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Legislative Education & Advocacy Day

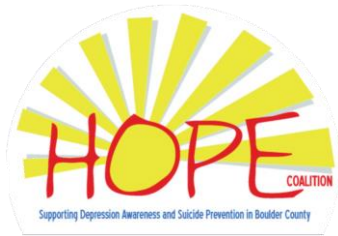


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Welcome!

The program will begin soon

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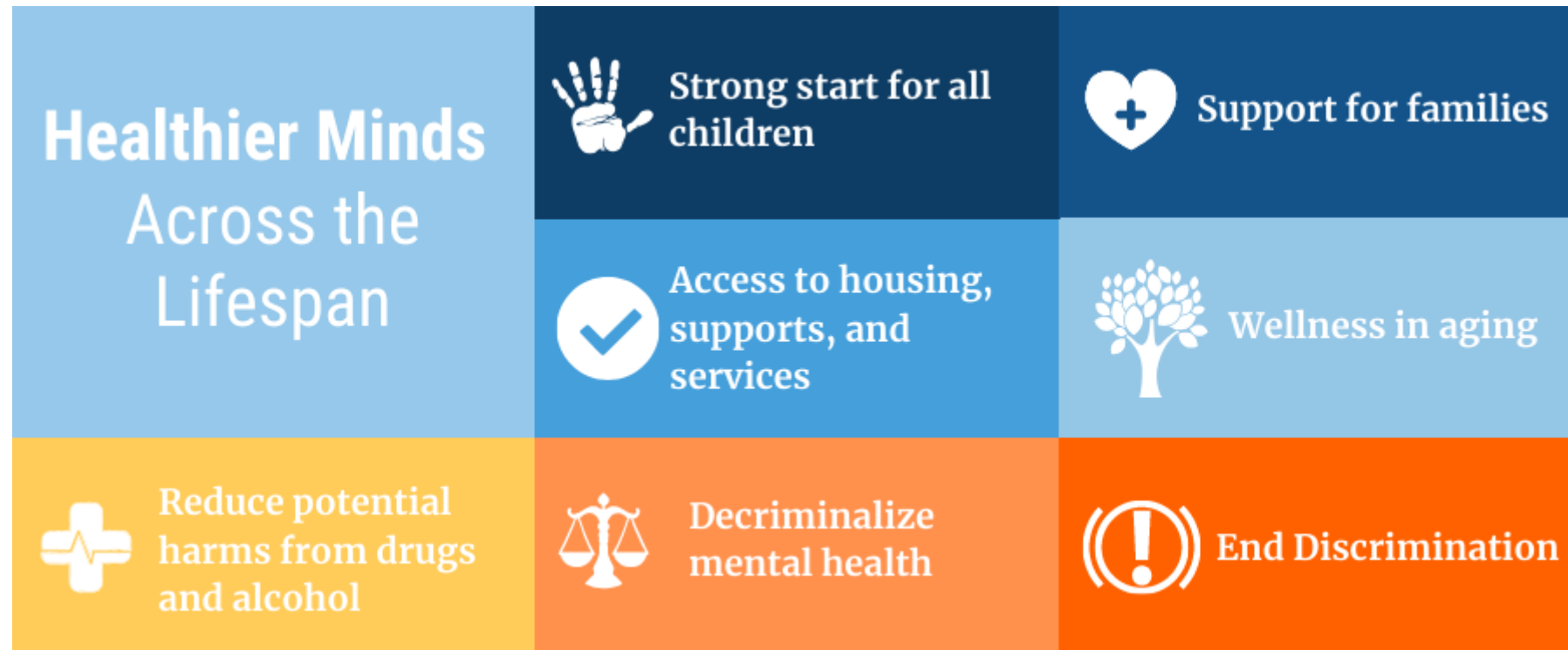
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About Mental Health Colorado



CARE NOT CUFFS

*disentangling
mental health
and criminal justice*



Today's Objectives

Learn About the Legislative Landscape

Understand the Colorado Legislative Process

Use Your Story to Advocate for Change

Legislative Landscape

- Today is the 55th Day of the 2024 Legislative Session!
 - 65 Days left!
- Over 500 bills have been introduced.
- Trends we have observed:
 - Bills related to tax policy
 - Competition for funds
 - New Topics emerging:
 - Tackling social media
 - Focusing on rural mental health

