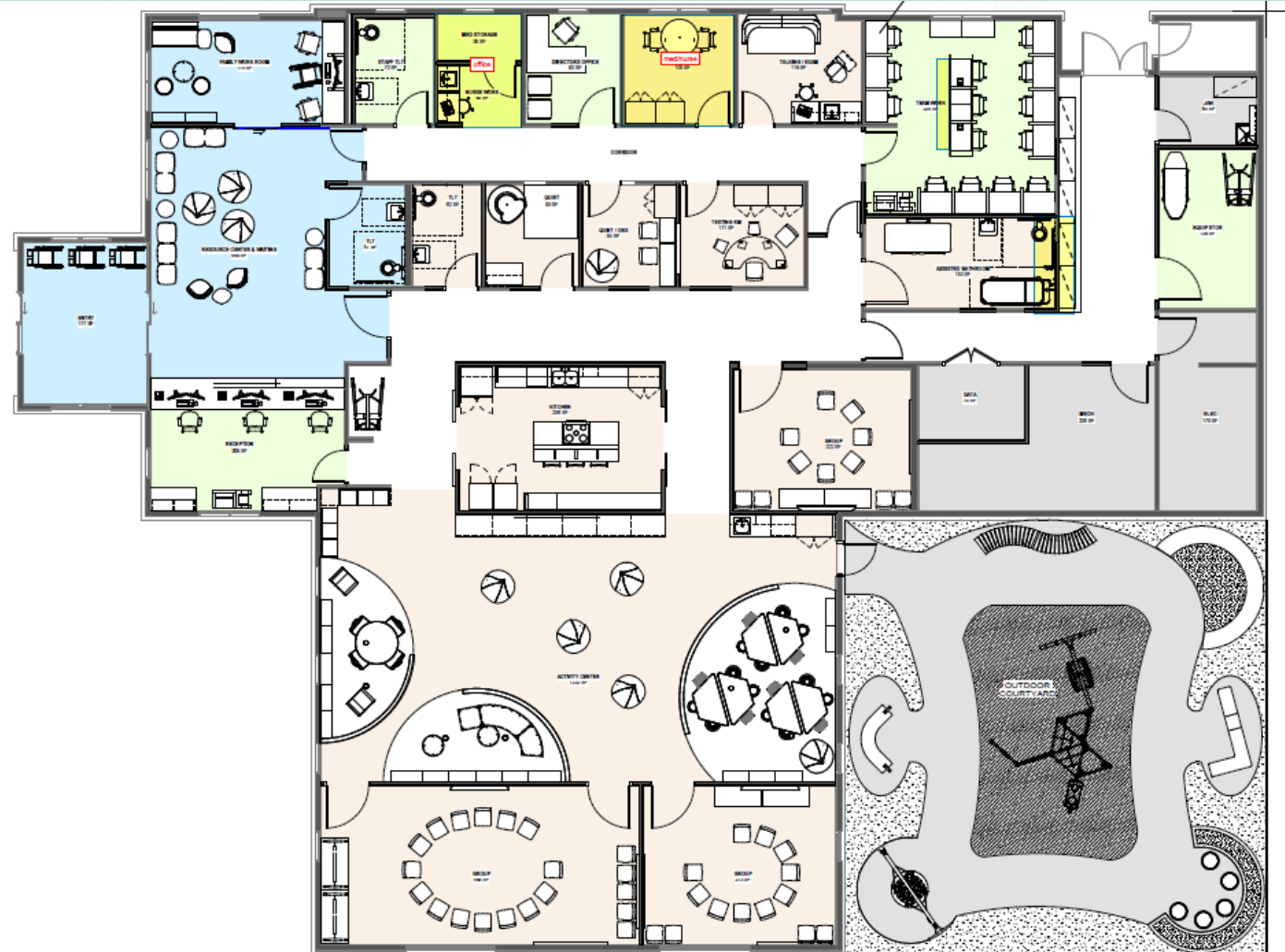


EBCI IDD/Autism Enrichment Resource Center Functions



Enrichment Center Renovation Schematic

- Project meeting with CIHA, EBCI, and the design team are ongoing.
- The design phase has been wrapped up.
- Groundbreaking August 26th, 2026, at 1pm.
- Estimated opening Fall 2027
- Patient Access and Extenders to be present at the front entrance for resource support.



IDD/ENRICHMENT CENTER PROJECT PROGRESS



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