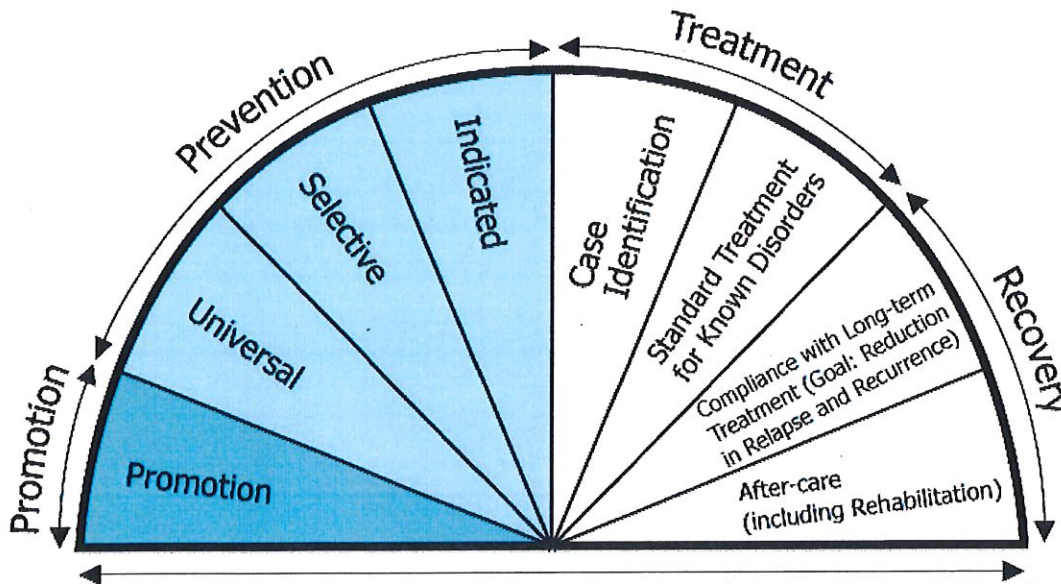


Continuum of Care



A comprehensive approach to behavioral health also means seeing prevention as part of an overall continuum of care. The [Behavioral Health Continuum of Care Model](#) recognizes multiple opportunities for addressing behavioral health problems and disorders. Based on the Mental Health Intervention Spectrum, first introduced in a 1994 Institute of Medicine report, the model includes the following components:

- **Promotion**—These strategies are designed to create environments and conditions that support behavioral health and the ability of individuals to withstand challenges. Promotion strategies also reinforce the entire continuum of behavioral health services.
- **Prevention**—Delivered prior to the onset of a disorder, these interventions are intended to prevent or reduce the risk of developing a behavioral health problem, such as underage alcohol use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, and illicit drug use.
- **Treatment**—These services are for people diagnosed with a substance use or other behavioral health disorder.
- **Recovery**—These services support individuals' abilities to live productive lives in the community and can often help with abstinence.

Source: <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention>