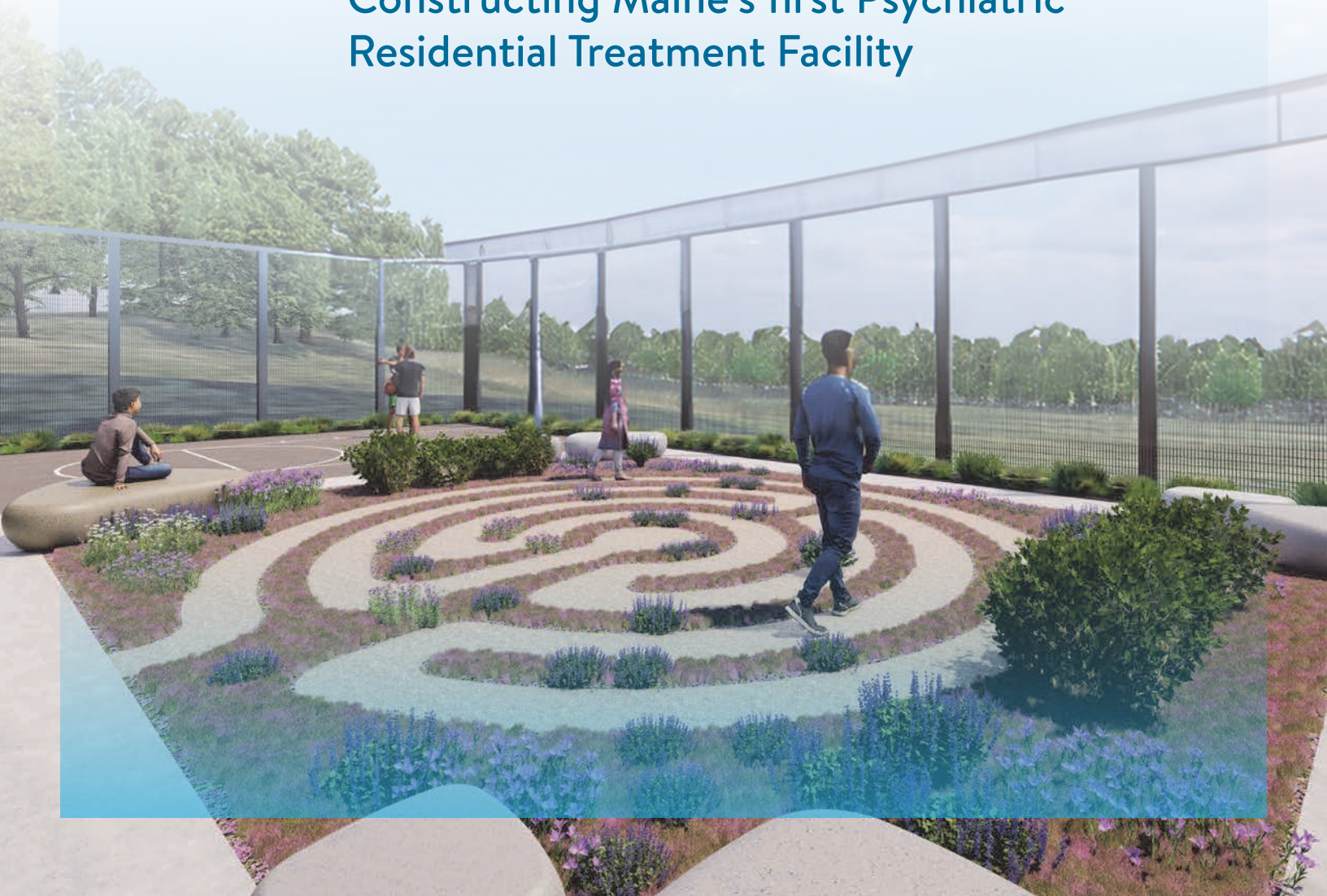




Building a home for

HOPE

**Constructing Maine's first Psychiatric
Residential Treatment Facility**



The Challenge

Maine lacks a secure inpatient psychiatric residential program for youth with severe mental health conditions, particularly those prone to dangerous behavior, or elopement.

The Solution



Sweetser is constructing **Maine's first Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)** on our Saco campus.



