



COMPREHENSIVE REPORT  
**ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY**  
**TREATMENT TEAMS**  
**2025**

# Comprehensive Report on Multidisciplinary Treatment Teams

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission of the Florida Department of Children and Families (Department) is to work in partnership with local communities to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency. The Department's vision is to empower Floridians with opportunities that support and strengthen resiliency and wellbeing. The Department's Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) is recognized as the single state authority for substance abuse and mental health services and State Opioid Treatment. SAMH is statutorily responsible for the planning and administration of all publicly funded substance abuse and mental health services, and for licensing substance abuse providers. SAMH lays the foundation for Florida's behavioral health system of care by developing policies and serving as the state's behavioral health strategist. SAMH administers the statewide system of care that provides services to individuals contending with mental health and substance use disorders. The Department accomplishes this by contracting with seven Managing Entities, across the state's six regions that work with behavioral health providers such as inpatient facilities, community behavioral health centers, and numerous other providers to ensure access to and deliver coordinated care across multiple levels.

Notably, across the different types of multidisciplinary teams discussed in this report, there has been a general increase in funding, staffing, and service provision from Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 to FY 2024-2025. Rapid access to crisis support services such as mobile response teams and intensive wrap around services such as Florida Assertive Community Treatment has been associated with marked reductions in involuntary Baker Acts across Florida over the past five years.

## BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

This report is submitted pursuant to the FY 2025-2026 General Appropriations Act, which requires the Department, in collaboration with the Managing Entities, to produce a comprehensive summary of all specialty treatment teams to include: Community Action Treatment (CAT) teams (all tiers), Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) teams (all tiers), Family Intensive Treatment (FIT) teams (all tiers), Mobile Response Teams (MRT), and Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams (FMT) funded by each Managing Entity. These teams are designed to provide integrated, community-based services to individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders.

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**Table 1: Overview of Multidisciplinary Team Models**

Team Model	Description	Primary Target Population
<p><b>Community Action Treatment (CAT) Teams</b> <b>Ages 11-21 Teams</b></p>	<p>CAT is a team-based mental health service designed to support youth and young adults (ages 11–21) with serious emotional or behavioral challenges. The program focuses on reducing hospitalizations, avoiding out-of-home placements, improving school and social functioning, and strengthening family relationships. Rooted in a strengths-based and family-centered approach</p>	<p>Children and young adults ages 11–21 who are experiencing serious emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges and are at risk of out-of-home placement, hospitalization, or involvement with the juvenile justice system.</p>
<p><b>Community Action Treatment (CAT) Ages 0-10 Teams</b></p>	<p>The traditional CAT model was adapted for youth ages 0-10 to provide early intervention that focuses on strengthening the child’s emotional development, improving family functioning, and preventing more intensive placements such as residential care or hospitalization. Services are individualized, family-centered, and aimed at building resilience, supporting caregivers, and promoting healthy developmental outcomes.</p>	<p>Children ages 0–10 is a specialized, team-based mental health service designed to support young children with serious emotional or behavioral challenges.</p>
<p><b>Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Teams</b></p>	<p>Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) is a federal initiative aimed at transforming Florida’s child welfare system by prioritizing efforts to keep children safely with their families and prevent entry into foster care. Through the EBP children’s teaming model, families at-risk of entry into foster care receive federally approved, evidence-based services—including mental health care, substance use treatment, and in-home parenting support. By addressing the root causes of family instability, FFPSA promotes family preservation, long-term well-being, and reduces reliance on group or residential placements.</p>	<p>Children and youth who are at imminent risk of entering foster care, as well as their parents or caregivers, including pregnant and parenting youth in foster care.</p>

