

Maryland Planning Grant for Autism and other Developmental Disabilities

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The Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs (OGCSHCN)

- Maryland's Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) program -
 - Provide and ensure access to comprehensive health care, including long-term care services, for CYSHCN
 - Facilitate the development of family-centered, community-based, and culturally competent comprehensive care for CSHCN and their families.
- OGCSHCN's mission is to assure a comprehensive, coordinated, culturally competent and consumer-friendly system of care that meets the needs of Maryland's CYSHCN and their families.

The Parents' Place of Maryland (PPMD)

Purpose is to ensure that families of children with any kind of disability or special health care need have the knowledge and assistance they need to make informed decisions that support their child's health, education, and development. We provide peer support to families, and information and education to families, professionals and the community at large.

Maryland's:

- Family-to-Family Health Information Center
- Parent Training and Information Center
- Family Voices State Affiliated Organization
- Consortium for CYSHCN (CoC)

ASD and other DD Planning Grant

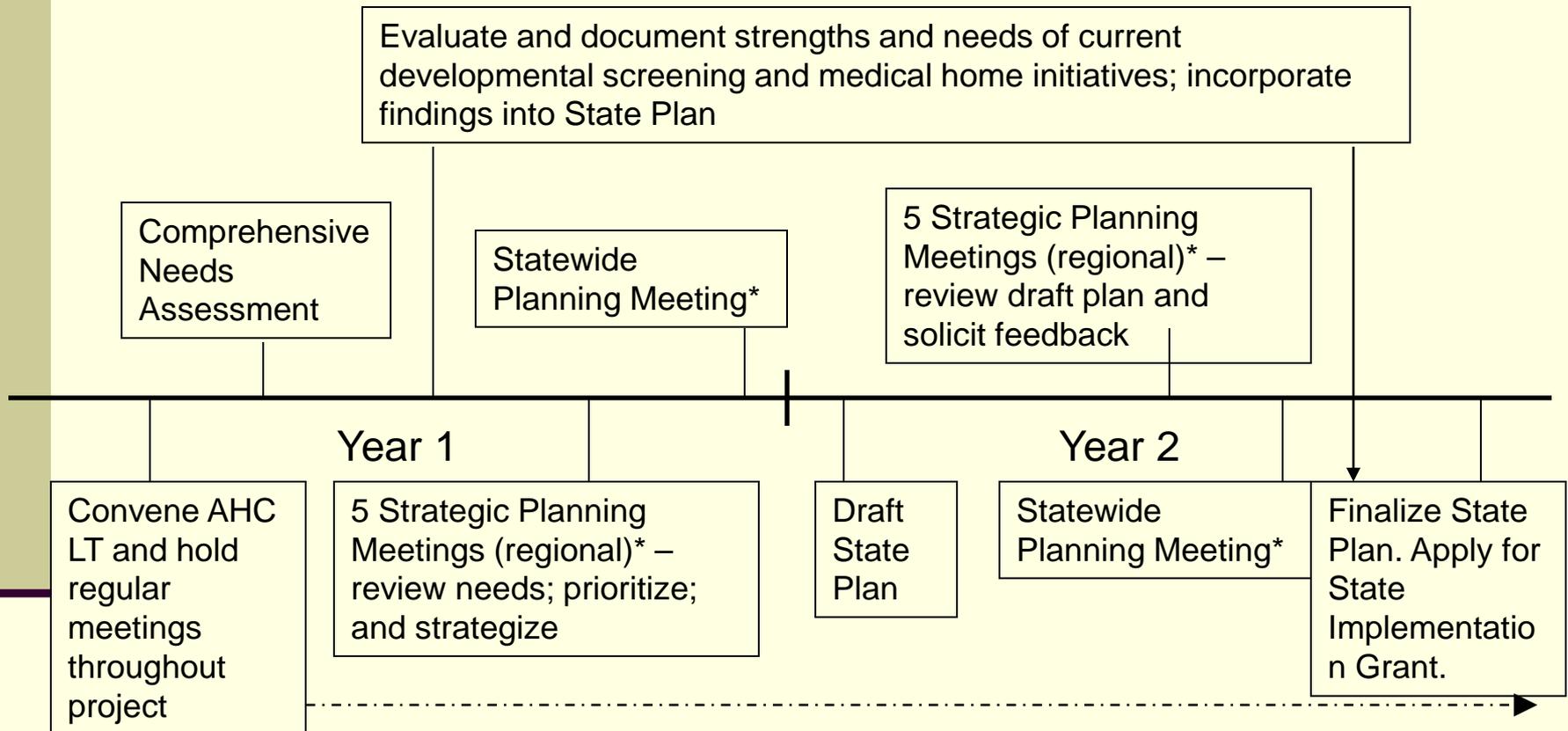
The *State Planning Grant for Improving Services for CYSHCN with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other Developmental Disabilities (DD)*, awarded to The Parents' Place of Maryland in partnership with OGCSHCN:

