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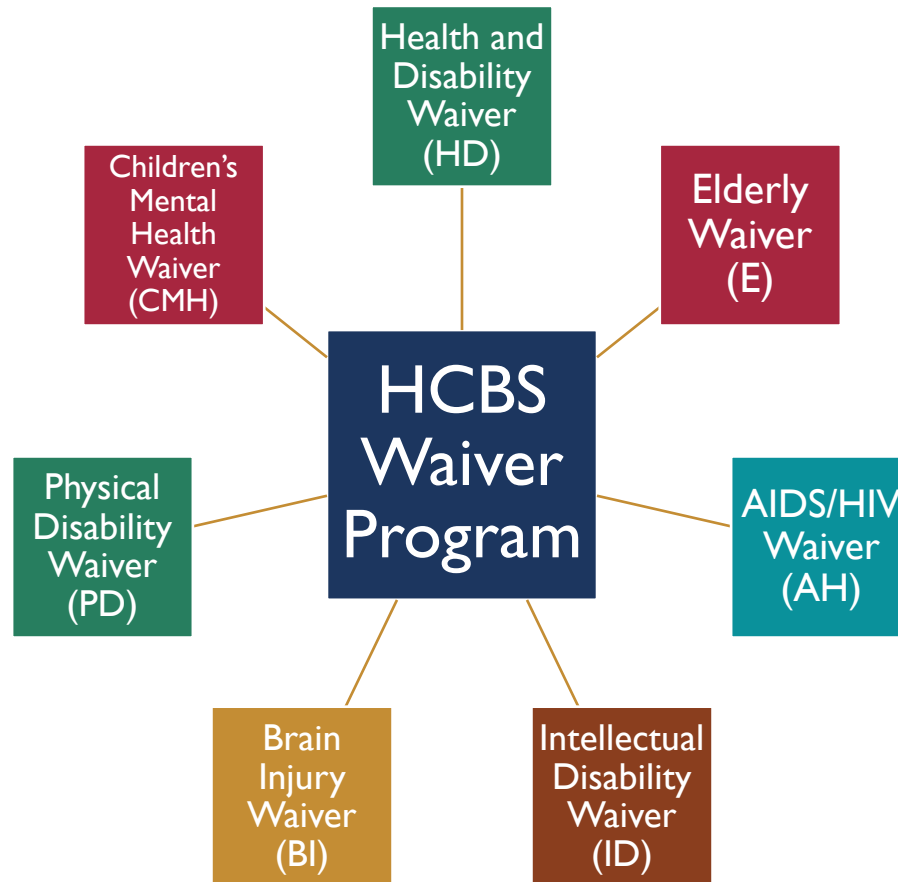
SERVICES

HCBS Waiver Transition Plan

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HCBS Waiver Program

Iowa Medicaid's HCBS waiver program currently has seven waivers:



In Progress Solutions



Looking at additional service options as a part of the Community-Based Services (CBS) Redesign.



Invest in remote monitoring for members.



Offer respite to spouses or family members who are caregivers to their loved ones.



Continue some of the expanded services made available during the public health emergency (PHE).



\$100 million made available in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to help strengthen the workforce.

ARPA & CBS Redesign

ARPA

- Iowa has invested more than \$125M in state only funds in ARPA grant to support improved quality and expanded access to HCBS.
- The focus of the grants is specific to three areas:
 - Increasing training & support
 - Expanding access to services
 - Workforce support

APRA Areas



- Increasing Training & Support
- Expanding Access to Services
- Workforce Support

APRA Projects



ARPA Projects

Community-Based Services Evaluation & Redesign

Therapeutic Foster Home Pilot

Health Information Technology & Infrastructure

One-Time Recruitment & Retention Bonuses

ID Waiver Interest List Buy-Down

Provider Training Platform

Direct Support Employment Network & Hiring Resource

Expansion of Remote Support through HCBS Technology

HCBS Employee Training & Scholarship Grant

HCBS Provider Rate Increases

The Community-Based Services Redesign Project

In 2022, Iowa Medicaid partnered with researchers from Mathematica and the Harkin Institute to complete an evaluation on Iowa Medicaid's Community-Based Services (CBS), which includes Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS), to find out how Iowans could better access the services.



