

# Regional Community Care Teams

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We share a commitment to a common result:

All Maine transition aged (14-24+)  
youth experience belonging and  
thrive into adulthood in their  
communities.



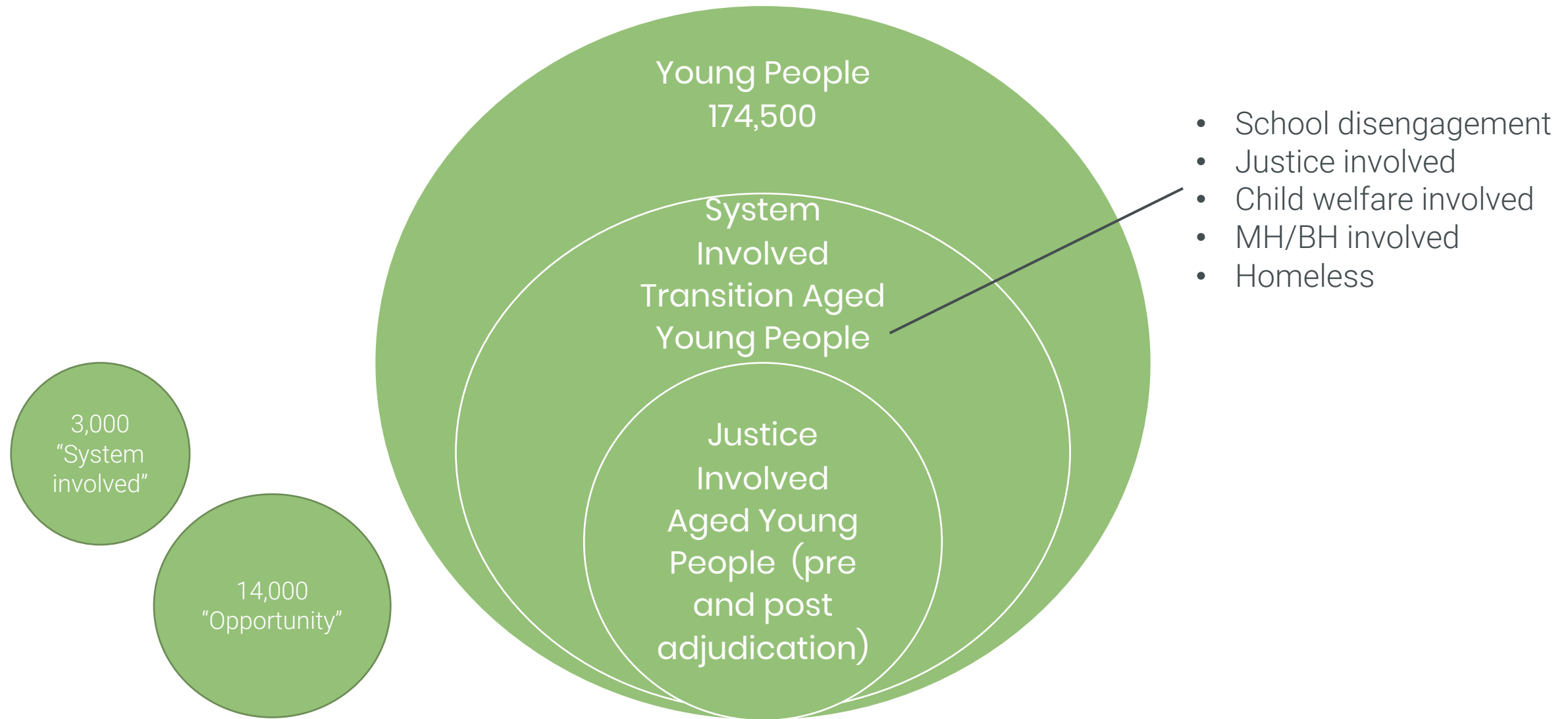
# Theory of Aligned Contributions

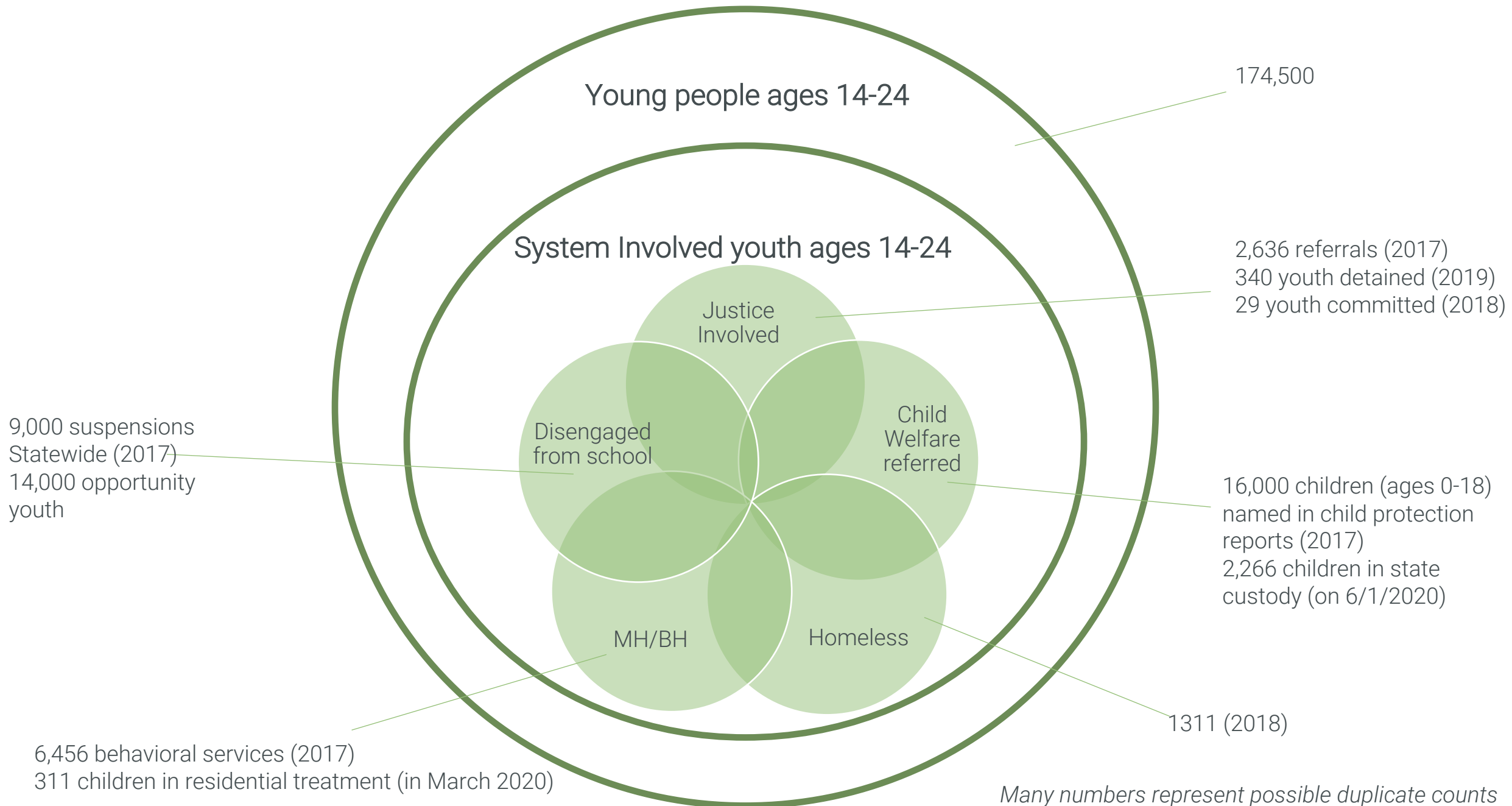
It takes all of us to make create transition planning opportunities that improve youth, family, program and community outcomes

