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Why Invest in Children's Mental Health

- Mental Health is the most costly and prevalent of all chronic childhood illnesses
- 20% of all children and adolescents have a diagnosable mental health disorder
- 5% to 9% of all children have a serious emotional disturbance. (Surgeon General Report 2001; Farmer, Mustillo, Burns, Costello 2003)
- Estimated annual cost of \$247 billion by National Research Council, Institute of Medicine, 2009

Why Invest in Children's Mental Health

- We know more about treating Mental Health conditions than ever before, especially young children
- National Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices (NREBPP), 219 programs proven to be effective in the treatment of children with mental health or substance abuse problems.
- Evidence informed services
- Cost of Community Based Care is much less than residential or hospital level of care and achieves better outcomes

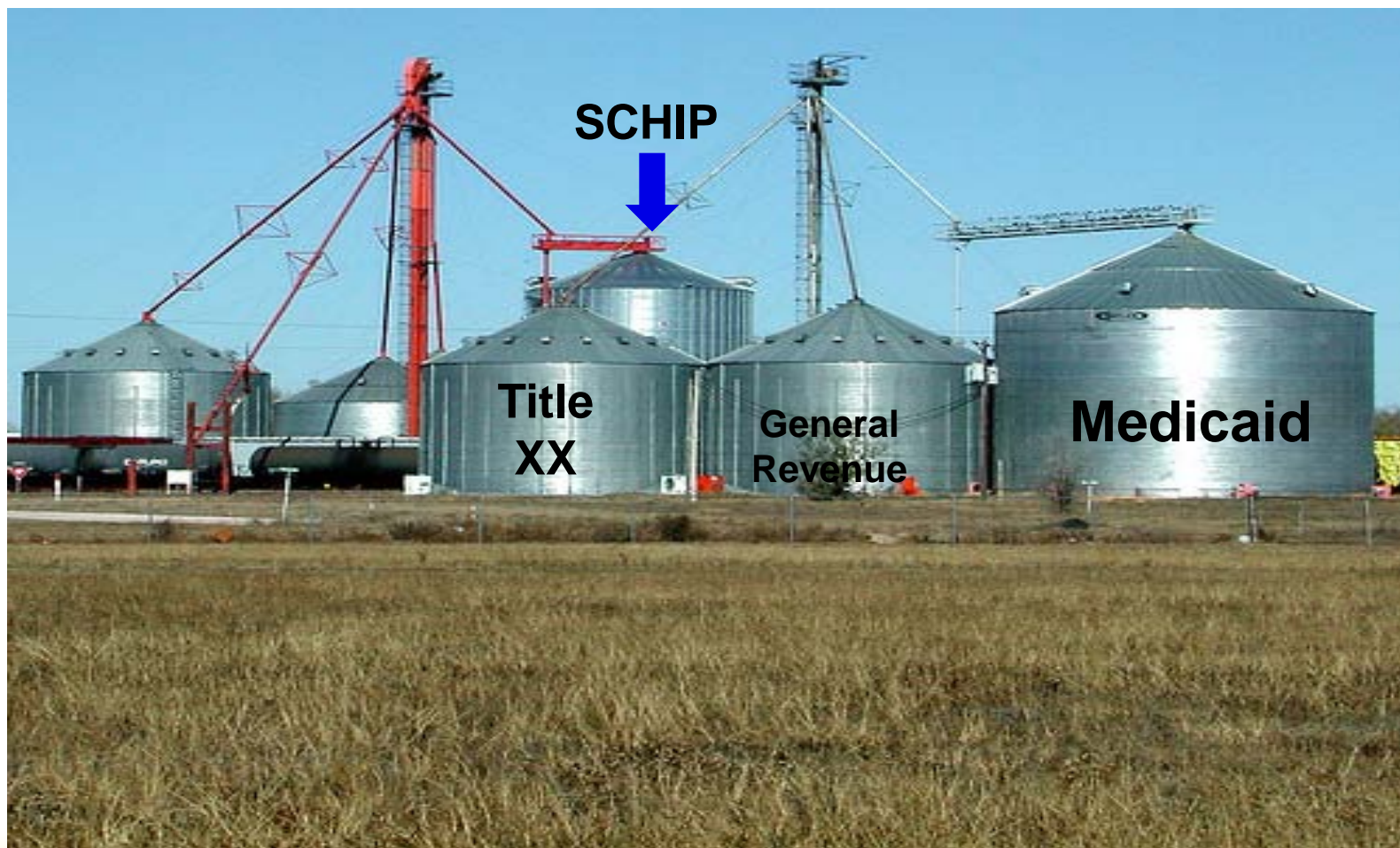
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Mental Health



Substance Abuse



Juvenile Justice



Child Welfare



- General Revenue
- IV-E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance)
- IV-B (Child Welfare Services)
- Title XX

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EXAMPLES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUNDING TO PURCHASE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

MEDICAID

Psychosocial Rehabilitation
Inpatient and Psychiatric Residential
EPSDT
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Clinic Services

