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# Mainstream Vouchers: What Works and What's Next

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# Today's Agenda

1. Overview of Mainstream Voucher Program
2. What You Should Know about the New NOFA
3. Essential Service Providers: Roles and Reach
4. Challenges and Solutions with Mainstream
5. Peer-to-Peer Dialogue

# Mainstream Voucher Program Overview

- What are the program's goals?
- How is this different from NED2?
- Potential to integrate non-elderly persons with disabilities into the community and to deepen relationships with local health providers
- Applications due September 5

## **Applying lessons from NED evaluation:**

- Importance of partnerships for providing supportive services
- Centralized tracking and data sharing agreements
- Expanding geographic choice

# Mainstream Voucher Program Timeline

FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
<b>Funding Approved by Congress</b>		
<b>\$120 million</b> <i>(\$13M new, \$107 renewals)</i>	<b>\$505 million</b> <i>(\$385M new, \$120M renewals)</i>	<b>\$225 million</b> <i>(\$41M new, \$184M renewals)</i>
<b>Distribution of Funds</b>		
<i>Renewals</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> NOFA (\$99 million)	n/a
	2 <sup>nd</sup> NOFA (\$150 million)	
<b>Funds Remaining for New Vouchers (cumulative year-to-year)</b>		
<b>\$13 million</b>	<b>\$149 million</b>	<b>\$190 million</b>



# Mainstream Voucher NOFAs

First NOFA	Second NOFA	Third NOFA
Released April 2018 Awarded Sept. 2018	Released July 2019 Applications due Sept. 5, 2019	Expected in 2020
All PHAs eligible	All PHAs eligible	Only PHAs awarded Mainstream Vouchers from 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> NOFA
Up to \$100 million awarded	Up to \$150 million awarded	TBD ( <i>up to \$190M remaining</i> )
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded \$99+ million</li> <li>• 286 awards (12K vouchers)</li> <li>• Maximum number of vouchers awarded: 99</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~300 awards</li> <li>• ~18K vouchers</li> <li>• Maximum of \$3M per PHA</li> </ul>	n/a

# Changes from Previous NOFA

## Statement of Need

## New Targeted Group

People who are eligible & currently in a permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing program