- is a two-year grant that will fund development of a comprehensive statewide plan to improve the system of **health care and related services** for children and youth with special health care needs with ASD and other DD.
- These funds are part of the federal Combating Autism Initiative and are designed to lead to future implementation grants to enact the state plan

Emphasis is placed on the MCHB Core Outcomes for CSHCN:

- **Families** of children and youth with special health care needs **partner in decision making** at all levels and are **satisfied** with the services they receive;
- Children and youth with special health care needs receive coordinated ongoing comprehensive care within a **medical home**;
- Families of CSHCN have **adequate private and/or public insurance** to pay for the services they need;
- Children are **screened early and continuously** for special health care needs;
- Community-based services for children and youth with special health care needs are **organized so families can use them easily**;
- **Youth** with special health care needs receive the services necessary to make **transitions** to all aspects of **adult life**, including adult health care, work, and independence.

Planning Grant Timeline



**these will be markedly different (in structure and in roles of invited stakeholders) than the MCA regional meetings and listening sessions. Findings from MCA meetings and listening sessions will be incorporated into these activities.*

Similarities and Differences with MCA

Maryland Planning Grant for ASD and other DD – Differences and Similarities with MCA

Maryland Commission on Autism

Purpose: "Advise and **make recommendations** to the Governor, General Assembly, and relevant state agencies regarding matters concerning services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders at all state levels including: **health care, education, and other adult and adolescent services.**"

-Under-funding or lack of funding to any part of the system of care could lead to system failure.

-emerging **framework of change** is: 5 systems components derived from the Commission's activities thus far – (1) diagnosis and referral; (2) interventions; (3) supports; (4) communities of care; and (5) research and education. Five cross-cutting themes were identified, including access, quality, communication, training, and funding.

-Incorporated **stakeholder input** into information-gathering activities through a series of regional listening panels. Stakeholder input is also gained through workgroup participation.

Maryland Planning Grant for Improving Services for CYSHCN with ASD and other DD

Purpose: "**Development** of a **comprehensive statewide plan** to improve access to comprehensive, coordinated **health care and related services** for **children and youth** with special health care needs with ASD and other DD."

-designed to lead to a future implementation grant of up to \$300,000/year to **enact the state plan.**

-**framework of change** is: MCHB 6 key components of a system of care for CYSHCN (1) family-professional partnerships; (2) medical home; (3) adequate health insurance and financing; (4) early and continuous screening; (5) services are community-based and organized for ease-of-use; and (6) transition to adult health care.

-Project is designed to incorporate **stakeholder input** into all phases of plan development, at the state and regional level, through fully collaborative activities to include data analysis, priority setting, strategy development, and final plan approval.

