



Children's Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum

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Community Behavioral Health

Defining Crisis

- “Children who come into contact with the mental health system for the first time often do so in the context of a crisis that occurs at home, school, or in the community.”
- Examples of crises:
 - Suicidal or homicidal thoughts or behaviors
 - Acute depressive symptoms
 - Anxiety
 - Traumatic stress reactions
 - Severe disruptive or oppositional behaviors



Vision

The Children's Crisis Services will expand and improve Philadelphia's current children's crisis continuum of care by developing services that will provide:

- Rapid Response
- Crisis Stabilization
- Resolution-Focused treatment
- **Family Driven care**



CASSP Principles Ground Behavioral Health System of Care

- Child-Centered
- Family- Focused
- Community- Based
- Multi-System
- Culturally Competent
- Least Inclusive/Least Restrictive

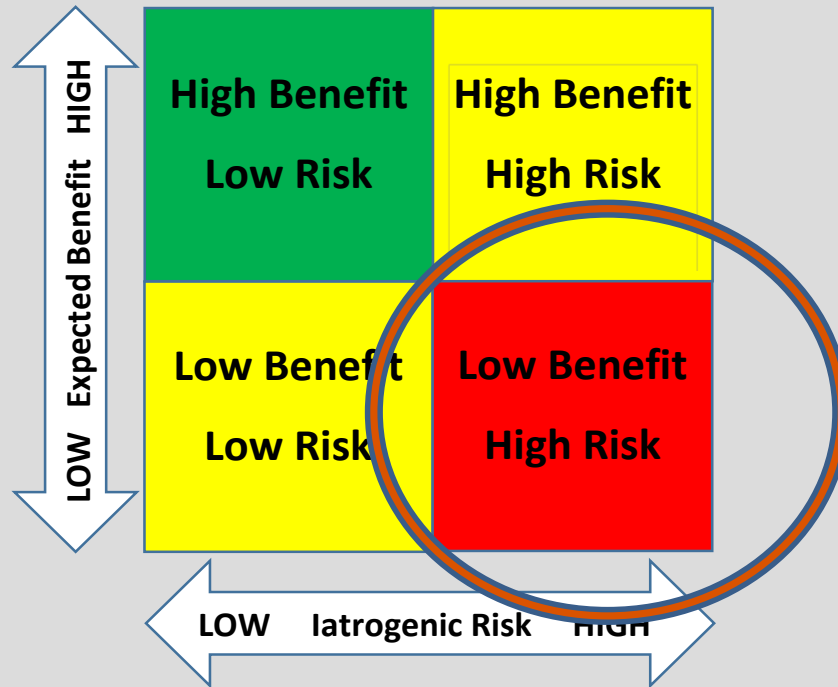


What is: Family Driven Care

- Acknowledge that our families have led extraordinary lives
- A Parent is NEVER a barrier
- Parents are experts on their children, and key collaborators
- Understanding the essence of the crisis for both youth and parents and provide opportunity for resolution



Re-thinking Crisis Response



Challenges & Barriers of Old System

Mobile
Crisis

CRC

Long wait times or never
responded to service request

No assessment was
completed upon arrival

Did not provide intervention
or service linkages

Long wait times
without intervention
or treatment

Nothing for
parents/children to do
while waiting

Little to no staff
supervision of
children

Lack of family engagement



How are these services different?

Provide rapid crisis response

Assessment is a part of it, but it's not the whole story...