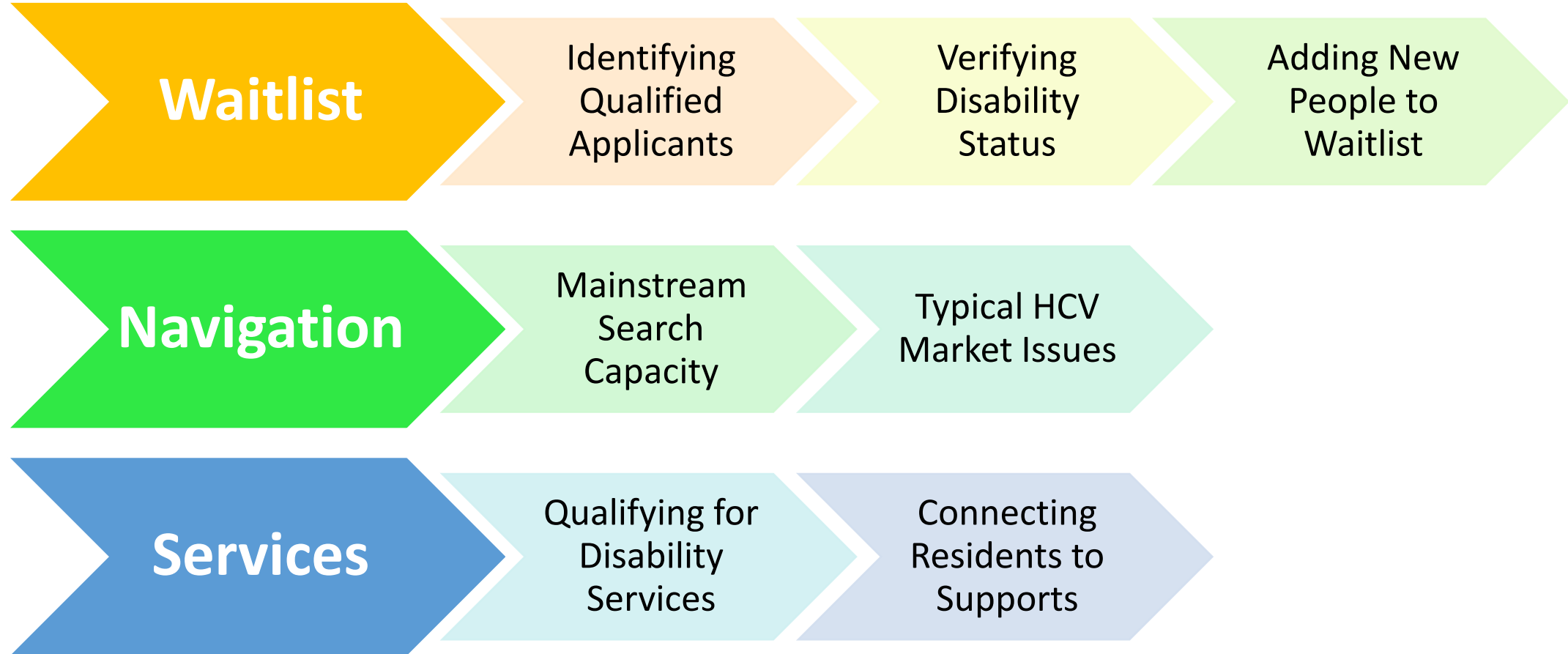
## No Geographic Preference

for PHAs with state-wide program or those offering portability option

- Prior Experience Assisting Persons w/ Disabilities – **20 pts**
- Admissions Preference – **15 pts**
- Program Resources – **50 pts**
- Achieving Results/Program Evaluation – **15 pts**

**What have we learned to date?**

# Challenges & Solutions





- **Working from waitlist vs. referrals from providers**

In Summer 2018, HUD clarified that:

- All Mainstream admissions must come from the PHA's waiting list
- PHAs must maintain one waiting list for all HCV assistance
- PHAs may open their waiting list only for applicants meeting eligibility criteria for the Mainstream Voucher program

## Waitlist

Identifying  
Qualified  
Applicants

Verifying  
Disability  
Status

Adding New  
People to  
Waitlist

- **Disconnect between existing waitlist and individuals eligible for partners' services**
- **Self-reported disability status vs. verified disability**
- **Homelessness eligibility**
- **Challenges associated with opening waitlist**

## Navigation

Mainstream  
Search  
Capacity

Typical HCV  
Market Issues

- **Service providers' capacity to support with housing search can be critical to success**
- **PHA internal capacity to assist with housing search**
- **80% utilization rate by end of 2019**

