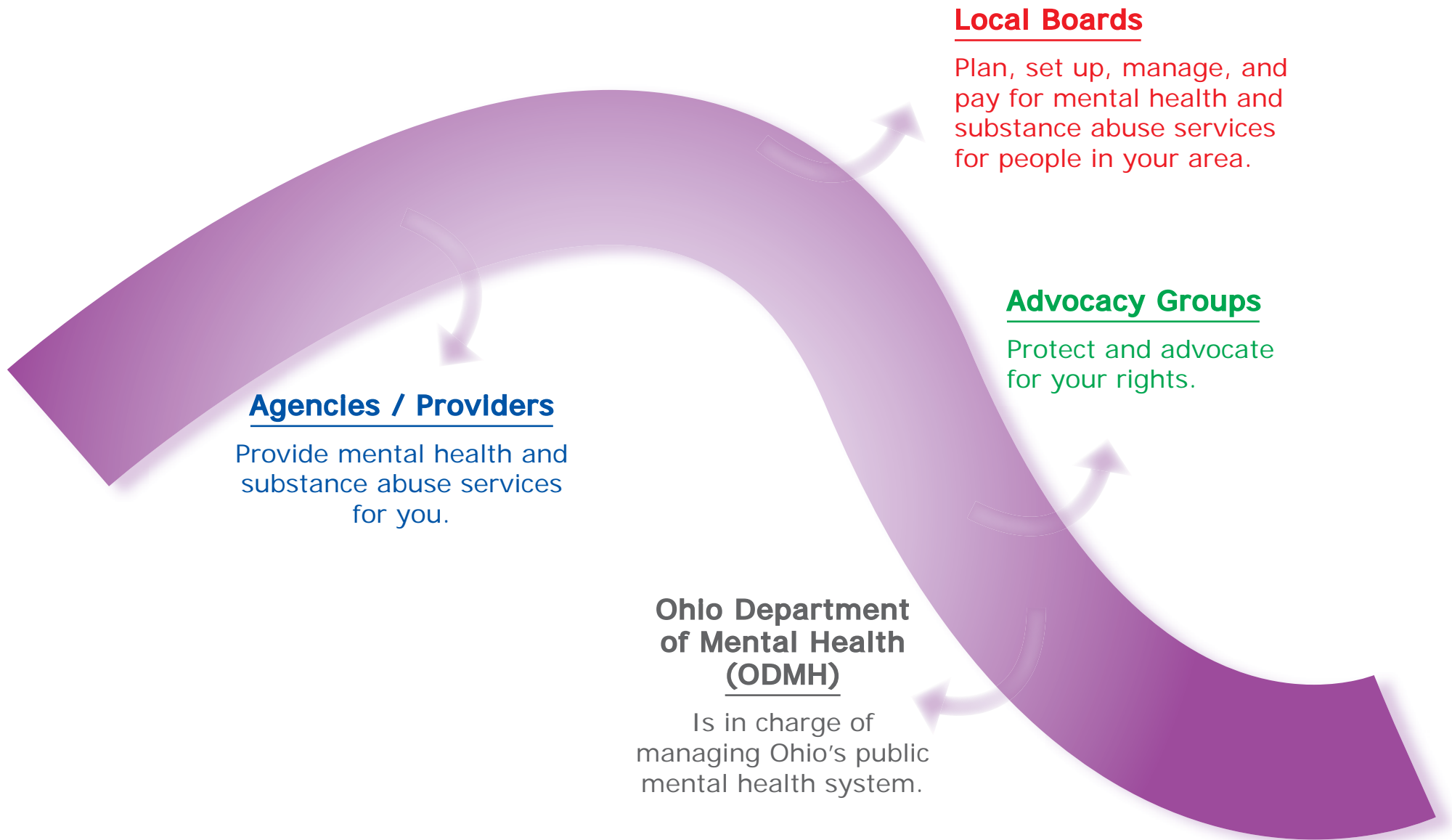


An Overview of Ohio's Mental Health System



Advocacy Curriculum for Everyone (ACE) is a
Consumer Driven Curriculum Revolving Around Advocacy, Rights, and Recovery.

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You and Ohio's Public Mental Health System



YOU

- You learn about services
- You use services
- You learn about recovery and resiliency
- You use your rights to get services and to solve problems
- You can tell the system what you think
- You can advocate

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- Contract with local boards to provide treatment or direct care services
- May provide other services
- Some agencies/ providers provide Medicaid services only to consumers who get Medicaid
- Take complaints (grievances) and try to resolve them
- Provide advocacy for consumer rights
- Investigate and report on allegations of abuse, neglect, death, etc.
- Help develop policy for the public mental health system

Agencies / Providers / Consumer Operated Services

Provide mental health and substance abuse services for you.