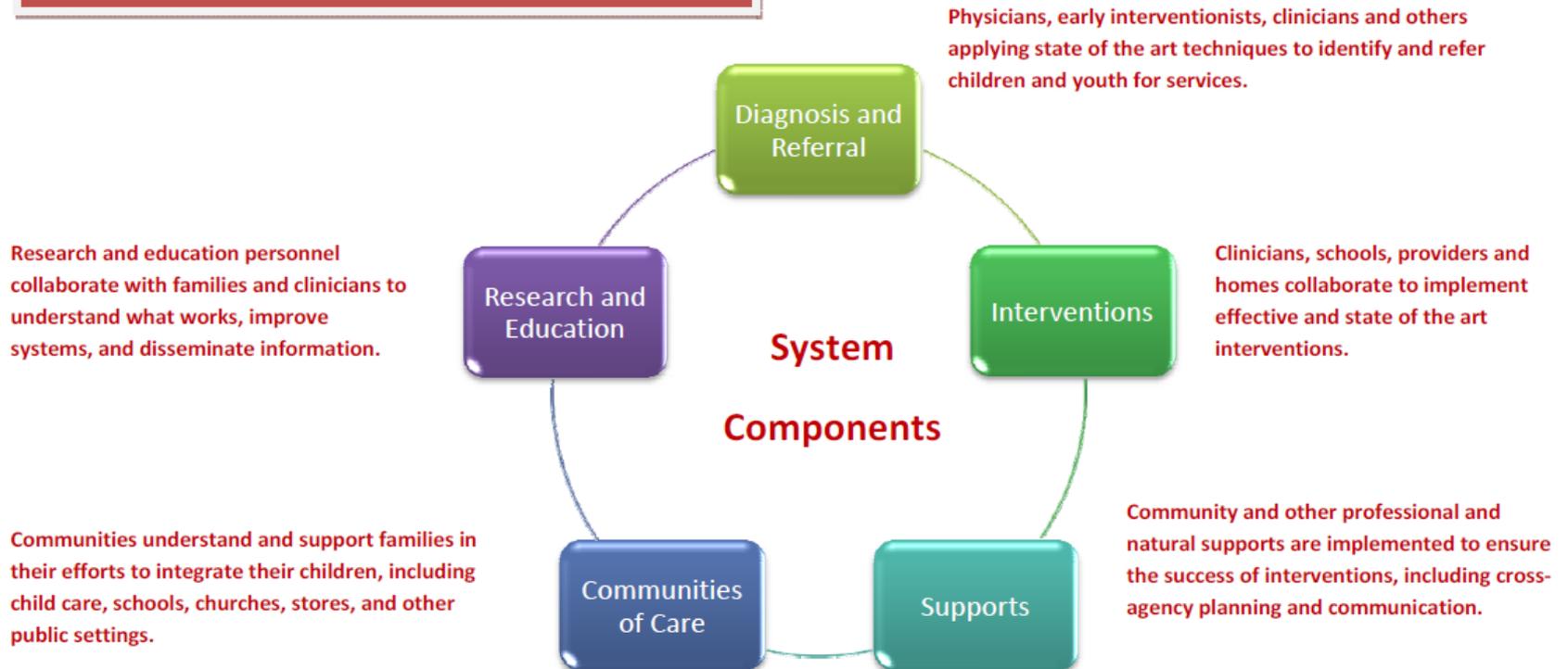
- Develop a comprehensive statewide plan which addresses regional disparities
 - Children and Youth with ASD
 - Health Care
- Transition to Adulthood
- Screening, Diagnosis and Referral
- Need for comprehensive, coordinated, community based, integrated service system(s)
 - Need for adequate funding

