



Pacific Southwest

RURAL OPIOID TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE REGIONAL CENTER

Leveraging Cooperative Extension for Behavioral Health





“It should be designed to forward not only the business of agriculture, but sanitation, education, home making, and all interests of country life.”

Country Life Commission report, 1908

Purpose of the Smith-Lever Act was to “insure the retention in rural districts of an efficient and contented population.”

President Woodrow Wilson, 1914



Extension has four key strengths.

Trusted resource

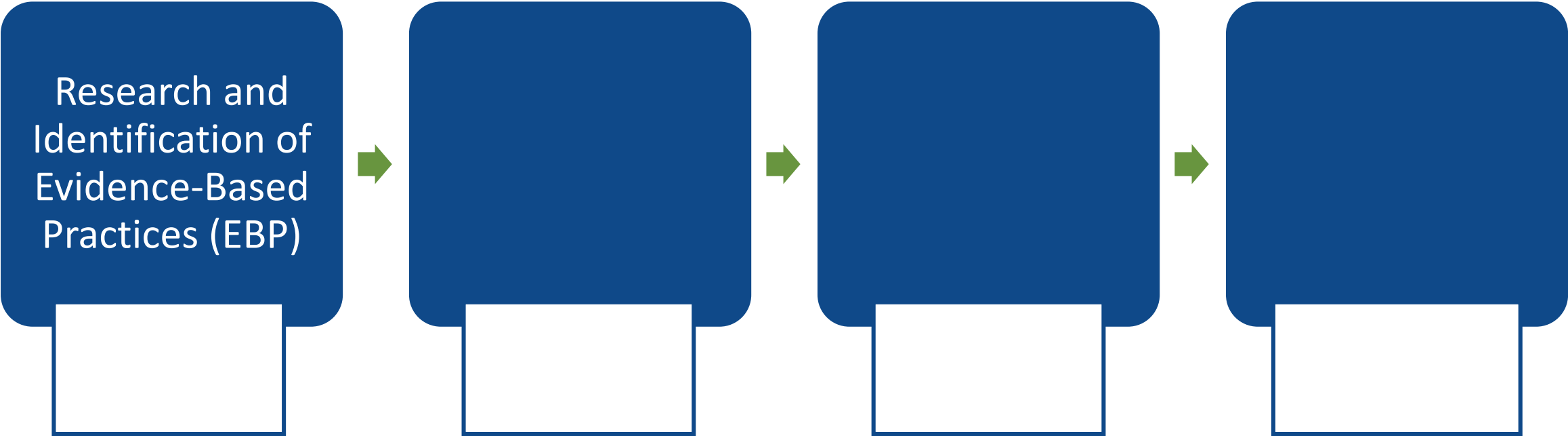
Collaboration and partnerships

Capacity and infrastructure

Bridge to research



Extension translates research into action.



Wildfire smoke prematurely killed over 50,000 Californians in a decade - study

Exposure to toxic particles also led to \$432bn in health expenses between 2008 and 2018



A firefighter works to extinguish a wildfire in California in 2023. Photograph: Mike Blake/Reuters

More than 50,000 people have died due to exposure to toxic particles from wildfire smoke in California in a decade, a new study has found.

Most fentanyl pill seizures were in western U.S. states



A member of the Portland Fire and Rescue Department.

NEVADA CURRENT

WORKING + THE ECONOMY JUSTICE SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION HOUSING POLITICS + GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2024