- **35+ other states** have such a facility.
- Currently, **over 70 Maine youth are being sent out of state** for care.
- Youth are **sent as far away as Oklahoma and Florida**, away from natural supports like friends and family.
- Over **100 youth are waiting** to be sent out of state.
- Children also **languish in hospital emergency rooms for weeks or months** due to the lack of available programs.

- The project will involve **renovating an existing 8,000 square foot residential unit** on the Saco campus.
- This **secure, 24-hour psychiatric care facility** will address a critical gap in the continuum of care and allow children to return to Maine.
- Sweetser has a **family apartment on campus**, so families and youth can be reunited throughout the treatment journey.

EQUAL ACCESS

Youth from every corner of Maine can take advantage of the program.

CAPACITY & LENGTH OF STAY

16-bed facility with an expected length of stay being 6 to 9 months.



Funding Snapshot

\$7.9 Million

Estimate of Total Project Costs

\$2.5 Million

Sweetser's Commitment with Fundraising & Corporate Partners

\$2 Million

State Funding Secured

Remaining Funds:

Federal, additional State, & Private Grants



Project Details

Who we will serve

TARGET POPULATION

Maine's most at-risk youth with serious emotional disturbances.

Oftentimes, these youth can be a physical threat to themselves and those around them without the proper support, medication, environment, and active treatment.

OUTDOOR SPACES

Spaces for outdoor activities include an outdoor recreation & activity space (with a basketball court) and a secure courtyard/ outdoor sensory area.

✓ FACILITY FEATURES

16-bed facility for Maine's most at-risk youth.

- Designed as a secure, therapeutic, trauma-informed environment.
- Anticipated youth stay is 6 to 9 months.

✓ SPACES FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

- 16 Bedrooms.
- Therapeutic/Group Settings.
- Recreational/Outdoor Areas.





THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT

The program provides a secure, therapeutic environment with specialized features like activity spaces, a dining room, and dedicated family rooms.