Key Takeaways



Iowa can improve
community integration by:

Implementing streamlined screening
and processes

Aligning services to need

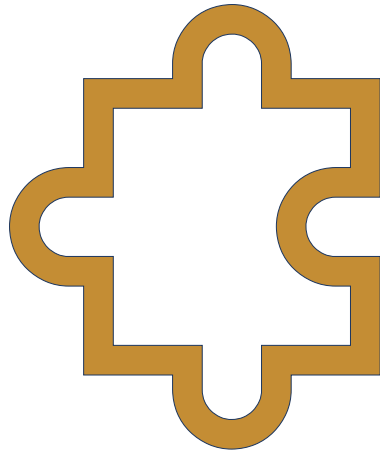
Maximizing access to supports



The implementation team will leverage the expertise
of partners and members to create solutions.



Implementation activities require accountability.

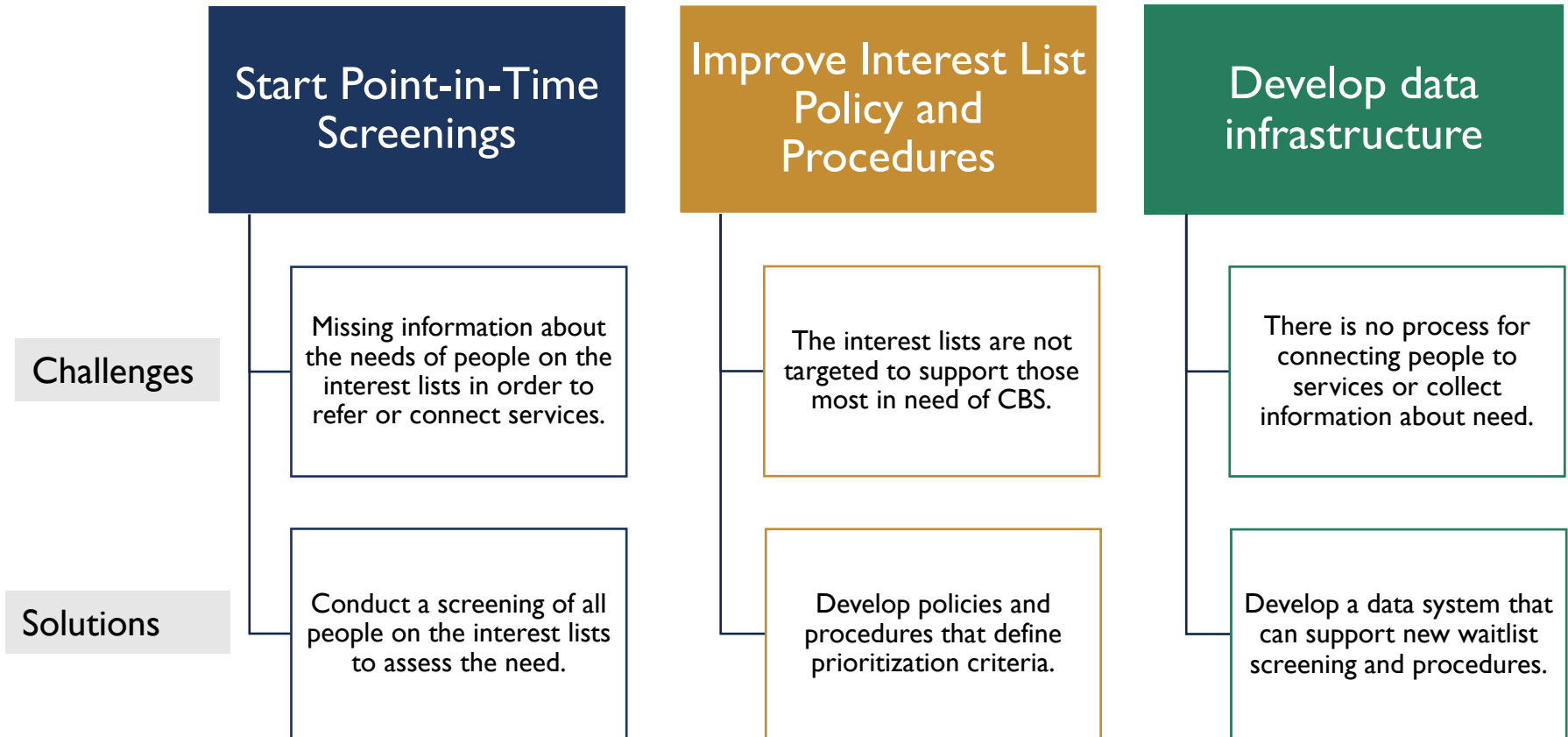


Challenges & Solutions