*Adapted from Theory of Aligned Contributions, Jolie Bain Pillsbury*



# SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY TO WHOLE POPULATION OUTCOMES, SYSTEM POPULATION OUTCOMES, PROGRAM POPULATION OUTCOMES





# MAINE YOUTH JUSTICE REFORM

High Fidelity  
Wrap Around

Integrated Case  
Management  
and Family and  
Systems Teams  
with the  
Children's  
Cabinet

Juvenile  
Detention  
Alternatives  
Initiative  
(JDAI)

2017 Youth  
Justice in  
Maine:  
Imagine a  
New Future  
Summit

Disproportionate  
Minority Contact  
(DMC)  
Forums

2009  
Juvenile Justice  
Task Force and  
2020  
Juvenile Justice  
Task Force

2010  
Maine Rising  
Juvenile  
Justice  
Summit

Jurisdictional  
Team  
Planning

# How we got here: Community Reintegration Conversations

- **February 2020:** Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment Report released.
- **March 2020:** COVID-19 hits; MDOC looks to streamline, expedite community reintegration.
- **April 2020:** The Place Matters at USM and the Maine Center for Juvenile Policy started facilitating weekly Community Reintegration conversations with Task Force members and stakeholders from Task Force listserve. Focus is on problem solving, information sharing, and support for system-involved youth both in the community and those transitioning out of secure care.
- **May-June 2020:** Development of the structure and function of Regional Care Teams, led by each Department of Corrections Regional Correctional Administrator.
- **July 2020:** Regional Care Teams hold first meetings.



# How we got here: History of Interdepartmental Collaboration and Guiding Values

- Community Partnerships for the Protection of Children
- Local Case Resolution Committees
- Regional Children's Cabinet
- Family and Systems Teams/Integrated Case Management
- The Cross Disciplinary Training Project

Inclusive

Holistic

Decisive/Responsive

Holding Urgency

Opportunity Building

Transparency



## **Regional Community Care Teams:**

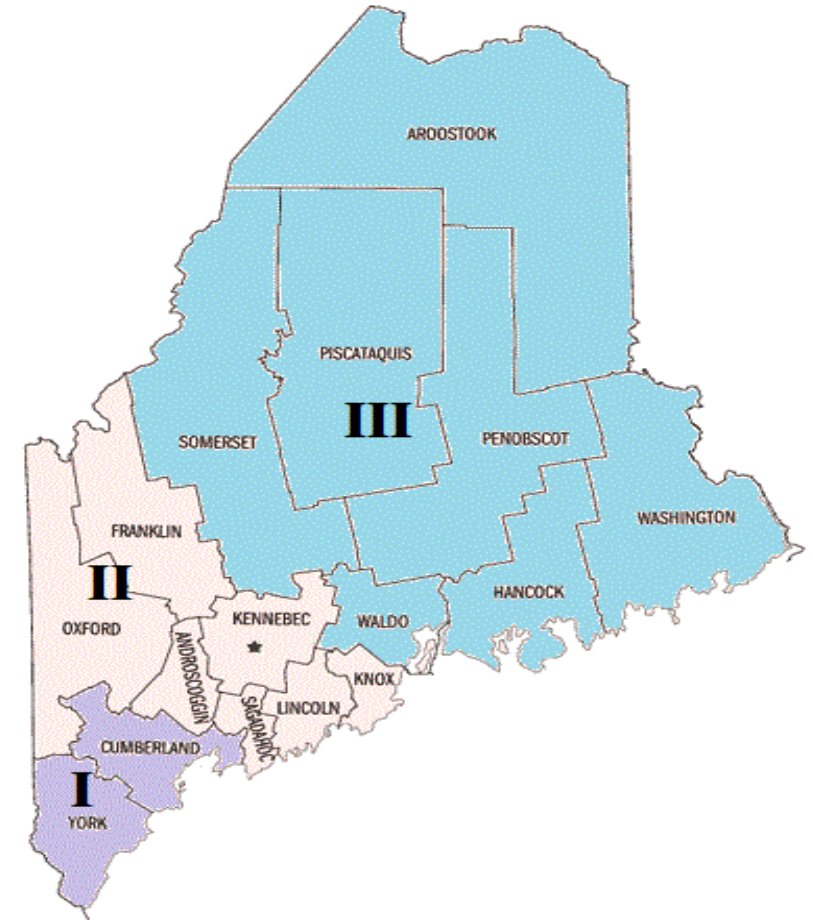
Intentional cross systems teams sharing resources and strategies to inform programmatic, regional and system decision making and improve youth, program, and population outcomes