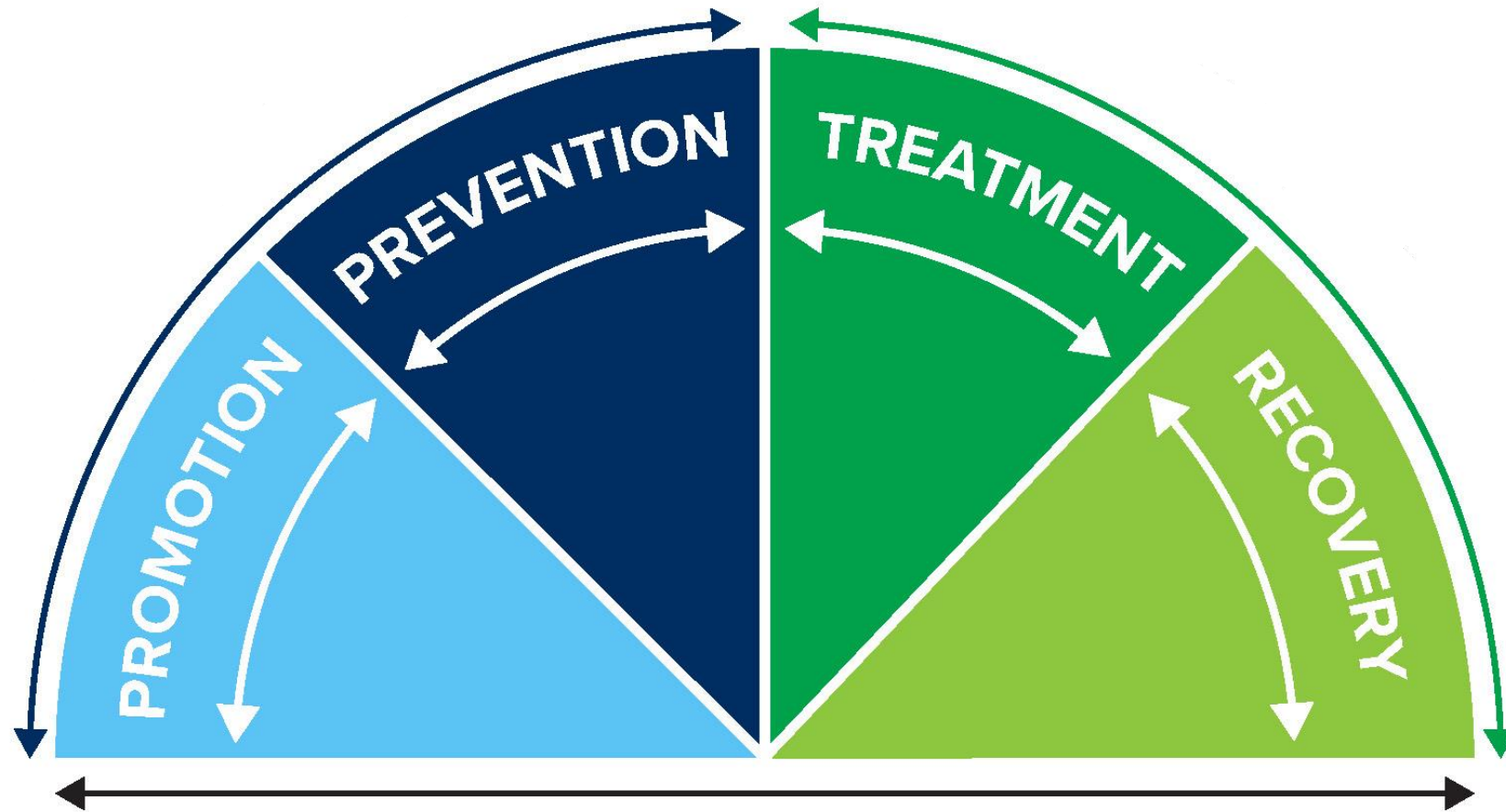
GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE

One-shot federal funding for NV behavioral health services is winding down. Now what?

