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SACU contributes to the overall community well-being by preventing crises from escalating into larger social health concerns. SACU provides early intervention for individuals in higher crisis to improve long-term outcomes for them and reduce the burden on other social services that could be used for other vulnerable populations needing assistance. SACU is more cost-effective than emergency room visits, or jail time. It focuses on stabilizing individuals and connecting them with ongoing care to prevent future crisis and many times it does not take only 90 days. Services are not always guaranteed to arrive in this time frame and it can be a struggle many times!

My experience with SACU for 10 years has taught me to care for these individuals in crisis at a higher caliber. SACU has taught us all how to work with others as a unique team and how to work with individuals and their families, guardians, team working well with the group at the home as well. I write to you to ask to keep SACU funding at current service level and ensure individuals can get the services they need to be successful.