# Regional Care Network Boundaries

1: Cumberland and York

2: Androscoggin, Knox, Kennebec, Oxford, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Franklin

3: Aroostook, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Washington, Waldo, Hancock, Somerset



## Regional Care Teams: Composition

- Chair, Department of Corrections Regional Correctional Administrator
- DHHS, OCFS Regional Mental Health Coordinator
- DHHS, OCFS Resource Coordinators
- DHHS, OCFS–Child Welfare District Administrator and/or Assistant Regional Director
- DOE representative
- DOL representative
- Public safety representative
- Local Housing Authority representatives
- Providers
- Advocates

# Regional Care Teams: Boundaries, Authority, Role and Tasks

- Facilitate cross systems and community collaboration and strengthen the continuum of care within DOC regional boundaries
- Triage and leverage resources to solve problems at the local level
- Assess underlying factors (unmet needs, barrier busting) contributing to current outcomes
- Develop and use data to make informed decisions that hold accountability to outcomes
- Develop and implement shared strategies at the local/regional levels to improve youth, program and population outcomes
- Build community capacity for engagement, inclusion and shared decision making around the development and performance measurement of the continuum of care across the counties and communities of the region

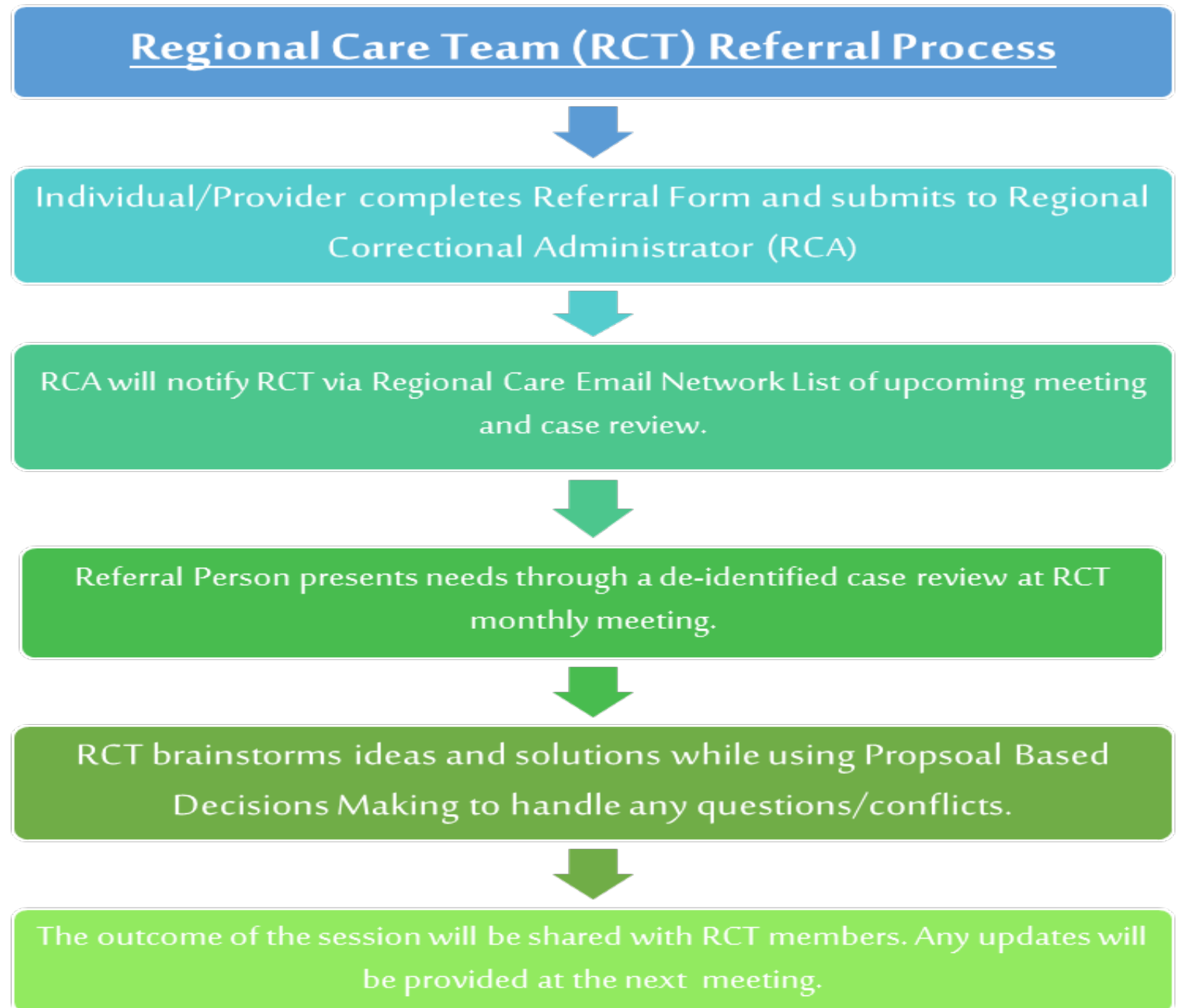
# Regional Care Teams Process

## Support Materials for RCT Process

- **Regional Community Care Team Info Sheet** provides an overall description of the project.
- **Regional Care Network Email Lists** describes how to join one or more of the regional email lists to stay informed.
- **Regional Care Team Meeting Guide** describes how the monthly Regional Community Care Team meetings are conducted.