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- Do not provide treatment or direct care services
- Contract with agencies and providers, including consumer operated services, who provide treatment and direct care services
- Audit agencies and providers
- Pay for inpatient mental health services in private and state hospitals
- Take complaints (grievances) and try to resolve them
- Provide advocacy for consumer rights
- Give the ODMH statistics about consumer satisfaction and outcomes
- Find out what consumers need, and advocate for money to pay for needs
- Receive and review reports (on allegations of abuse, neglect, death, etc.) from agencies and providers
- Plan for and develop public policy for their area's mental health system
- Has a Board of Trustees that has consumers and family members on it

Local Boards

Plan, set up, manage, and pay for mental health and substance abuse services for people in your area.

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Advocacy Groups

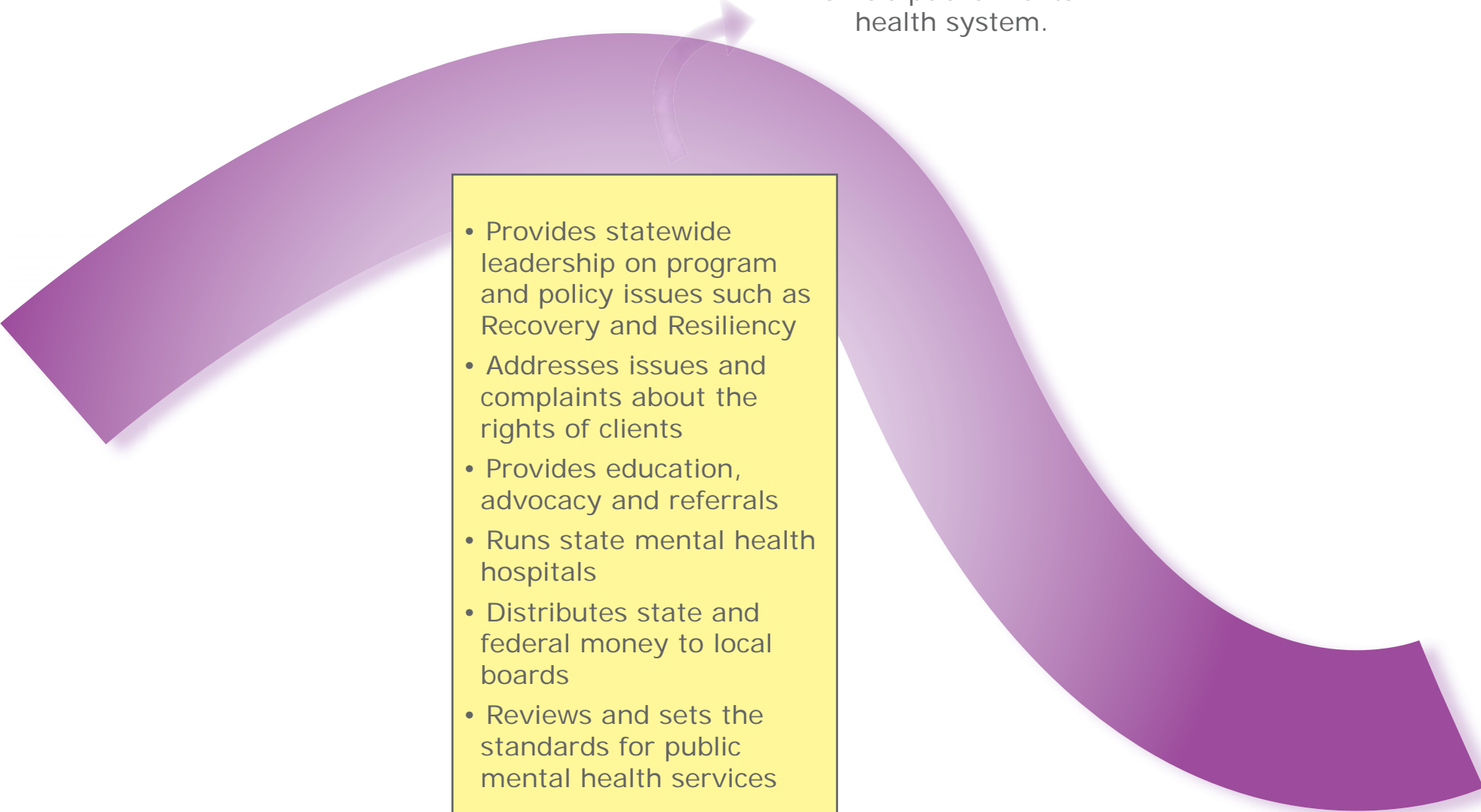
Protect and advocate for your rights.

- Advocate for your rights
- Educate you about your rights
- Provide information
- Provide referrals
- Provide legal help
- Help develop and improve laws and public policy

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Ohio Department of Mental Health

Is in charge of managing
Ohio's public mental
health system.

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- Provides statewide leadership on program and policy issues such as Recovery and Resiliency
 - Addresses issues and complaints about the rights of clients
 - Provides education, advocacy and referrals
 - Runs state mental health hospitals
 - Distributes state and federal money to local boards
 - Reviews and sets the standards for public mental health services

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