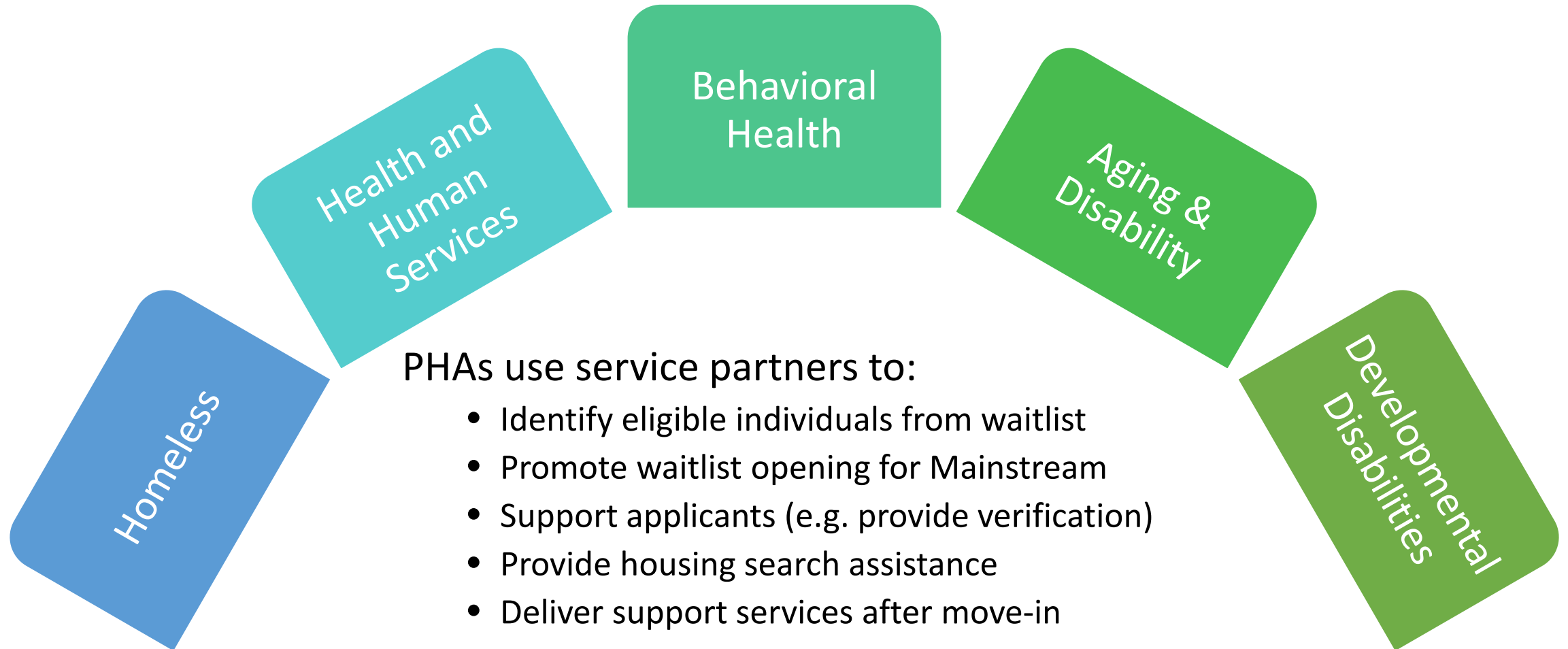


## Services

Qualifying for  
Disability  
Services

Connecting  
Residents to  
Supports

- **Matching disability support service needs with applicants/residents of Mainstream Voucher program**
- **Completeness of service partner “network”**
- **Connecting residents with appropriate support services given level of need and location**



# Questions for Potential Service Partners

## Eligibility

- How does someone qualify for your services?
- Income? Disability Status?
- How does someone prove eligibility for your service?

## Scale

- How many people do you serve?
- What is your capacity to serve more/new cases?

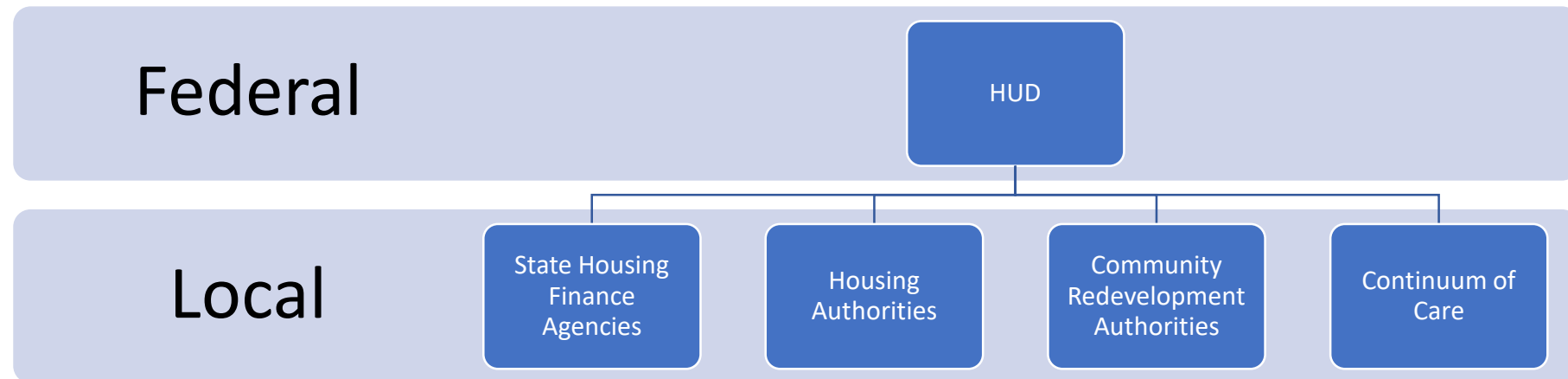
## Data Sharing

- Can we determine who is on a waitlist AND who is served by each services agency (i.e. which disabilities do they serve?)

