



Creating Pathways for Change

RBS from the County's Perspective

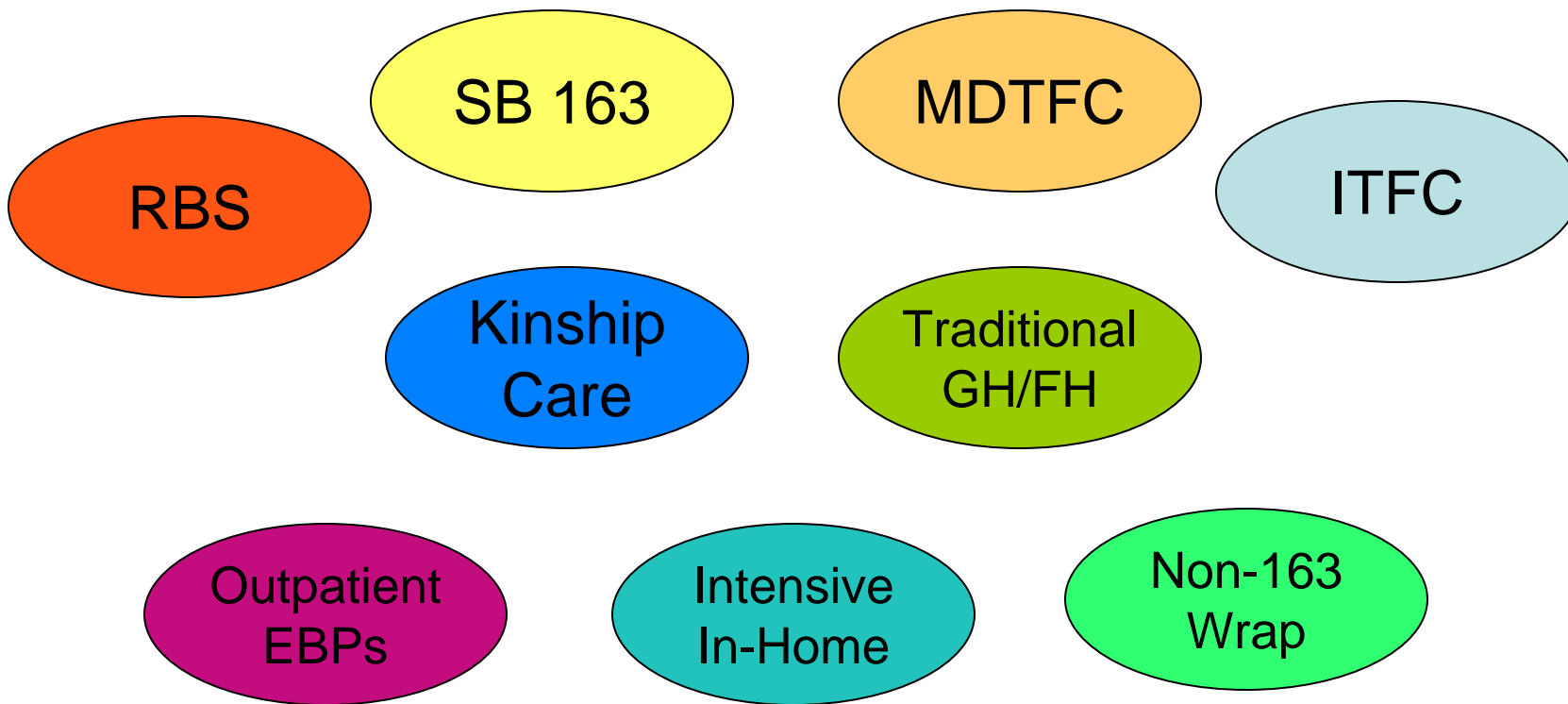
What is this RBS Thing?

- A new way of serving children and youth with the most complex needs
- Combines system changes with program and practice changes
- Designed to replace long-term, high-end, multiple group home placements
- Compatible with SB 163 wraparound

Why Do RBS?

- A more effective high-end option helps to stabilize the rest of the continuum
- Impact depends on each county's current utilization profile
- Catalyst for improving the overall service access pathway
- Framework for a next generation system of care

Where Would RBS Fit?



What system will get the right help to the right children and families at the right time - and for the right price?

How Much Change?

- RBS reform has two sides: the county infrastructure and the provider resource
- On the county side RBS may require changes in:
 - Organization
 - Funding
 - Operations
 - Procedures
- But especially, partnerships

Partnerships

- What is a next generation system of care?
- Born out of the experience of initial collaborative efforts among child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health and special education systems
- A recognition that the traditional narratives in categorical systems have to be revised
- And the confluence of research, practice models and providers across categorical boundaries

Assessing Your Starting Points - Organization

- Who's on board?
- How will they share responsibility?
- What about the courts?
- Who manages the continuum?

Assessing Your Starting Point - Funding

- How're ya gonna pay fer it?
- Tapping multiple funding streams
- Allocating risk
- Keeping track

Assessing Your Starting Point - Operations

- Developing and managing RBS contracts
- Front end assessment
- Service access pathways
- Insuring efficiency and effectiveness

Assessing Your Starting Point - Procedures

- How do direct care staff match need with help?
- Screening and assessment tools
- Structured decision-making
- Picking a provider
- Managing on-going care
- Post system assistance

Emerging Model for Desired System of Residentially-Based Services (RBS)

