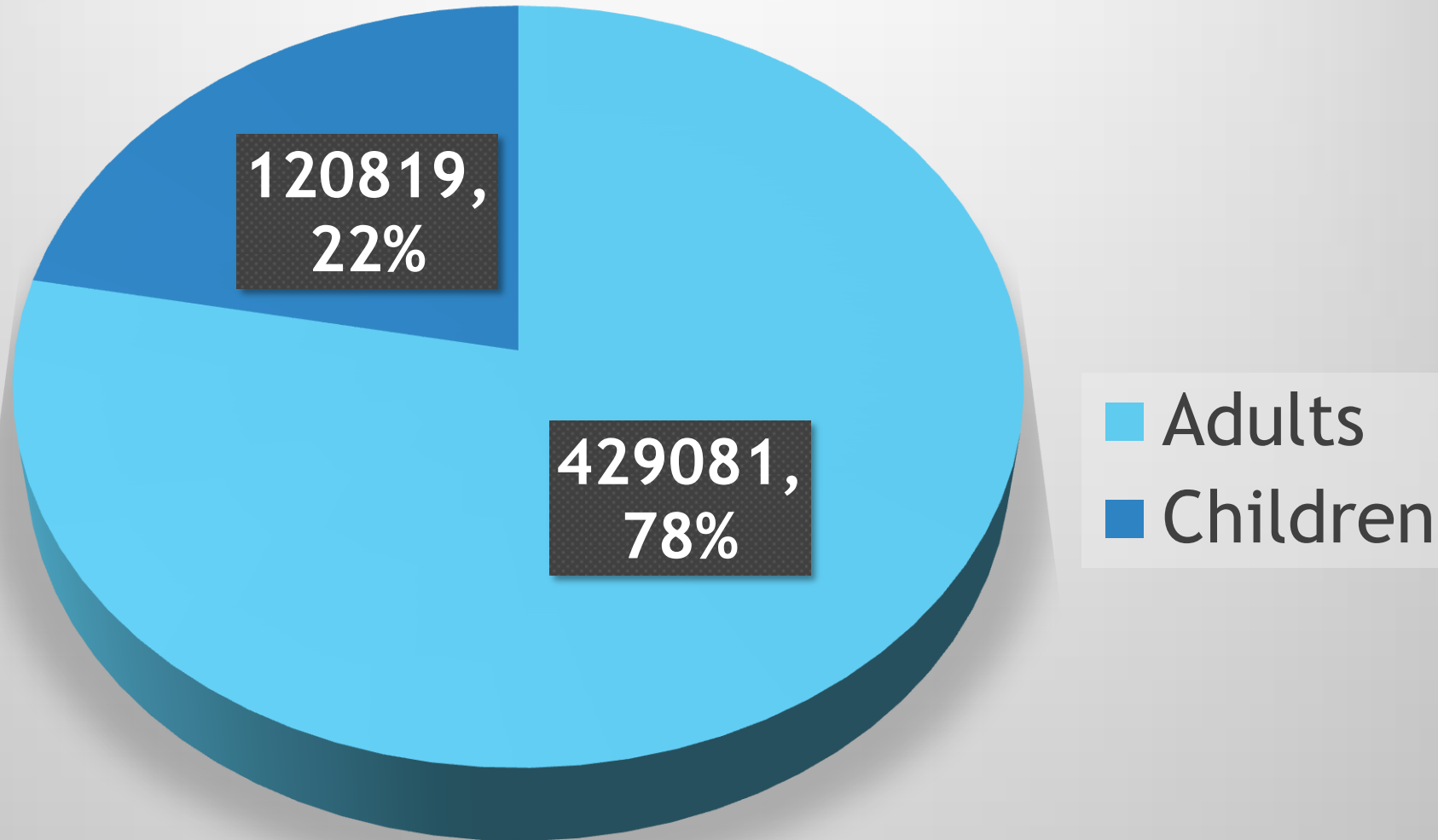


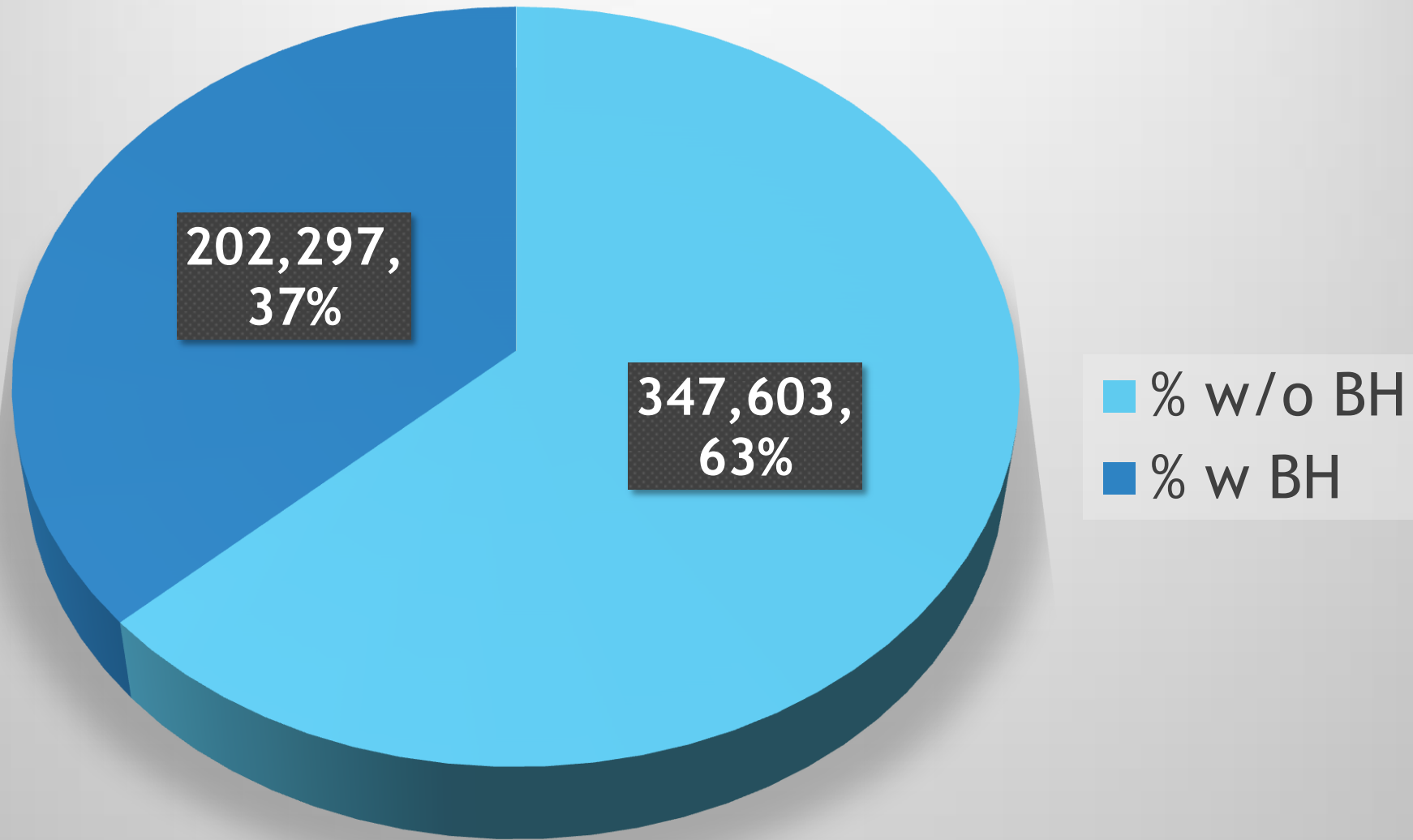
# Finding Solutions...

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# Homeless w/ Severe Behavioral Health Conditions



# What Does Ending Homelessness Mean?

- ▶ An end to homelessness means that every community will have a **comprehensive response** in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it can't be prevented, it is a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.
- ▶ Specifically, every community will have the capacity to:
  - **Quickly identify** and engage people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
  - **Intervene to prevent** people from losing their housing and divert people from entering the homelessness services system.
  - **Provide people with immediate access** to shelter and crisis services **without barriers** to entry if homelessness does occur, and quickly connect them to housing assistance and services tailored to their unique needs and strengths to help them achieve and maintain stable housing.

# “Functional Zero”

- ▶ Every person living on the street or in emergency shelter who would accept housing with a place of his or her own, with supportive services scaled to the their needs.

## • Acute Treatment Services

- ATS or Detox
- 3-5 Days

## • Clinical Stabilization Services

- (CSS or Rehab)
- 2 weeks or longer

## • Transitional Support Services

- (TSS or Holding)
- 2-4 weeks

## • Residential Treatment or Halfway House

- 4 to 6 months

## • Alcohol and Drug Free Housing or Sober Homes

- Time Varies

## • Outpatient Services

- Duration Varies

# Medication Assisted Treatment

Can be used at any point in the continuum of treatment and recovery from opioids

# Things to consider

- ▶ Shrinking supply of appropriate housing options
- ▶ Outreach and engagement ongoing community based support
- ▶ Collective impact is key

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