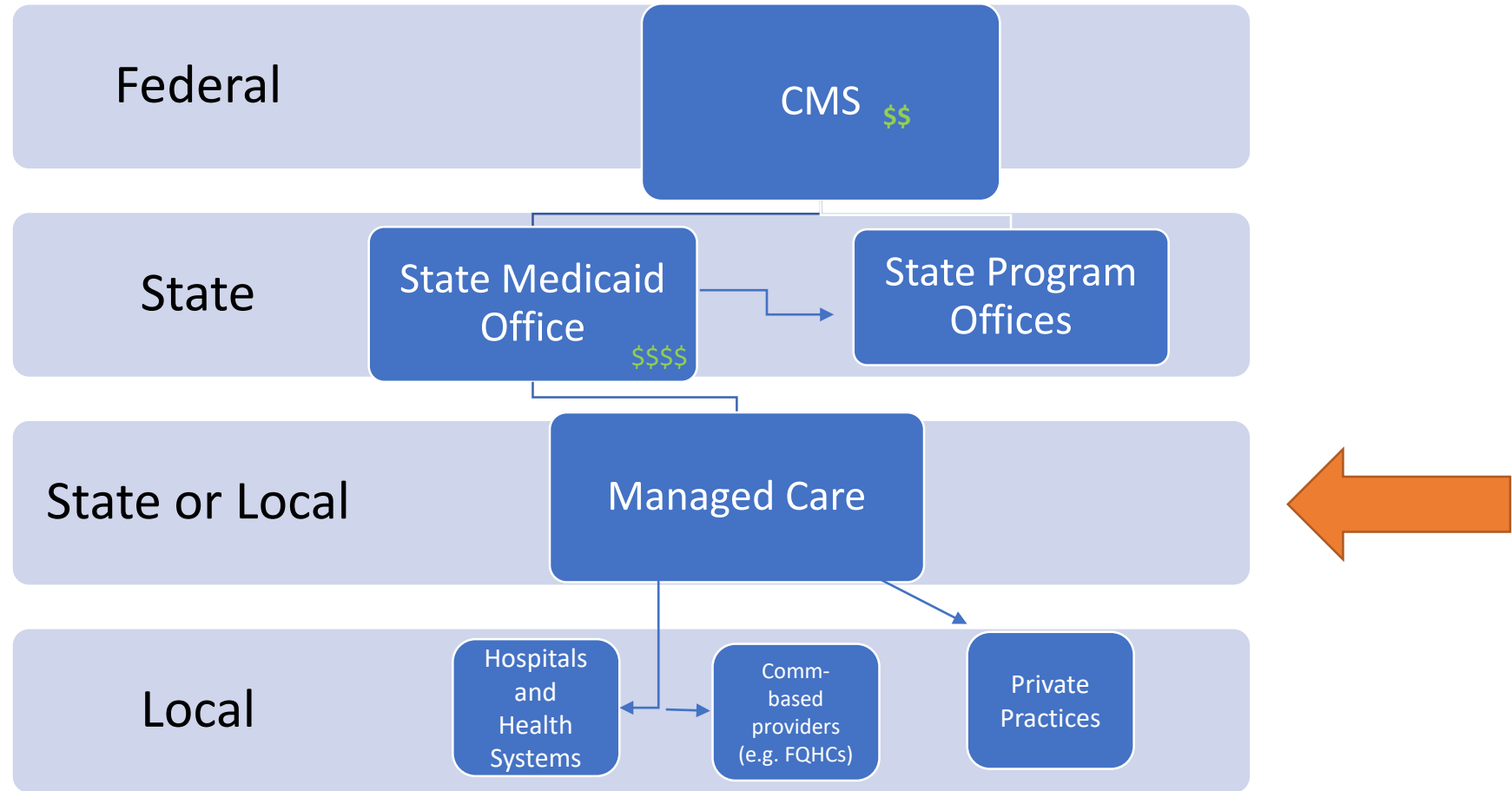
## Capacity

- Can your agency serve more people? Can our HA refer?
- Does your services partner understand Housing Navigation Services

