Meeting Oklahoma's urgent need for intensive community services:

Forensic Assertive Community Treatment

The challenge: Cycles of illness and incarceration

- Too many Oklahomans with mental illness and substance use are **trapped in cycles** of emergency room use, psychiatric hospitalization, jail visits, and homelessness. **Oklahoma currently has no solution** designed specifically to serve Oklahomans with complex behavioral health needs caught in the criminal justice system.
- **Forensic Assertive Community Treatment, or FACT,** teams fill this gap by providing intensive community-based care to people with serious mental illness and who are at high risk of arrest or recidivism.
- FACT teams can **keep people with behavioral health needs out of jail** by providing wraparound services in the community, which saves taxpayer dollars and breaks cycles of criminal justice involvement.

The solution: FACT teams for Oklahoma

FACT is a variation of Programs of Assertive Community Treatment, a model currently deployed in Oklahoma to serve people with serious mental illness. FACT teams are similar but **focus on people who have been involved in the criminal justice system**, many of whom have also experienced homelessness.

FACT teams work closely with the courts, jail staff, and community supervision professionals, to help people:

- avoid homelessness and obtain permanent housing
- avoid unnecessary ER use and inpatient hospitalization
- avoid repeated criminal justice system involvement

House Bill 4200 would provide a **one-time state match** to incentivize private funders to launch FACT teams, addressing one of Oklahoma's most urgent gaps in addressing homelessness and overuse of criminal justice systems.

1.5x

Recent controlled research showed that FACT had a 1.5x return on investment, due to reduced use of inpatient, ER, and jail settings.

Total first-year expenses per team: $1,502,000

- $892,000: Personnel
- $250,000: Training and technical assistance
- $213,000: Other operating
- $147,000: Indirect costs

First-year funding per team: $1,502,000

- $799,500: One-time state match
- $436,000: Estimated Medicaid billing
- $266,500: Private match (year 1)

Ongoing budget per team

- $799,500 annually, privately funded through Year 3
- Ongoing sustainability: Medicaid billing and private fundraising