Provide crisis stabilization & treatment

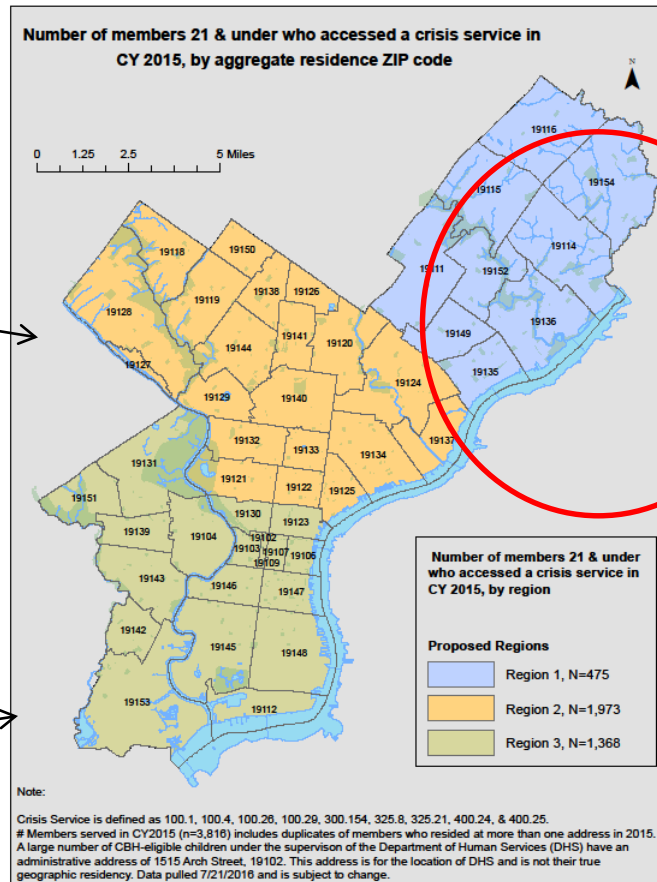
Family driven care

Resolution-focused approach

Children's Mobile Crisis Teams Regionalized Map

Elwyn
Region 2

Bethanna
Region 3



PATH, Region 1



Children's Mobile Crisis Teams & Children's Mobile Intervention Service

Children's Mobile Crisis Teams (CMCT)

Will respond to the dispatch within one hour

Provide crisis stabilization

Establish a family driven crisis stabilization plan

Provide a warm-handoff if needed

Children's Mobile Intervention Service (CMIS)

Brief intensive interventions

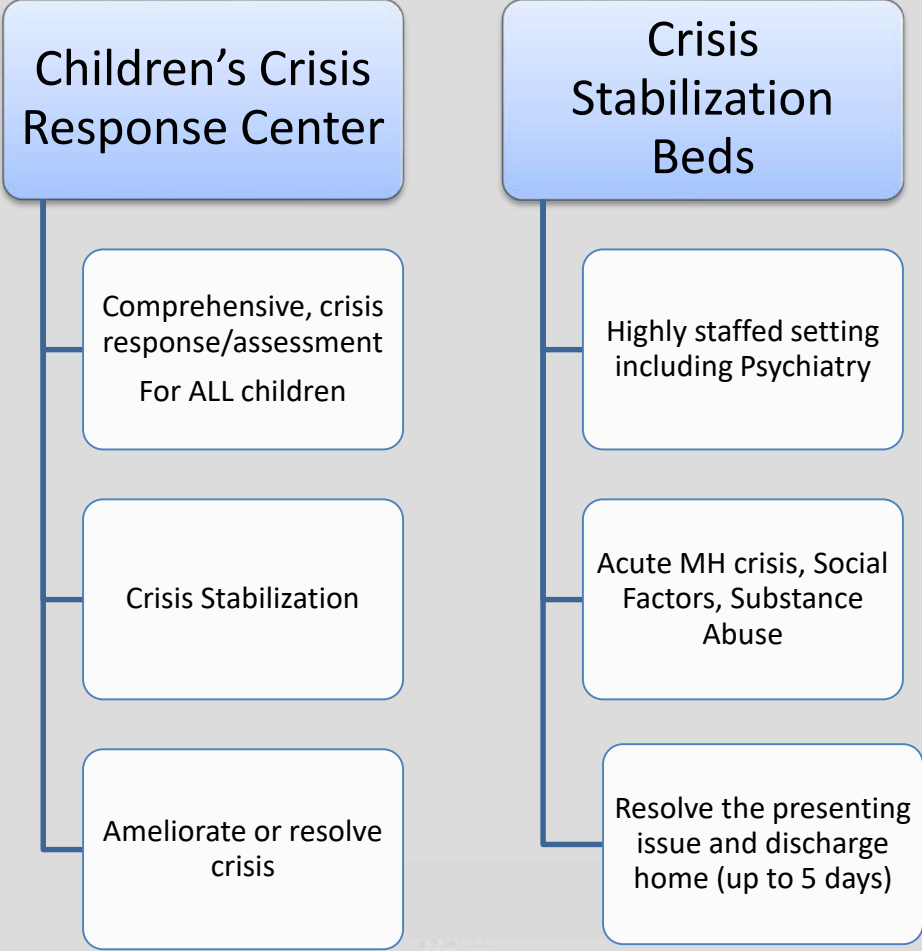
Psychiatric Support

Case management Services

Provide a warm-handoff if needed



Children's Crisis Response Center, Intensive Treatment Beds & Crisis Stabilization Unit



How do I connect a youth to Crisis Services?

Call

Philadelphia Crisis Line
215.685.6440

Walk in

Philadelphia Children's Crisis Response Center
3300 Henry Avenue, Falls Center 2, Suite 3N
Philadelphia, PA 19129
215.878.2600



Questions and Answers