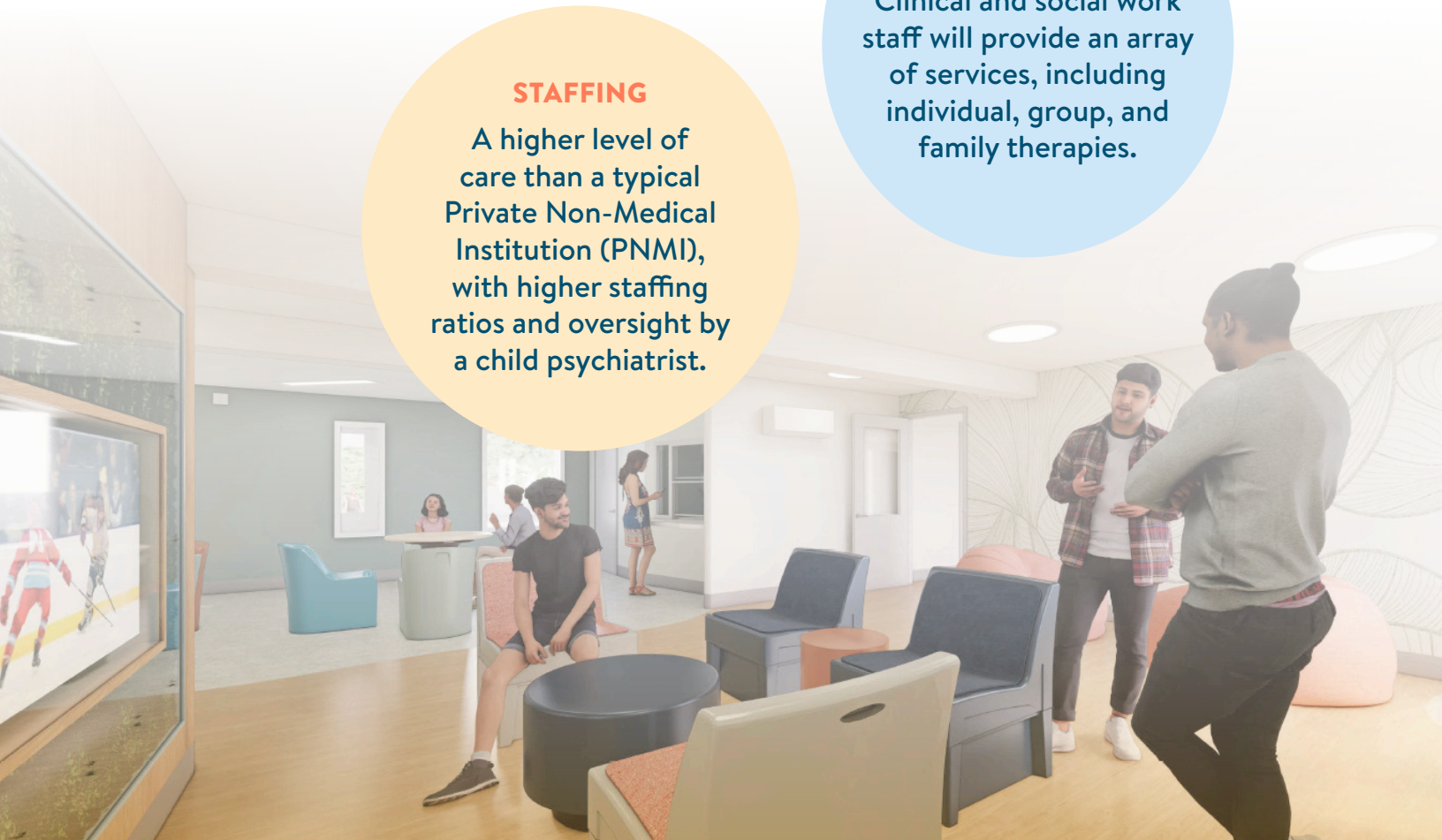


TREATMENT MODALITIES

Clinical and social work staff will provide an array of services, including individual, group, and family therapies.

STAFFING

A higher level of care than a typical Private Non-Medical Institution (PNMI), with higher staffing ratios and oversight by a child psychiatrist.



In the News

"THIS CAN REALLY BE A WIN FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND FOR MAINE"

Sweetser to open state's 1st locked residential psychiatric treatment center for adolescents

By ERIC RUSSELL
Portland Press Herald

Maine's Department of Health and Human Services has contracted with a Saco-based behavioral health agency to build the state's first secure residential treatment program for adolescents, a development advocates believe will help close an important gap in services for vulnerable children.

Sweetser was awarded a \$2 million contract this month, CEO Jayne Van Bramer said, and the organization hopes to open

Supporters say the facility fills a crucial gap in services for at-risk children. Critics warn it's a step backward in how systems treat people with behavioral and mental health diagnoses.

a 16-bed facility in April 2026. "Being able to have an available locked residential program for children who

require that level of service is long overdue," she said in an interview Thursday. "The absence of that has resulted in children being sent out of state, away from family, languishing in emergency rooms for weeks or months at a time."

The state, under Gov. Janet Mills, has been working for years to establish a secure psychiatric treatment center for children, even as some advocates have warned that a locked facility is a step



David Davis/Portland Press Herald
Sweetser CEO Jayne Van Bramer said not having a facility in state has meant children in need are "away from family, languishing in emergency rooms for weeks or months at a time."

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Media clips about the facility.



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Making Headlines

STRONG SUPPORT & HIGHLY VISIBLE

Media outlets are following this project every step of the journey. Watch our media recap of key stories from the major outlets.

\$2 million in state funding so far and strong support from DHHS, the legislature, and interest at Federal level.



Advocating for Support!
Featured Mental Health
Moment TV segment
about the need.

Become a partner in hope.

LEAVE A MULTI-GENERATIONAL LEGACY

You can be part of something that will bring together countless Maine families through treatment, care, and recovery. You will be part of the solution in giving Maine children and youth a successful foundation for their future. No longer will they be left behind and forgotten. This project will not be possible without your investment and support.