Our Legislative Priorities



SB24-117: Eating Disorder Treatment & Recovery Programs



HB24-1066: Prevent Workplace Violence in Health-Care Settings



HB24-1217: Sharing of Patient Health-Care Information

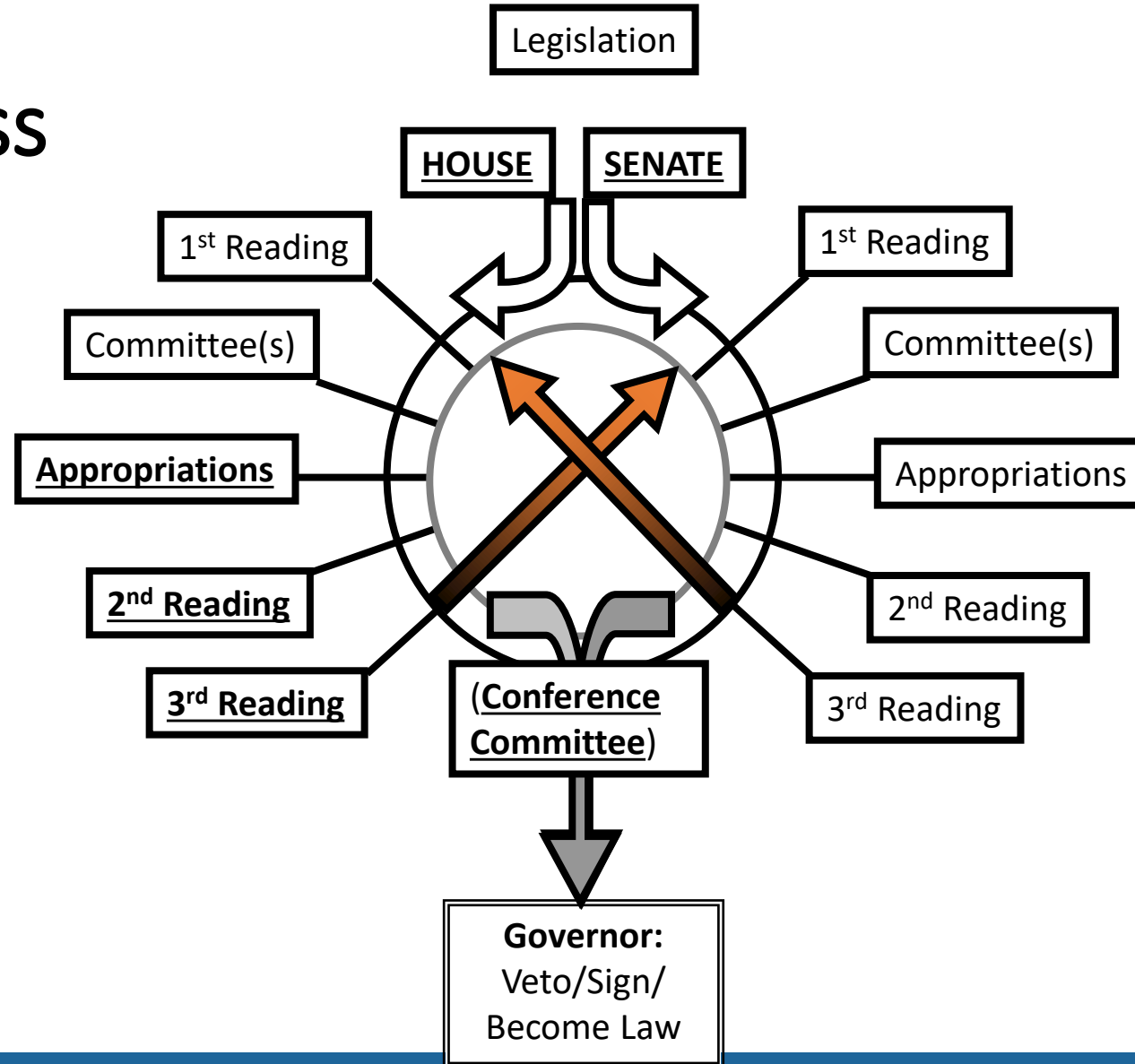
Other Bills Related to “Care Not Cuffs”

- HB24-1355: Measures to Reduce the Competency Wait List
- HB24-1079: Persons Detained in Jail on Emergency Commitment