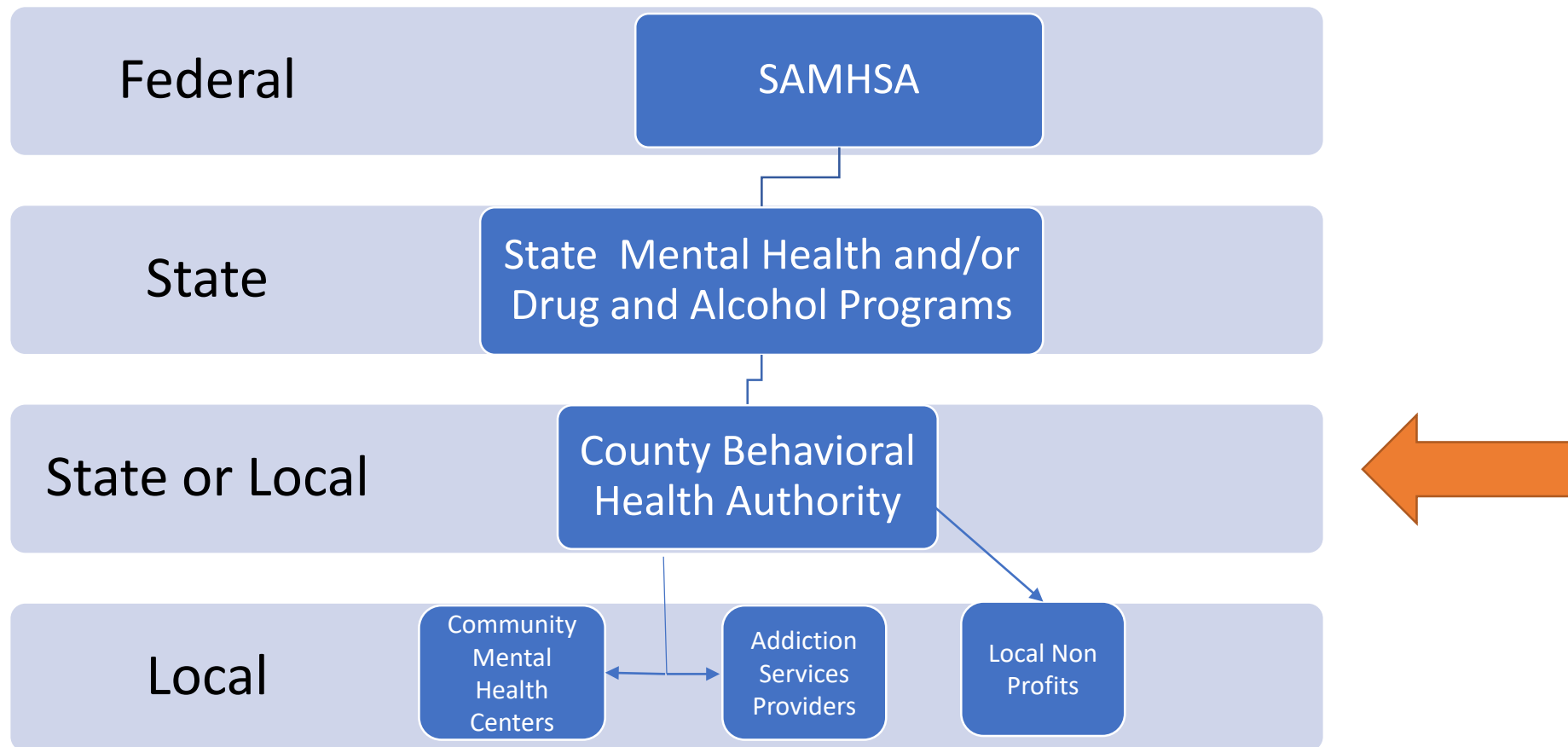
# Priorities & Resources: Housing



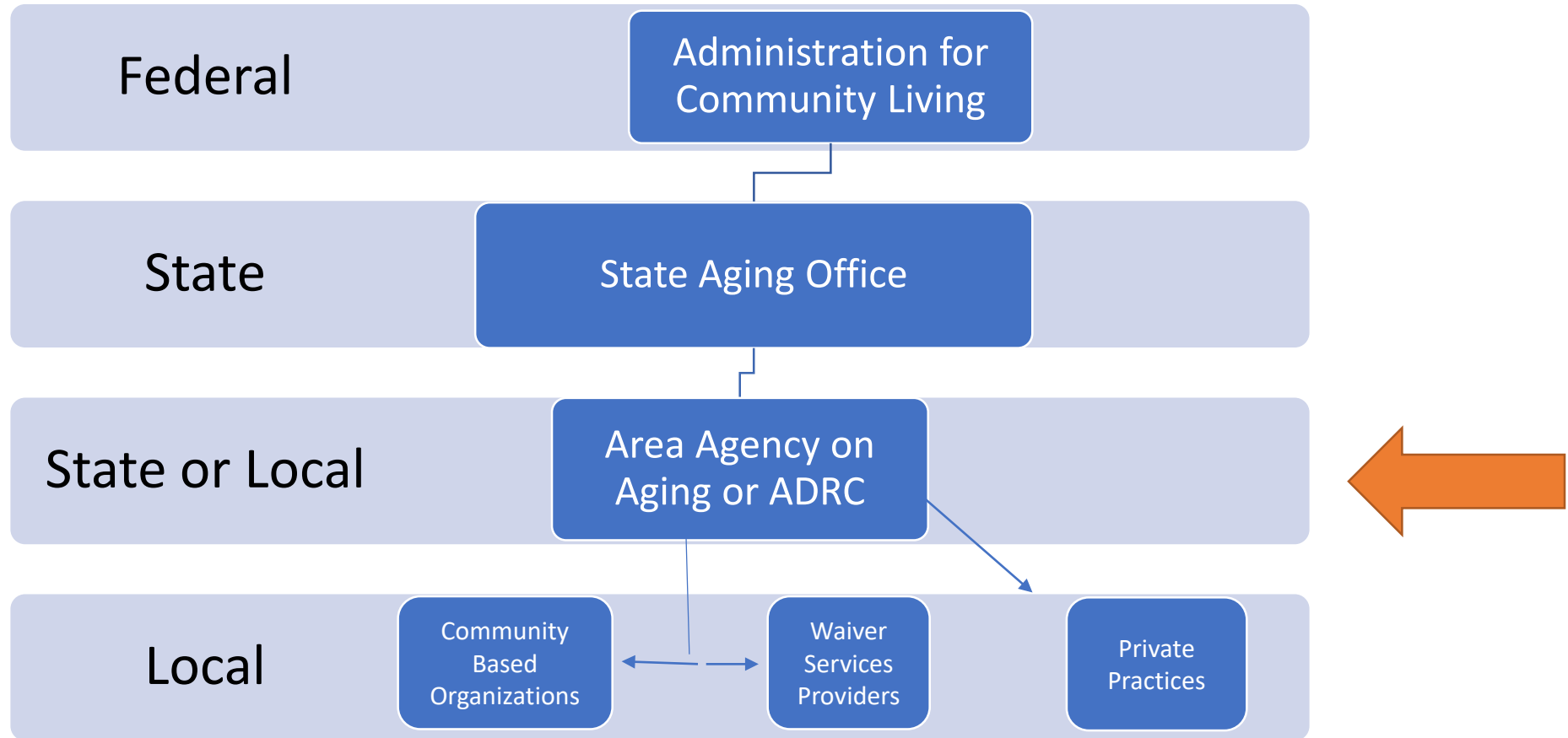
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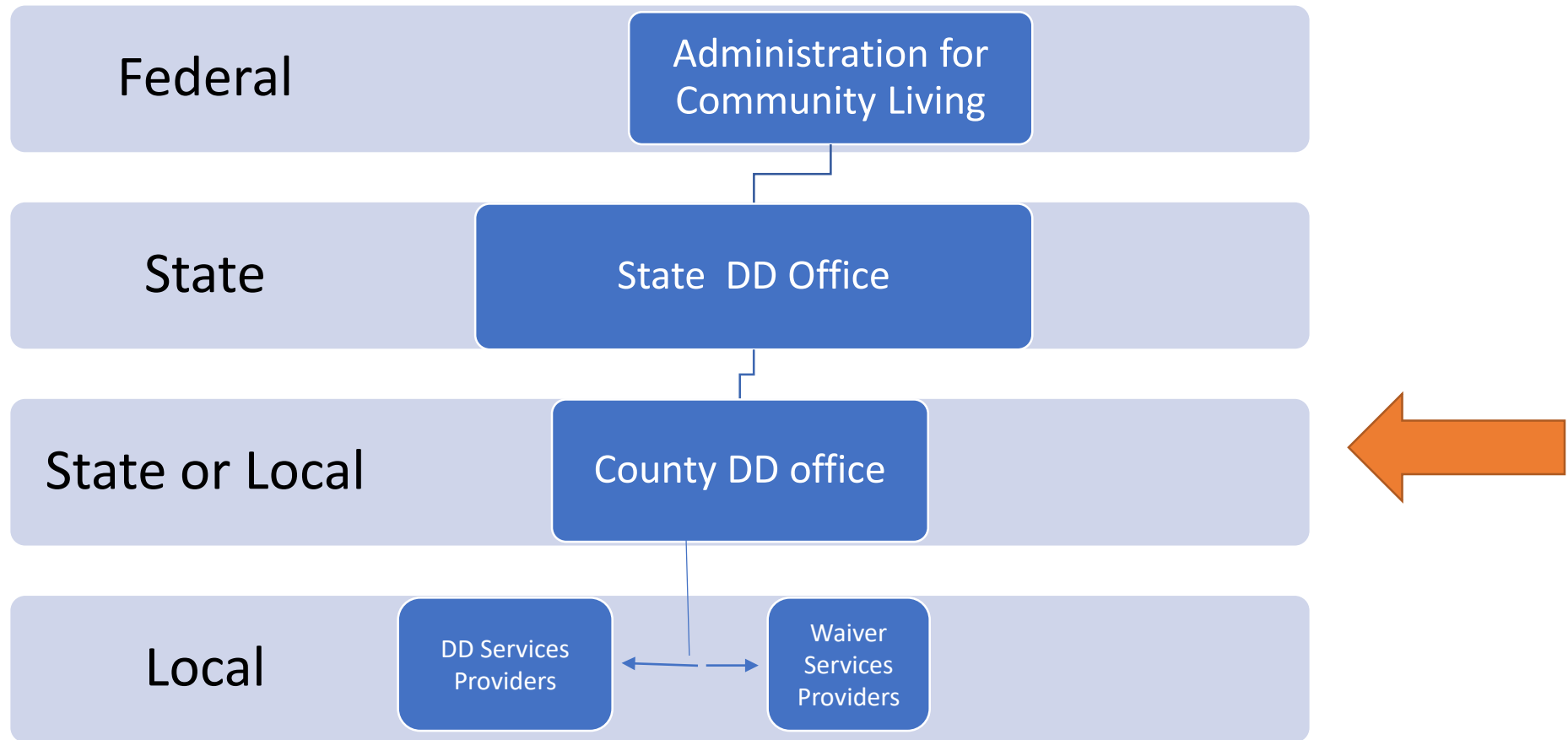
# Priorities & Resources: Mental Health



# Priorities & Resources: Aging



# Priorities & Resources: Developmental Disabilities





# Working with These Partners

- All of these agencies know VERY little about your area of expertise. EDUCATE!
- These agencies are experts in their respective areas. LEARN!
- We all talk in acronyms. Explain yourself to your cross-sector partners
- All partners have limited resources, capacity and great need. Kindness goes a LONG way.
- Engage and network for the long term.
- Be strategic about who is engaged. Start with leadership buy in and then move to partners with similar job roles across agencies and sectors.
- Partnerships take more time than working with one agency. Factor this into your timeframes.

**Can you share some insights from your experience with the Mainstream program?**

**What questions do you have for others?**

# Mainstream Voucher Program

## Additional Resources

- NED 2 Impact analysis:  
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/system/files/pdf/76986/Cat2Housing.pdf>
- HUD's NOFA FAQ:  
[https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FY19\\_Mainstream\\_Q&A.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/FY19_Mainstream_Q&A.pdf)
- 2019 NOFA, HUD webinar:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/hcv/mainstream](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/mainstream)
- Administration on Community Living (ACL), list of Centers for Independent Living (CILs): <https://acl.gov/programs/centers-independent-living/list-cils-and-spils>



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