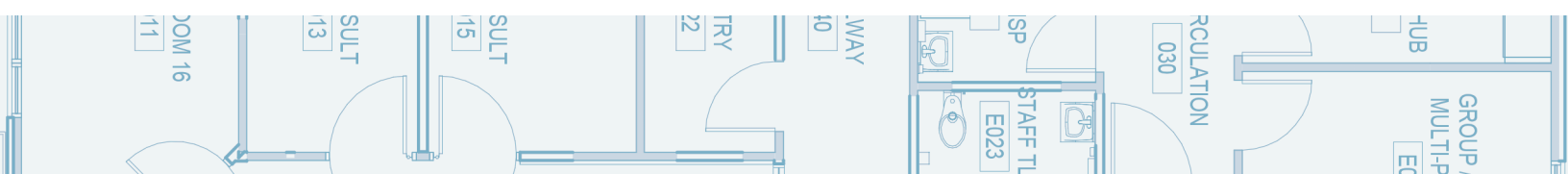
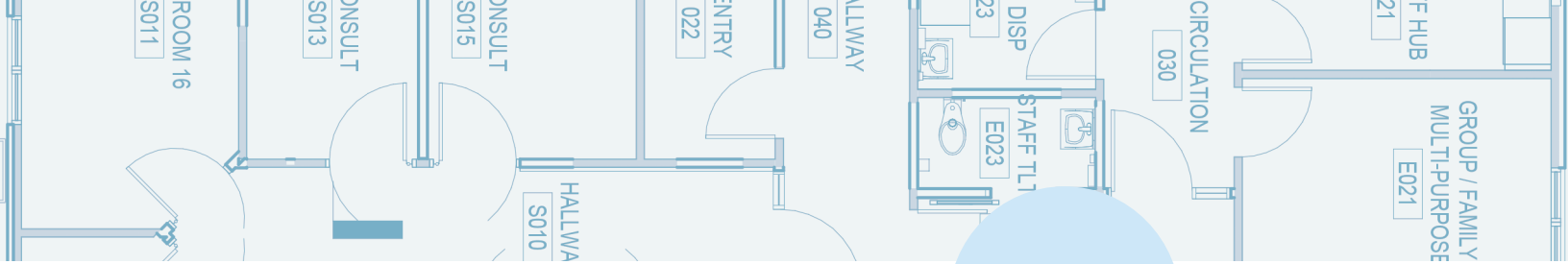


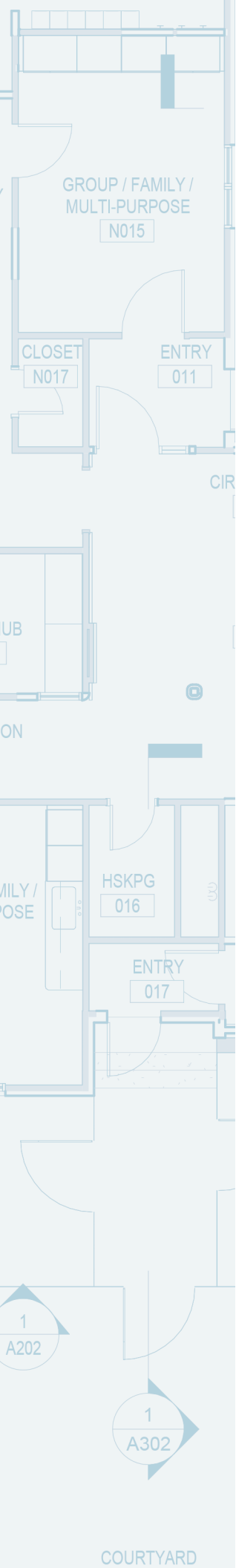
| Sponsorship Level | Opportunity | Suggested Commitment |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Beacon of Hope Partner | Overall facility naming rights. | \$100K level |
| Hope in Action Partner | Promise Wings (4) | \$50K level |
| | Resiliency Recreation (Outdoor Sensory Spaces) | \$50K level |
| | Courage Court (Basketball, Foursquare, etc) | \$50K level |
| Fueling Hope Partner | Family Connection Hubs (3) | \$20K level |
| | Life Skills & Activity Studios (2) | \$20K level |
| | Dining Gathering Rooms (2) | \$20K level |
| Build Hope Partner | Caregiver's Compassion Corner (Staff respite & recharge) (3) | \$10K level |
| | Promise Pods (Youth bedrooms) (16) | \$5K level |
| Hope Builder Circle | Name Listed on Signage | Minimum \$1K donation |

All levels will include naming/branding placement on designated locations throughout the facility, on a large sign that will be installed just outside the facility, and include extensive earned media and multimedia opportunities based on your respective level.

All donors will be invited to our groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Commitments can be fulfilled over multiple years.





Give hope, build hope.

Help bring Maine kids home from expensive, out-of-state care and prevent children from languishing in hospital emergency rooms while waiting for an appropriate placement.



Scan the QR code to watch project video!

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