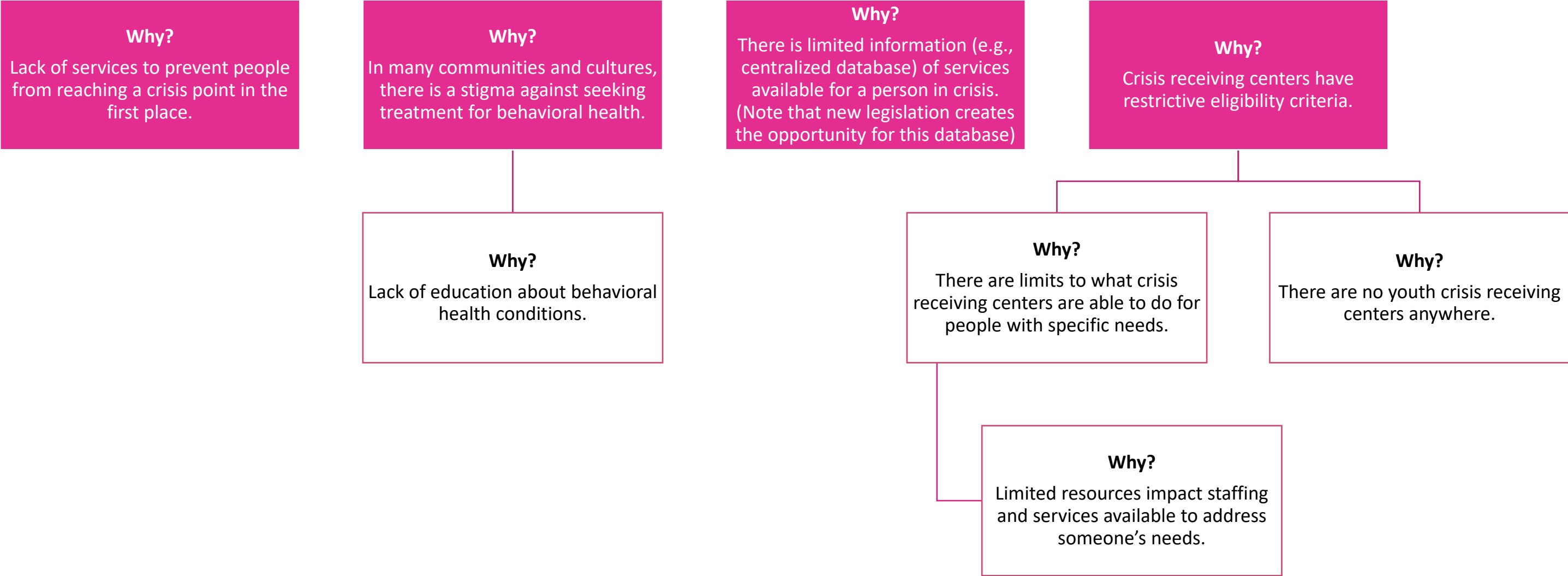
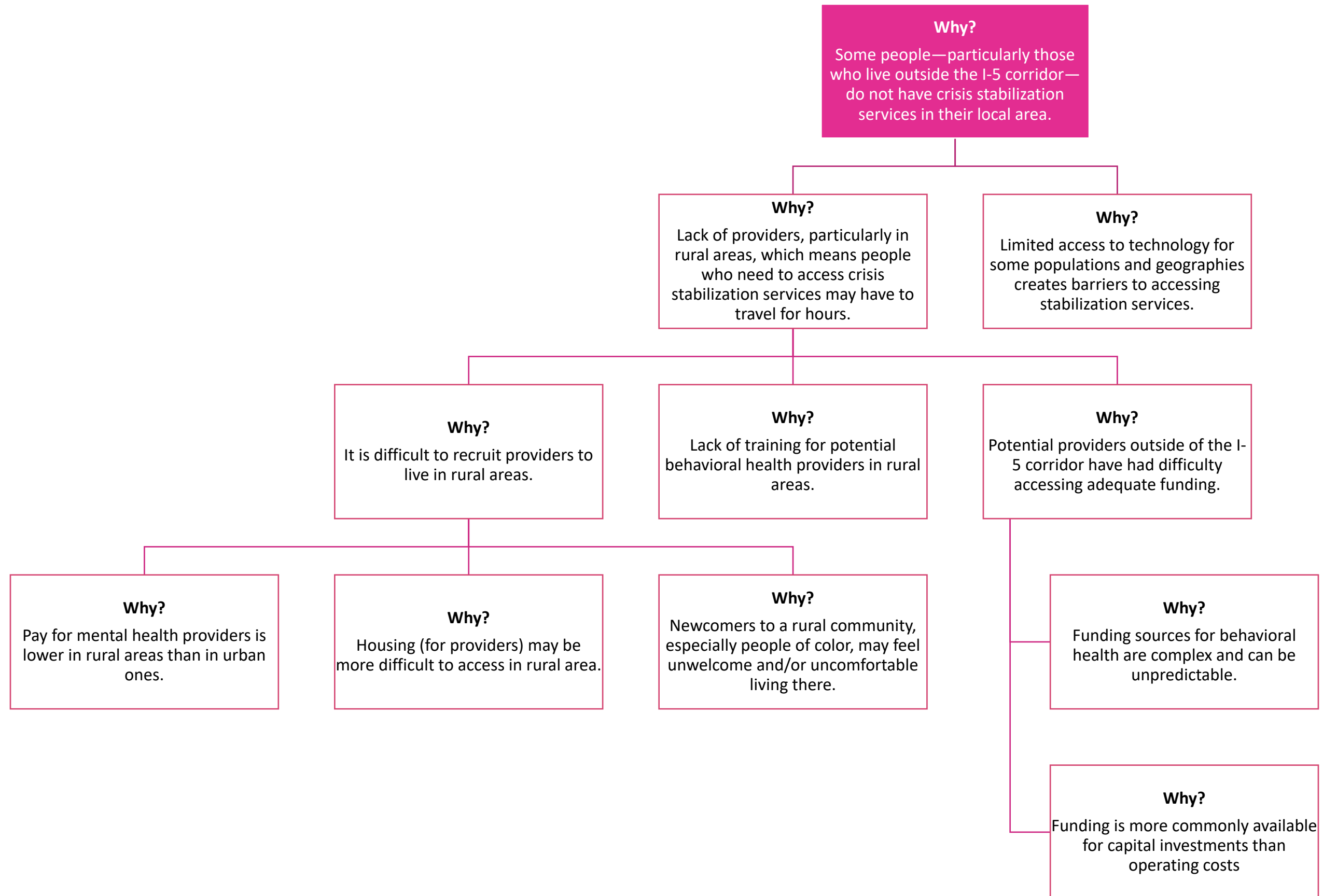
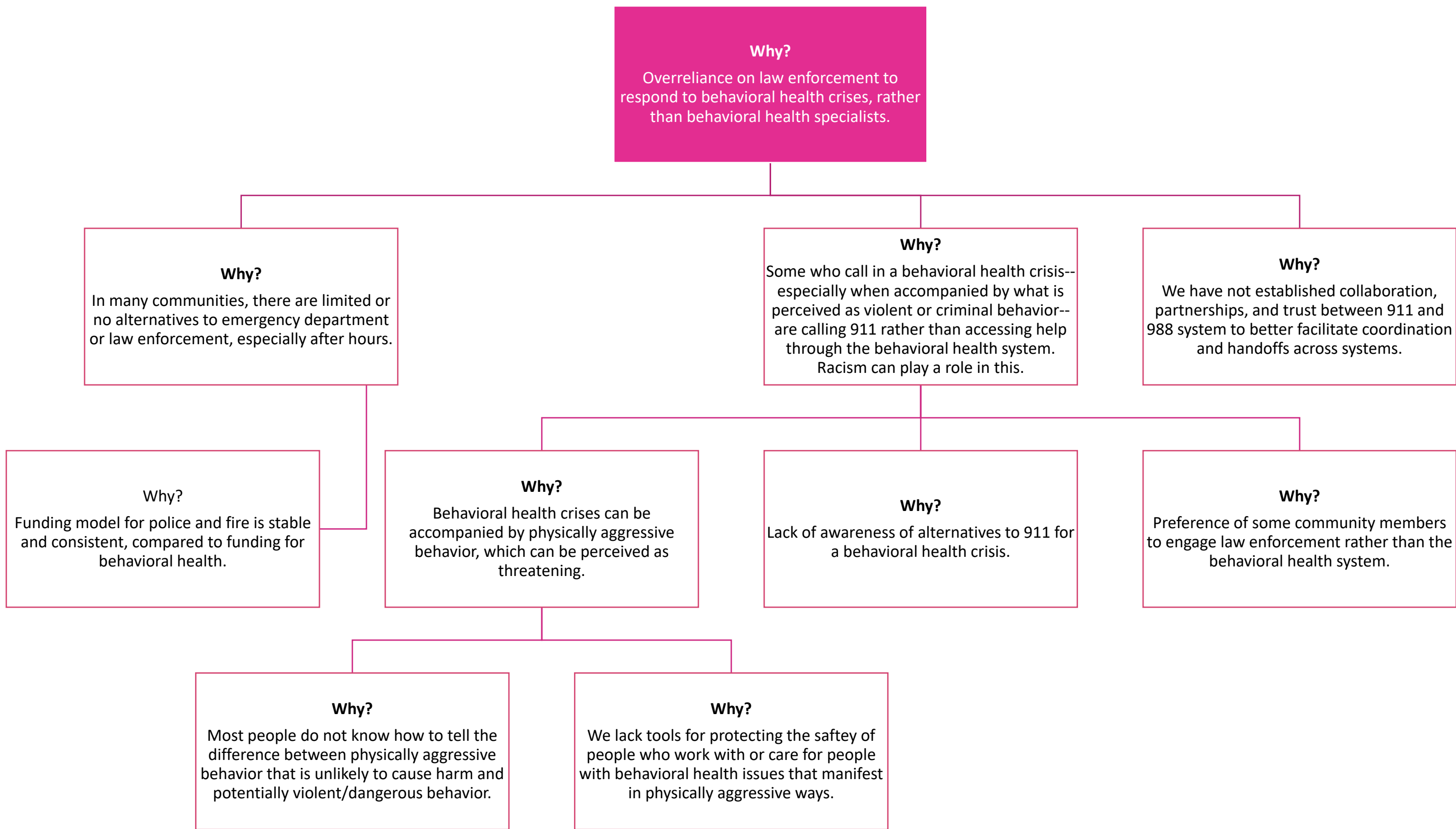

Crisis stabilization services offer the community no-wrong-door access to mental health and substance use care. The goal of these services is to quickly stabilize the person in crisis, avoid hospitalization or incarceration, and help the person transition back into the community. The problem is that **in Washington State, not everyone who is experiencing a crisis gets stabilized.**







Why?
People in crisis are sent through the criminal justice system (i.e., arrested, incarcerated) rather than referred to the behavioral health system.

Why?
Responder may lack the clinical expertise/training to know when/how to refer the person in crisis to the behavioral health system

Why?
In situations where the mental health crisis is accompanied by criminal behavior, law enforcement may face a conflict between the needs of the person in crisis and the wishes of the victim.

Why?
Lack of systems of care for people with behavioral health crises who have committed violent crimes or other felonies.

Why?
Systems are siloed: not enough partnership between behavioral health and first responder systems.