- **Regional Care Team Case Review Request Form** to use when submitting a case for consideration by a Regional Community Care Team.

FMI see: [www.mainejjtaskforce.org/our-work](http://www.mainejjtaskforce.org/our-work) and [www.placemattersmaine.org](http://www.placemattersmaine.org)

## Regional Care Team (RCT) Referral Process



# Regional Care Teams: Update

- **Seven** cases have been referred across all **three** regions.
- Macro level issues that have been raised re: continuum of care development include:
  - Lack of **supportive housing** options for system involved youth is a repeated subject of discussion. A housing subgroup has met several times to work on identifying and developing further resources.
  - Unmet needs related to **food, healthcare, family respite** and **technology** access are common themes.
  - **Funding generation** and **localized resource development** for the continuum of care.
- The question of how to best protect confidentiality has been raised in all three regions. This has prompted updates to meeting protocol and materials.



## GROUP DISCUSSION:

- What questions do you have for us?
- How can we support alignment of federal, state and local resource development toward localized continuum of care to improve the policy, practice, resource flows, relationships and outcomes?

## SOME OF OUR COLLECTIVE NEXT STEPS

- January 2021 briefing on RCT trends, barriers and needs
- Place Matters Virtual Asset Mapping
- Forthcoming report: *Transitions-Mapping the Impact of Systems and Places on Youth Pathways* (Young People Caucus)
- Cross systems, cross disciplinary strategies , resource flows and performance measurement for system involved transition aged youth(i.e. JJAG, Community Reintegration Work Group, OJJDP Second Chance Act, Maine Youth Caucus, Opportunity Pathways)

# THANK YOU!

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