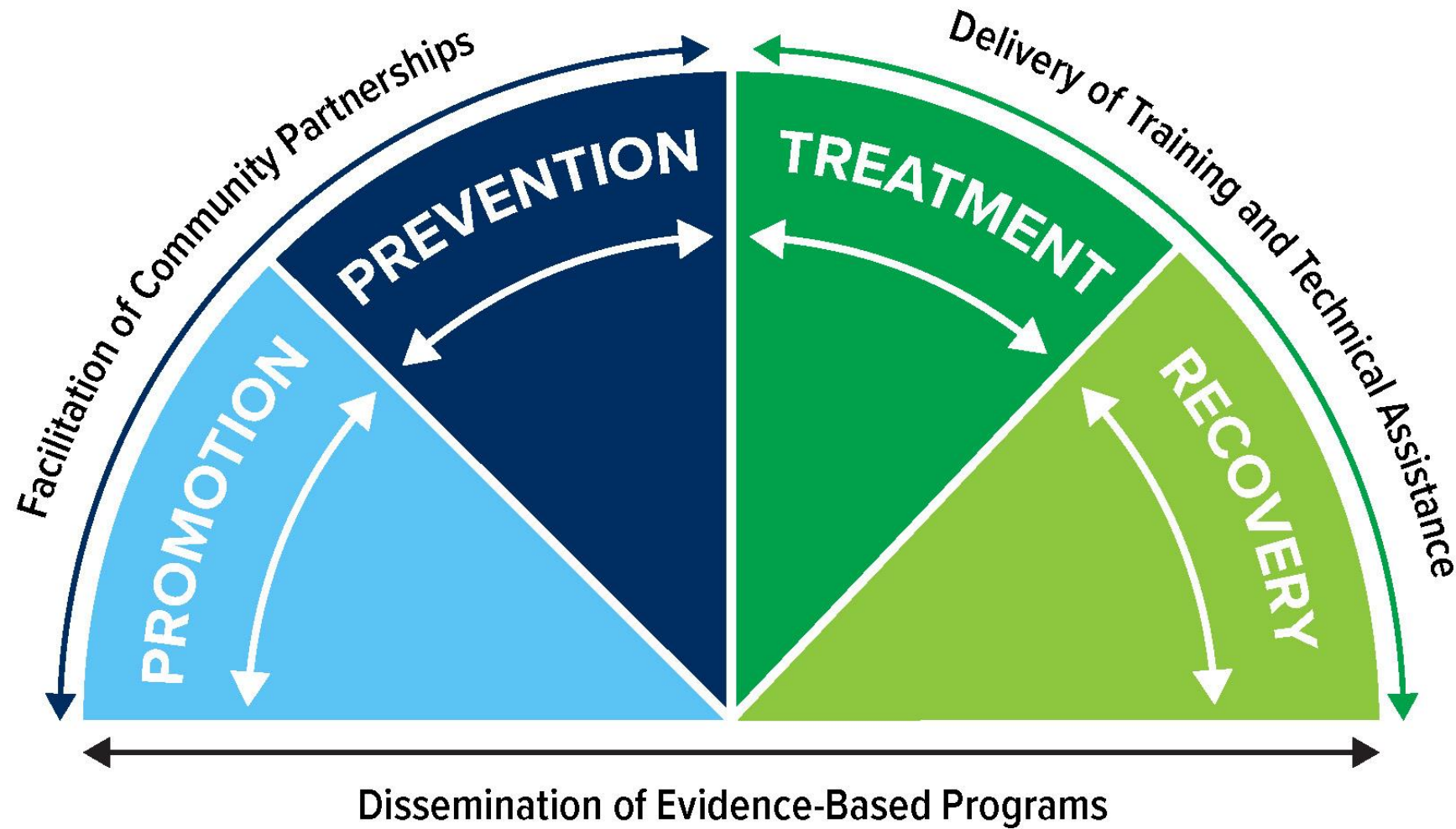
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Addressing the continuum.



Extension, a key partner for behavioral health.



Reducing opioid-related stigma.

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Addiction 101

Alexander Elswick, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension

UK University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
Cooperative Extension Service

Addiction 101 training at
University of Kentucky
by
Alex Elswick, PhD



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Preventing substance use.



Adaptation at
Washington State
University



Provider referrals to community programs.

Rx for Health at Michigan State University by Cheryl Eschbach, PhD

Rx for Health MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

Free or low cost workshops for you and your family

MSU Extension has many educational programs to help you stay healthy.

Learn more about:

- Eating healthy & being active
- Raising kids
- Managing money
- Living well with diabetes
- Preventing diabetes
- Dealing with stress and anger
- Preventing foodborne illness
- Cooking for health
- Healthy aging
- Healthy relationships