Framework – Core Outcomes for CYSHCN

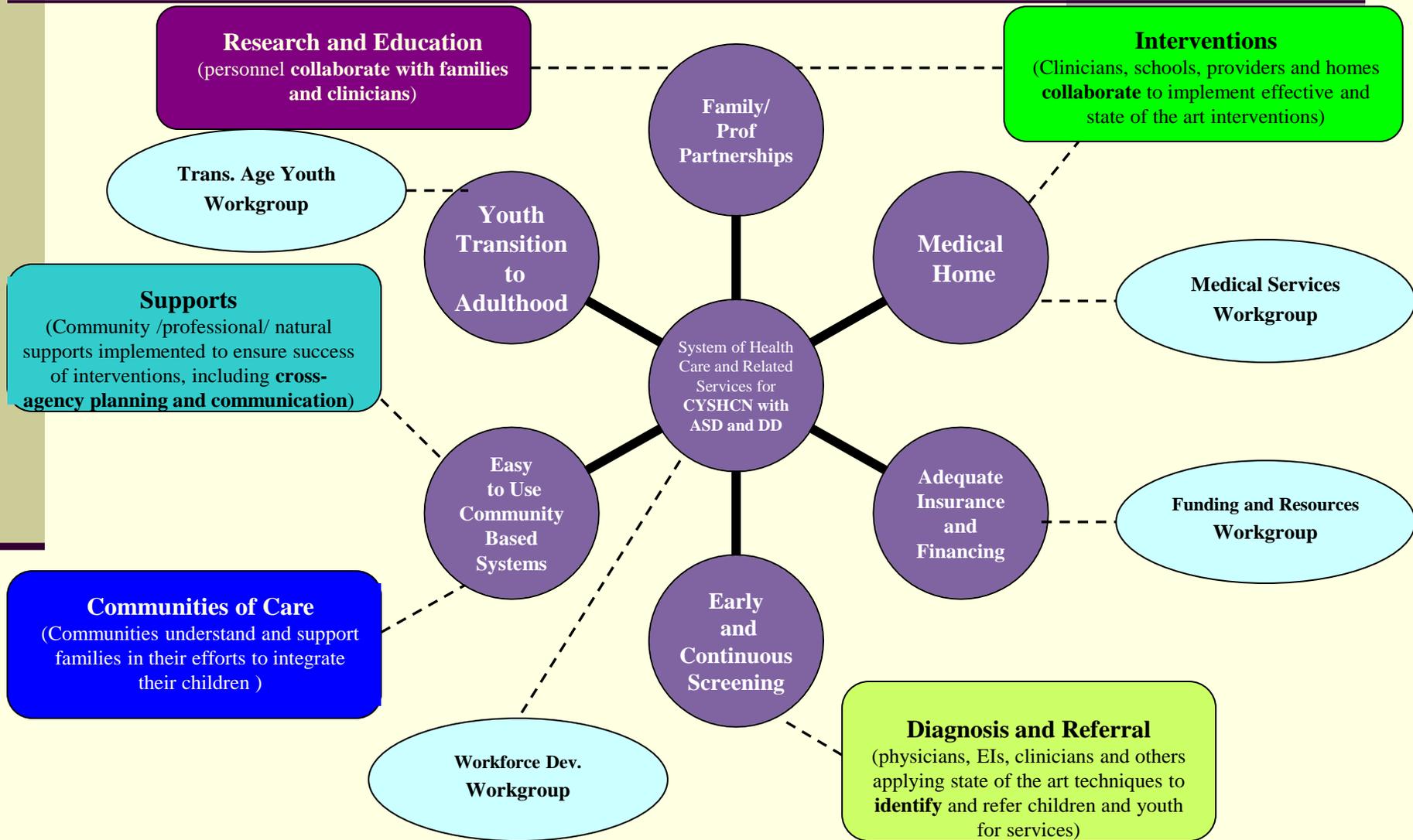


Framework - MCA

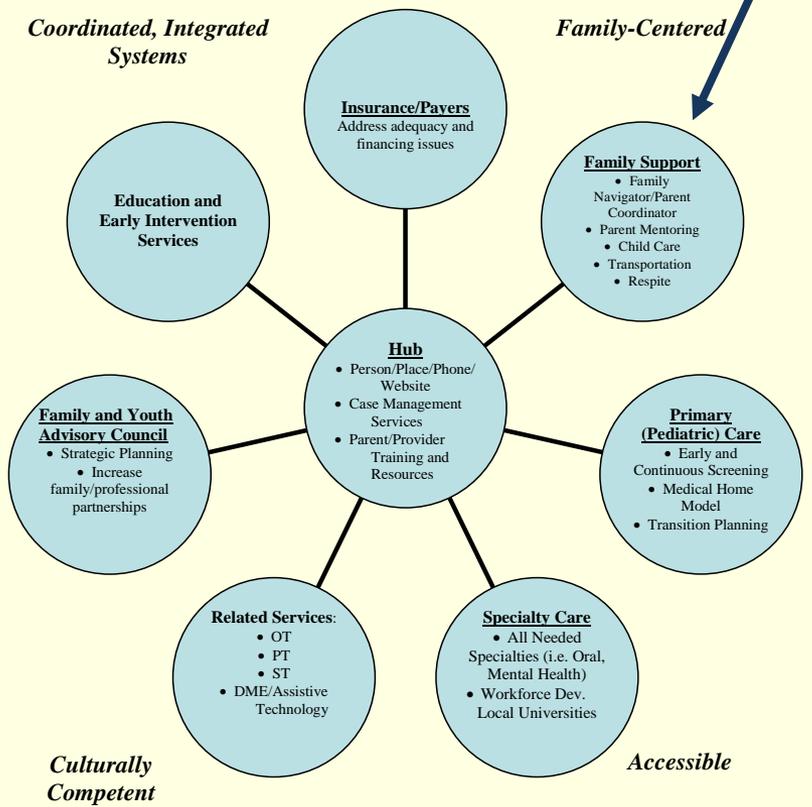
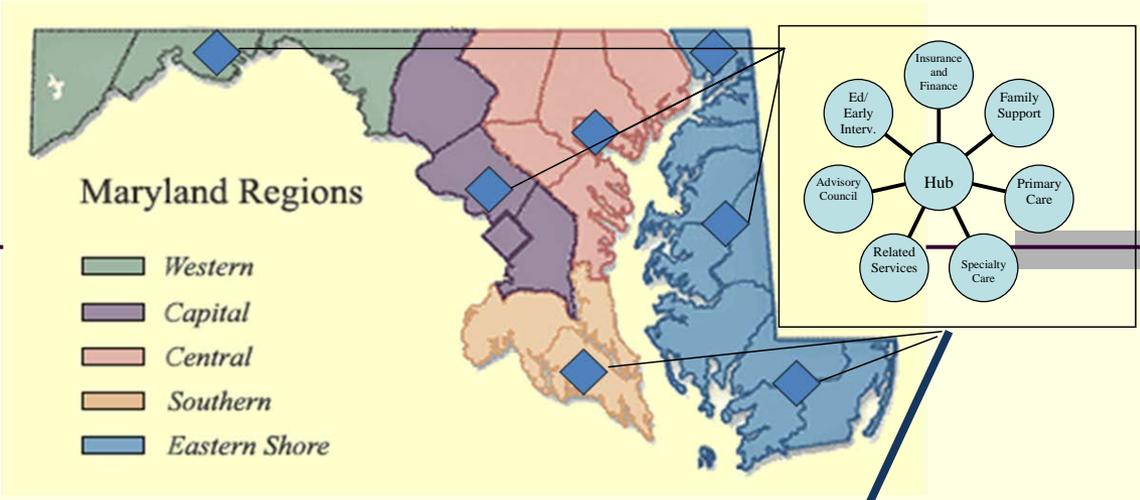
**Figure 1: Conceptual Model
Linking Systems of Care and Communities of Care
Through Identification, Intervention, Supports, and
Research**



