The right care at the right time in the right place reduces the need for more inpatient psychiatric beds.

- Redesign Competency Restoration to decrease unnecessarily long stays in jail, thereby eliminating the wait list
- Increase Access to Community-Based Psychiatric Hospitals through private psychiatric bed (PPB) funding
- Improve Crisis Services to get people in crisis the brain health care they need as quickly as possible
- Destigmatize Brain Health and Build Awareness through mental health training
- Increase Early Access to Care
- Integrate Telemedicine
- Increase Residential Care and Supported Housing Capacity

Improvements across the Brain Health Continuum will increase the functional bed capacity of the new Austin State Hospital, providing the ability to serve more people more effectively.

Improving the quality of healing in a modern facility

In addition to modern rooms, the new hospital is specifically designed to facilitate a path toward recovery and return to the community.

Design features include:
- Single patient rooms and patient bathrooms
- 24 bed units (neighborhoods) in 8-bed subclusters
- Porch and courtyard access
- Activity rooms and dining room
- Abundant natural light
- More trees and enhanced gardens

The new Austin State Hospital estimated to open June 2023 provides 240 single bedrooms to optimize recovery.

Increasing Access to Inpatient Psychiatric Care Across Texas

- The Austin State Hospital is part of a statewide system of 11 public inpatient psychiatric hospitals
- The 86th legislature invested $745M in state hospital improvements and expansions which will bring 350 new beds online across the state.