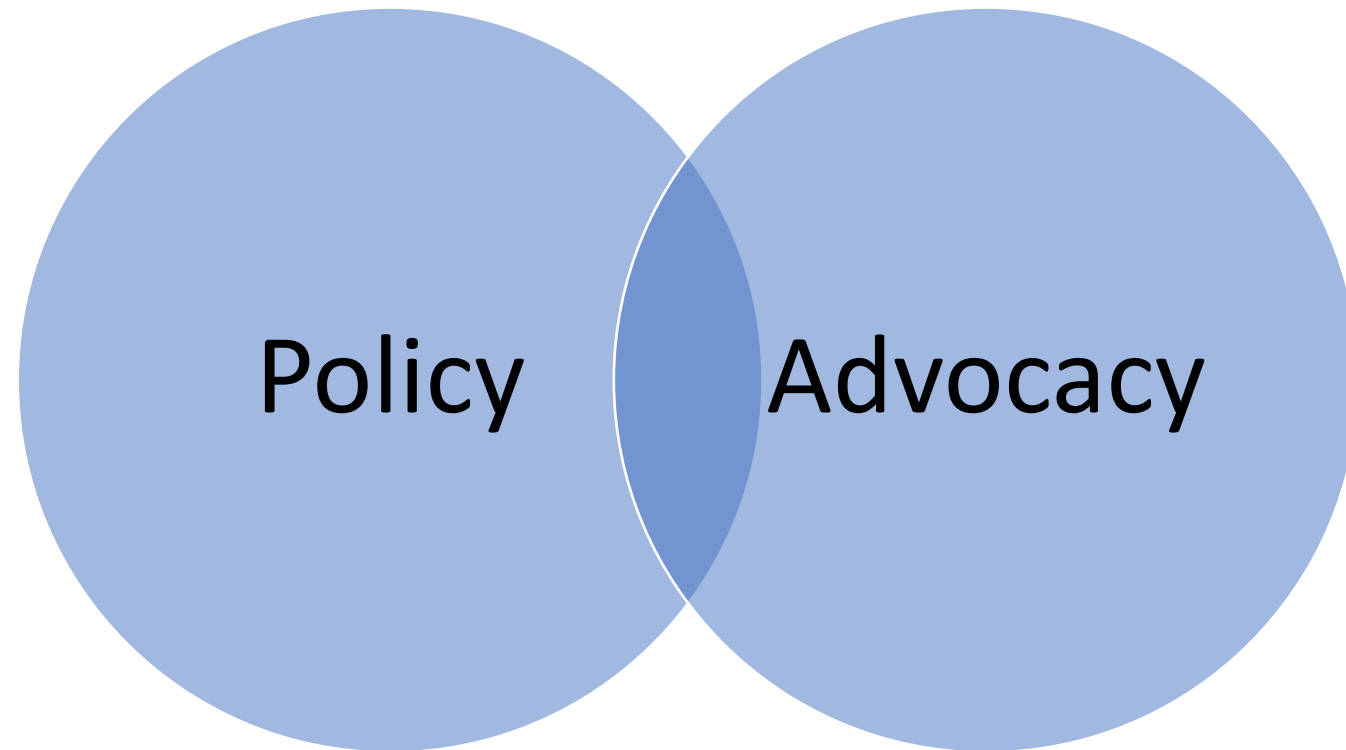
- Up in Committee Today!
 - HB24-1028: Overdose Prevention Centers
 - HB24-1306: Increase Penalty Possession of Synthetic Opiates

Legislative Process

- There are 100 members in the Legislature
- Committees may amend legislation
- The Governor has 10 days in session and 30 days after session to take action
- Vetoes may be overridden with a 2/3 majority



Advocacy 101



Engaging, educating, & encouraging action

What does advocacy look like?

Join the Brain Wave



Download our Advocacy Toolkit



The Power of You!

- One thing is more important than money to politicians: ***VOTERS.***
- Communication is key!
 - It only takes **5 to 10** people to make an impact
 - **PERSONAL** contact with elected officials is effective
- Remember that this is **YOUR** story, **YOUR** experience and **YOUR** expertise



Questions?

What to expect today?

- Split up in Groups and head to the Capitol
- Go through security
- Head up to the 3rd Floor to watch floor proceedings from the House or Senate Gallery
- Head to the 2nd floor to start meeting with Legislators
- Head back to here at 11 AM for the rest of the event
- **Take pictures!**



What's in your folder?

- Agenda for Today
- Issue Brief
- Factsheets
- Map
- Script
- Card

Talking with Legislators



10~ dvocates per meeting



5-7 minute meeting



Your role: Share your
experience with legislators

Helpful Hints For A Great Meeting

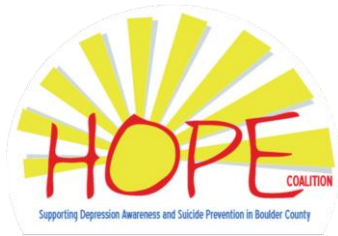
- Be Flexible – it will be quick
- Stay focused
- Have a clear and concise “ask”
 - Be direct that they vote for, against, or amend a bill
- Personalize the issue, relate situations to their district or past work on the issue
- Keep it non-partisan
- Say thank you

Thank you!



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