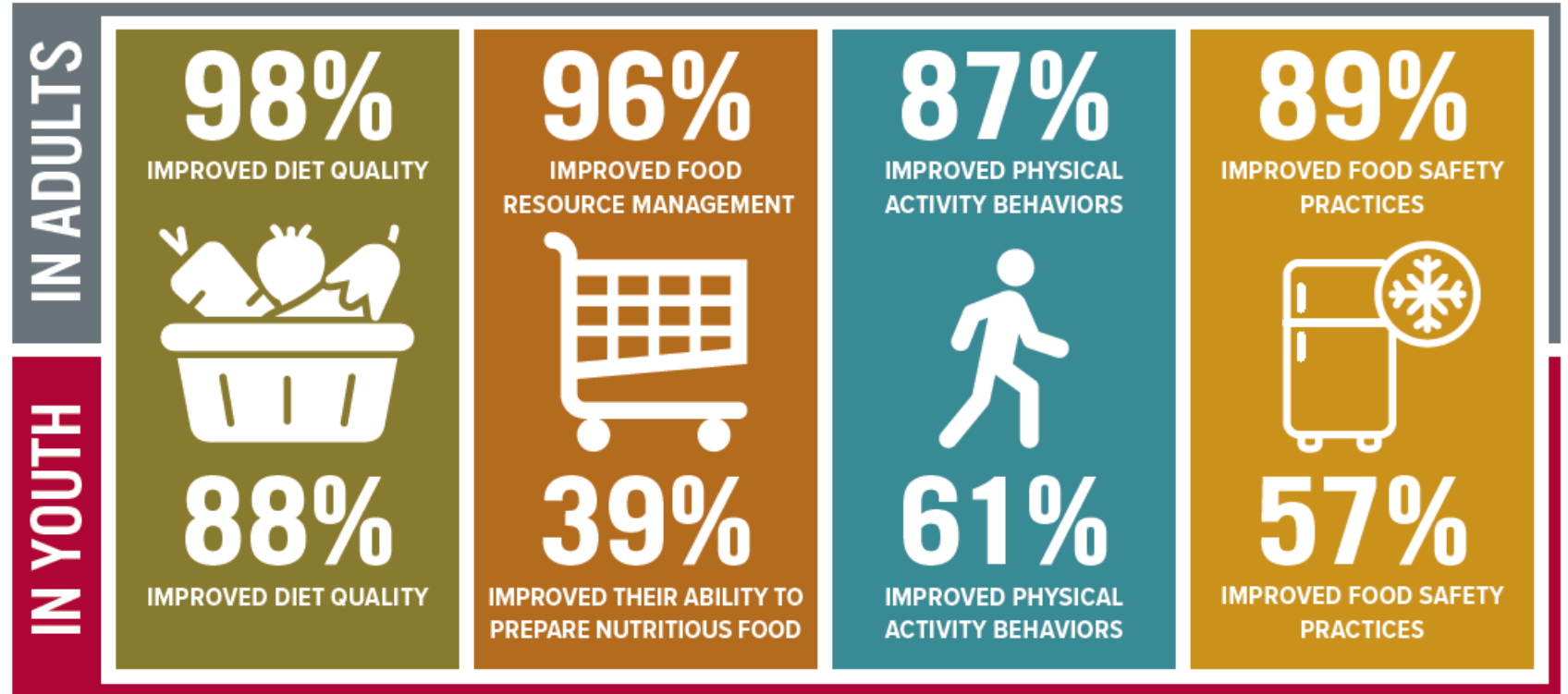
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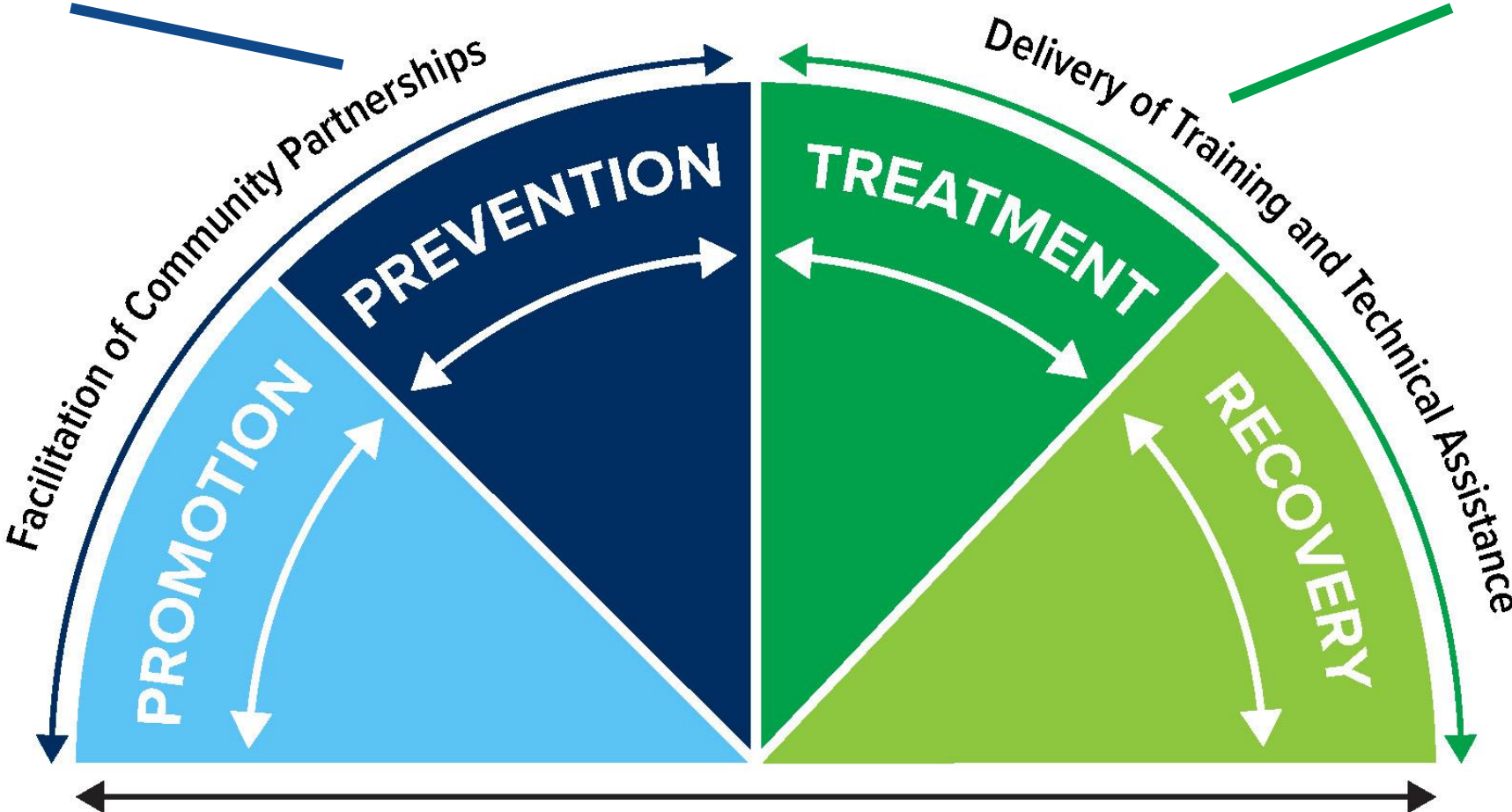
Nutrition education to support recovery.

