Mental Illnesses are Diseases of Childhood

- Severe Disorder
  - Any Disorder

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50%
Mental health conditions are the only chronic conditions that as a matter of public policy we wait until Stage 4 to treat, and then often only through incarceration.
A Chain of Neglect
It’s About Failure….

- To treat mental illnesses as childhood diseases.
- To intervene early.
- To provide adequate educational and work supports.
- To integrate health, behavioral health, school, work, and social supports.
- To include, rather than exclude, people from society.
- To find and fund alternatives to homelessness, hospitalization, and incarceration.
- To intervene before crisis.
- To support recovery before Stage 4.
MHA Stands for...

- Recovery
- Prevention
- Integrated Care and Treatment
- Early Identification and Intervention
Early Identification: MHA SCREENING

- Minimal
- Mild
- Moderate
- Severe
- Moderate
- Severely
- Severe
- Positive
- Negative
- Positive
- Negative

Anxiety Screening
Bipolar Screening
Depression Screening
PTSD Screening
What Do People Want from Us?
What Comes Before Stage 4?

Wellness and Prevention
Early identification
Early intervention
Integrated care
Family support
Peer support
Housing
School
Work

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