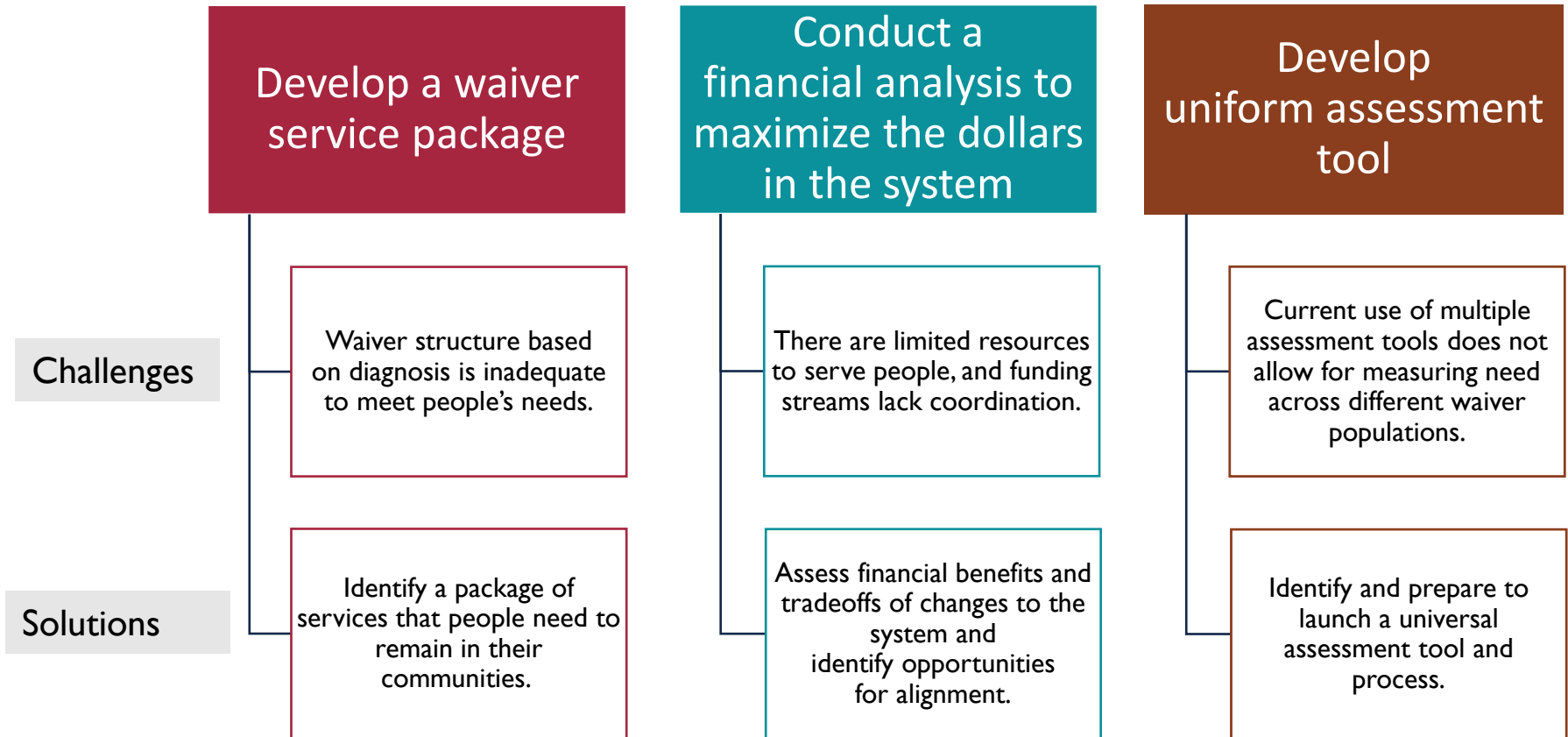
Challenges and Solutions

Implement Streamlined Screening and Processes



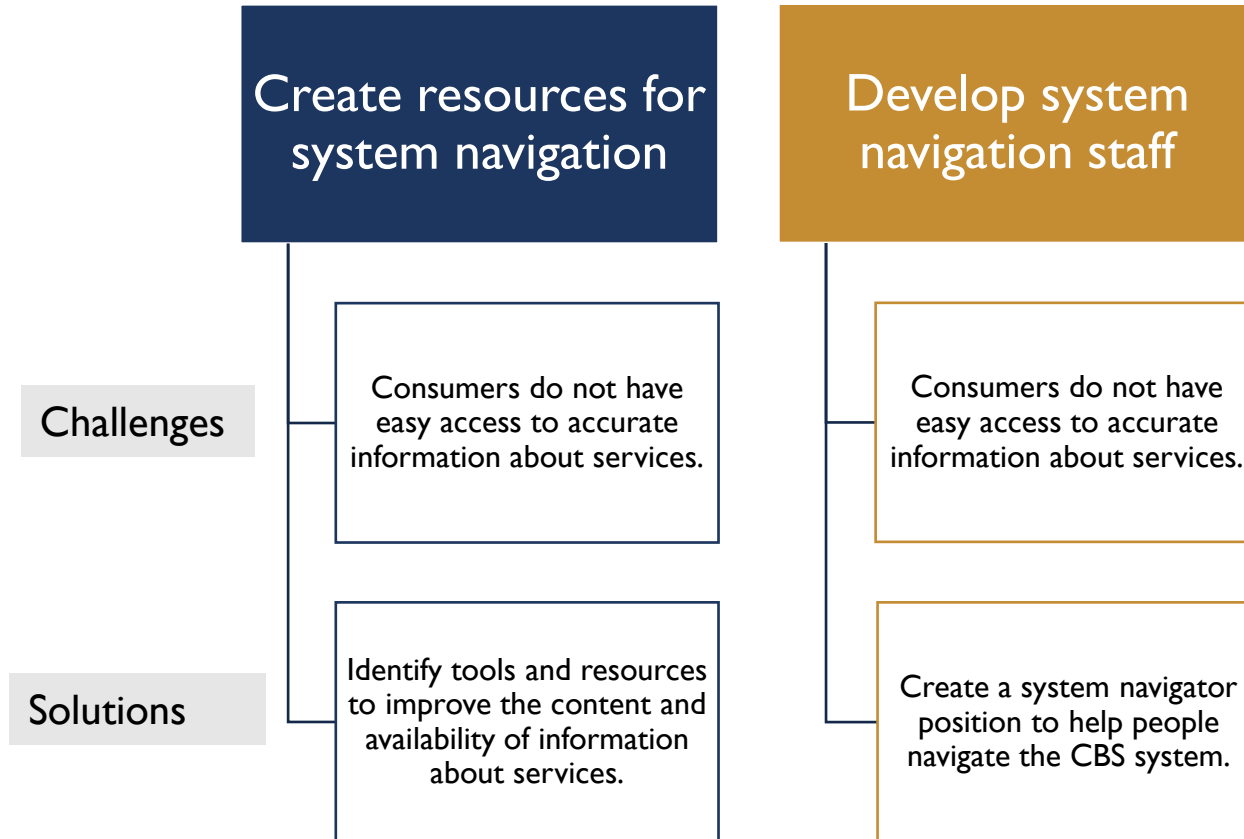
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Align CBS to lowans' Needs