EFNEP in Recovery
Housing at
Washington State
University by
Kylie Pybus



SFP 10-14 + Cannabis

Rx for Health



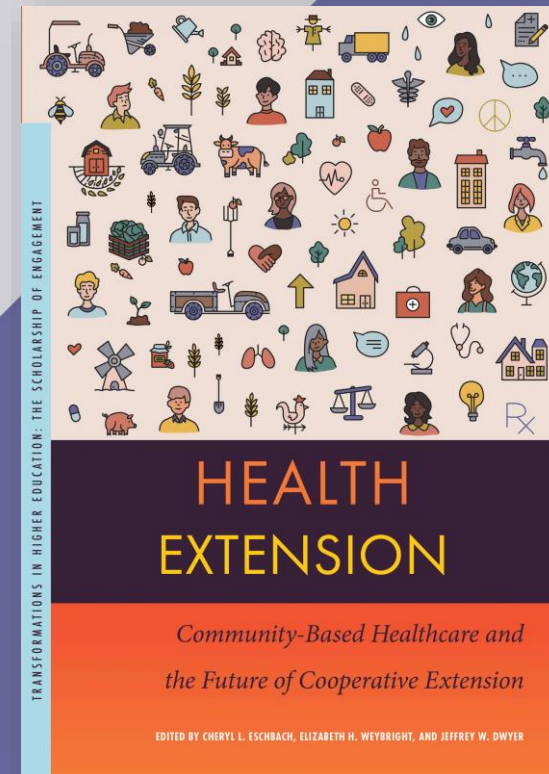
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Dissemination of Evidence-Based Programs

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