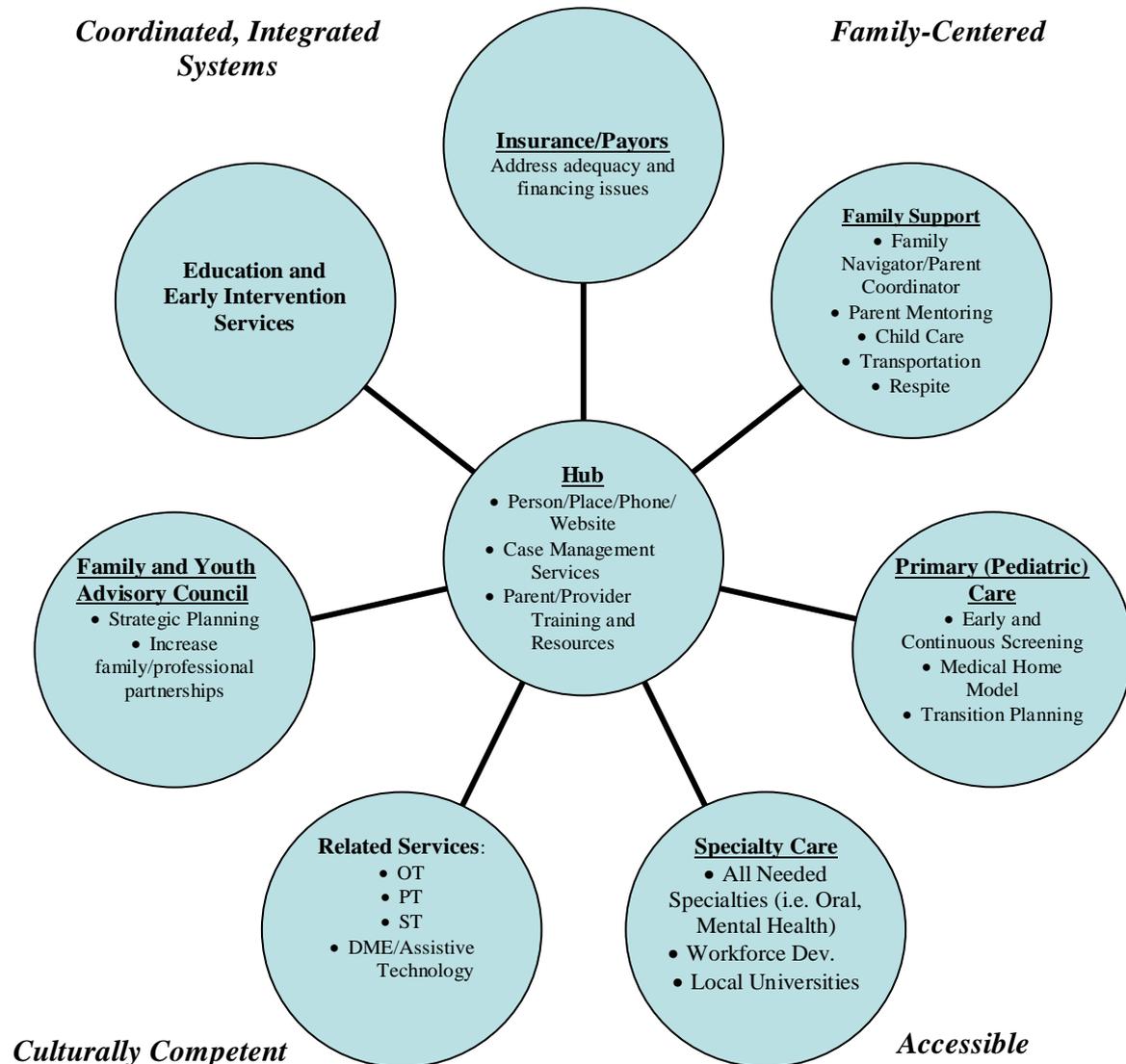
Links between CSHCN Framework and MCA Framework



OGCSHCN Vision for Regional Centers for Maryland CYSHCN and Their Families



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Questions?

Thank you!

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