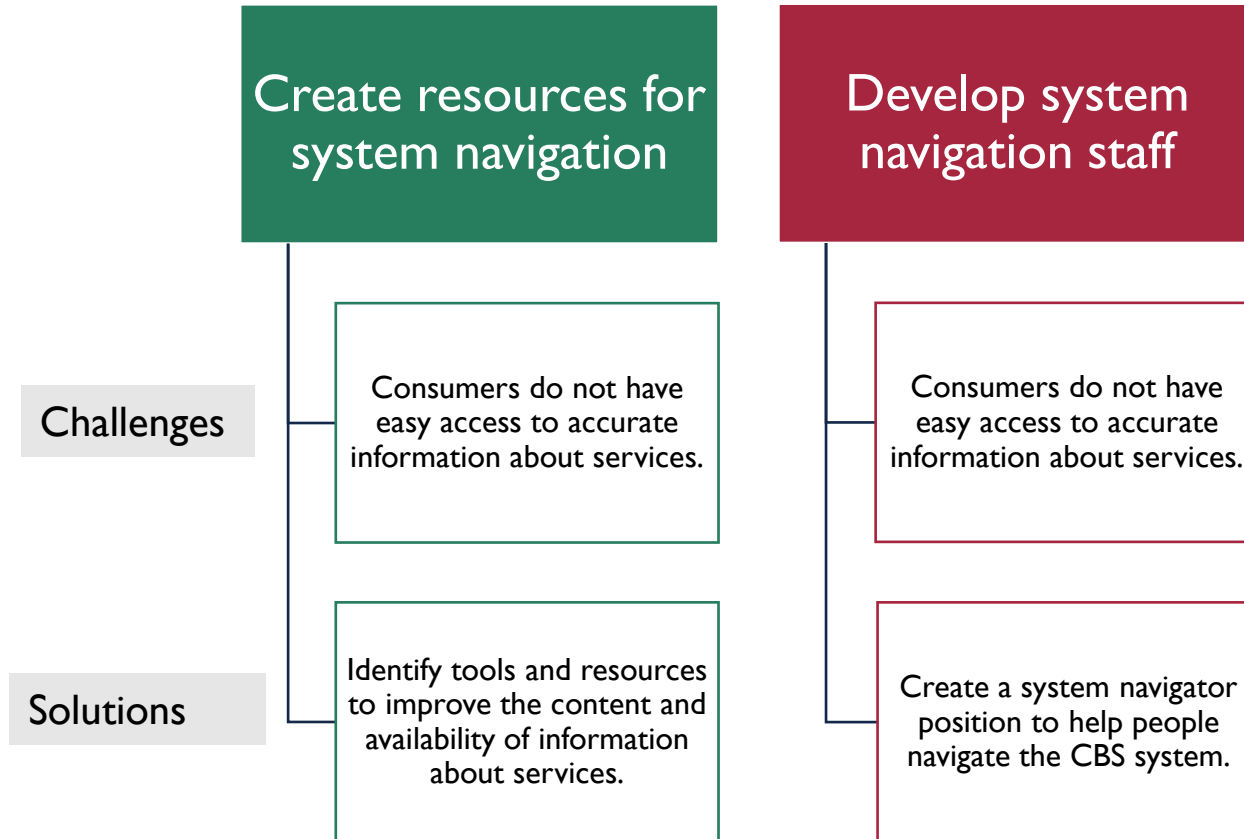
Challenges & Solutions

Maximize access to services: System navigation



Challenges & Solutions

Maximize access to services: Case management

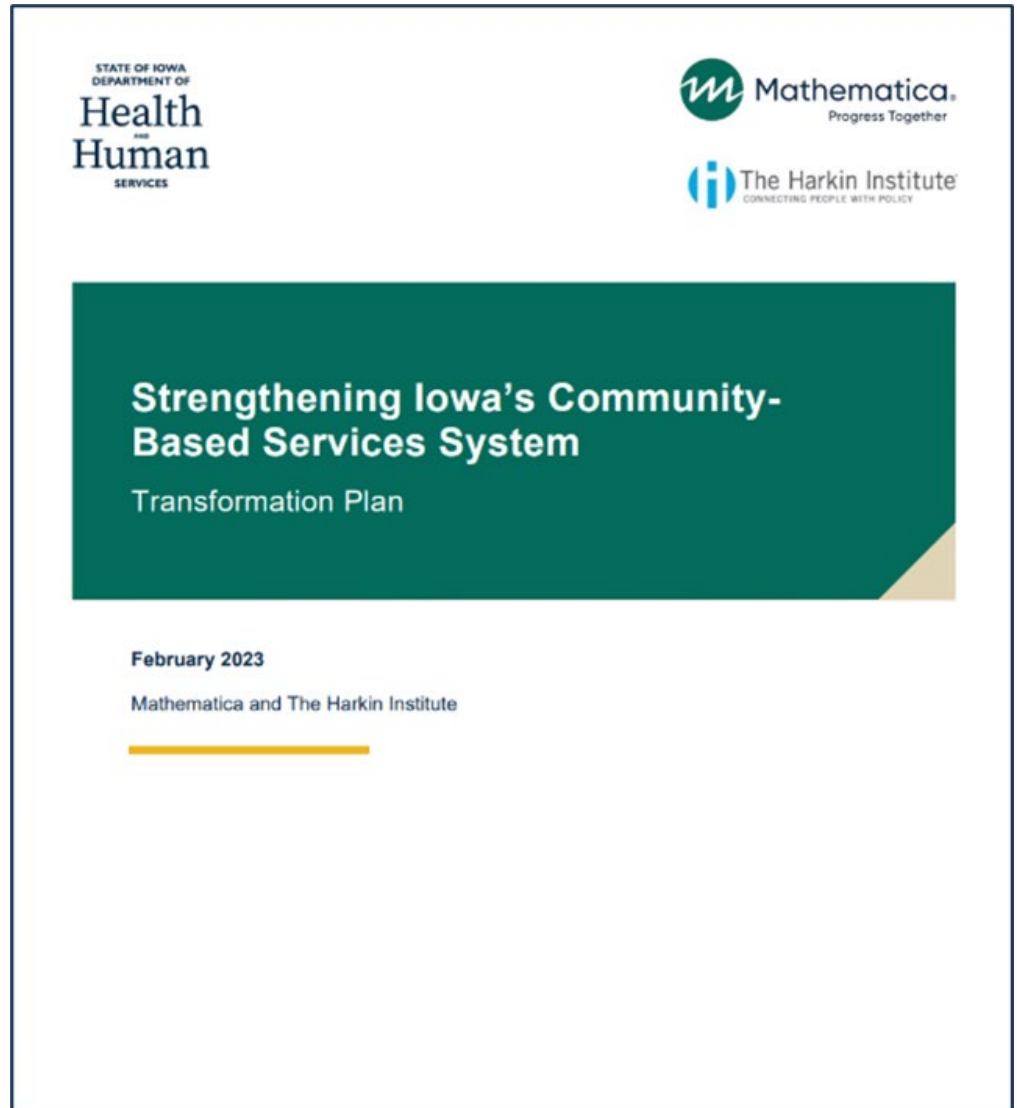


Next Steps



CBS Redesign Transformation Plan

- An action plan to implement recommendations from the community-based services evaluation.



Types of Engagement

1

Hearing from Members and Caregivers



Purpose

Collect ideas and feedback through conversations.

Identify and explore solutions for system improvements.



Opportunities

Focus groups and listening sessions.

Workgroups

Interviews

2

Support a Steering Committee



Purpose

Provide input about activities and proposed changes.

Consider how changes will impact people who use services.



Opportunities

People who use CBS Services

Caregivers of people who use CBS services

CBS Providers

Communication Channels to Share Information



Email Updates



Town Hall and Office Hours



Newsletters



FAQ & Summary Documents



Website Updates

Where to Learn More



Review details about upcoming feedback sessions and submit an [interest form](#) if you would like to take part.



Continue to check the [Community-Based Services Redesign web page](#) and Iowa Medicaid's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for updates on progress, decisions, achievement of milestones, upcoming activities, resources and more!



We will also include upcoming feedback opportunities on the [Iowa HHS public calendar](#).



Contact the Mathematica-Harkin team with any questions: iowahcbs@mathematica-mpr.com.

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