CHILD WELFARE

Federal Title IV-E (foster re/adoption)
Federal Title IV-B (CW services)
Federal Family Preservation
State General Fund
County Child Welfare General Fund

HEALTH

Medicaid/SCHIP
State General Fund
County General Fund
Substance Abuse Block Grant
Title V

MENTAL HEALTH

State Medicaid Match
State General Fund
County General Fund
Federal MH Block Grant

JUVENILE JUSTICE

State General Fund
Federal Grants
County General Fund

EDUCATION

State/County General Fund
Local General Fund
Federal Education Funds (Spec Ed)

OTHER

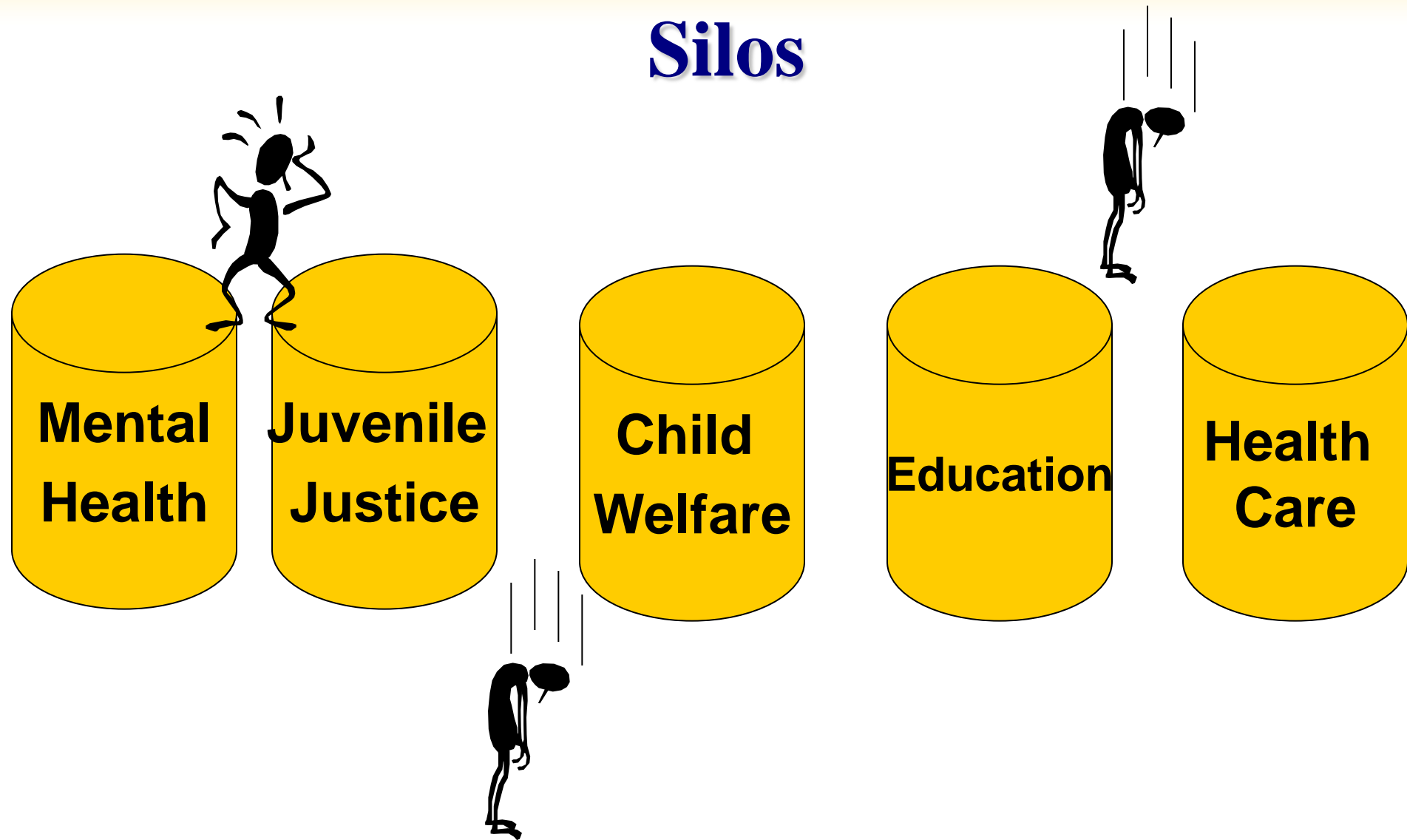
County General Fund
City General Fund
Federal, state or local grant funds
Foundation Revenue

Source: Sheila Pires, Adapted

Unmet Need Remains

- 65% to 80% of children with behavior disorders do not receive the specialty services and supports they need (Presidents New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, 2003; U.S. Public Health Service, 2000)

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System of Care Defined

- A comprehensive spectrum of mental health and other necessary services which are organized into a coordinated network to meet the multiple and changing needs of children and their families

Stroul and Friedman, 1986



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System of Care Framework



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