<p><b>Family Support Teams (FST)</b></p>	<p>FST are multidisciplinary teams that provide intensive, wraparound services to families involved in or at risk of deep end inpatient or residential treatment. The primary goal of FST is to strengthen family functioning, ensure child safety, and prevent crisis situation and recurrent inpatient hospitalization by addressing the unique needs of each family through a collaborative and family-centered approach. FST focuses on building resilience, enhancing parenting skills, and promoting long-term stability and well-being for both children and caregivers.</p>	<p>Children with repeated involuntary Baker Act examinations, particularly those facing challenges that threaten the safety, stability, or well-being of themselves or their family. The program also supports families whose children are experiencing serious mental health instability and need intensive support to maintain a safe and stable home environment.</p>
<p><b>Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)</b></p>	<p>FACT teams support independent, integrated living in the community. They prevent recurrent hospitalization and incarceration. They improve community involvement and quality of life for participants. FACT teams are effective in avoiding the need for more intensive services and serve as a step-down from inpatient settings.</p>	<p>Adults, ages 18 and older, diagnosed with serious mental illness.</p>
<p><b>Intermediate Level FACT</b></p>	<p>Intermediate Level FACT teams provide mental health intervention necessary to assist participants achieve and maintain rehabilitative, resiliency, and recovery goals. Intermediate Level FACT teams utilize a clinical case management model that includes medical services, wellness management, and recovery support. Clinical case management and recovery support promote continuity of care and ease of service access until a full transition to community-based care is optimal.</p>	<p>Adults, ages 18 and older, diagnosed with serious mental illness.</p>
<p><b>Family Intensive Treatment (FIT)</b></p>	<p>FIT teams provide services to families with child welfare involvement when a parent has been diagnosed with a substance use disorder. FIT teams focus on families with at least one child in the home under the age of 10. A key to the model's success is the collaboration among the child welfare, judicial, and behavioral health systems. FIT teams develop a safe, nurturing, and stable living situation for children to remain in the home or promote reunification as quickly and responsibly as possible.</p>	<p>Families with child welfare involvement and with at least one parent diagnosed with a substance use disorder.</p>

<p><b>Family Well-being Treatment</b></p>	<p>Family Well-being Treatment teams provide community-based behavioral health treatment and support to families with child welfare involvement and concerns of parental mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders that are unmanaged or undiagnosed. The Family Well-being Treatment Team approach to behavioral health intervention provides early identification, and coordination of timely access to services and enhanced support coordination to families through navigation of the child welfare and treatment processes.</p>	<p>Families with child welfare involvement and concerns of parental mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders that are unmanaged or undiagnosed.</p>
<p><b>Mobile Response Team (MRT)</b></p>	<p>MRTs provide immediate, 24/7 onsite behavioral health crisis services to individuals who have an emotional disturbance; are experiencing a mental health or emotional crisis; are experiencing escalating emotional or behavioral health reactions and symptoms that impact their ability to function typically within their family, living situation, community environment; individuals served by the child welfare system that are experiencing or at high risk of placement instability.</p>	<p>Anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis.</p>
<p><b>Forensic Multidisciplinary Team (FMT)</b></p>	<p>Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams are an adaptation of the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model. They provide community-based behavioral health treatment to divert individuals from commitment to Forensic State Mental Health Treatment Facilities (SMHTFs) and other residential forensic programs.</p>	<p>Adults, ages 18 and older, diagnosed with serious mental illness and prior criminal justice involvement.</p>

**Table 2: Statewide Summary of Teams- State Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

<b>Team Type</b>	<b>Total Funding<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total Number of Teams</b>	<b>Total Individuals Served</b>	<b>Average Team Members</b>	<b>Average Encounters per Individual</b>
<b>Community Action Treatment (CAT)</b>	\$18,600,000	50	2115	10-12 per team	60 per person
<b>CAT for children ages 0-10</b>	\$2,420,000	5	186	9 per team	90 – 160 per child
<b>Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Teams</b>	\$4,900,000	13	398	5-7 per team	6-30 per family
<b>Family Support Teams</b>	\$3,200,000	4	405	6 - 7 per team	50-120 per person
<b>Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)</b>	\$33,065,700 (Medicaid Ineligible) \$43,697,880 (Total appropriation)	39	4,141	11 per team	127 per person
<b>Intermediate Level FACT</b>	\$3,705,656	4	413	7 per team	34 per person
<b>Forensic Multidisciplinary Team (FMT)</b>	\$8,841,000	15	1,067	6 per team	101 per person
<b>Family Intensive Treatment (FIT)</b>	\$17,701,002	28	1,780	7 per team	94 per family
<b>Family Well-being Treatment</b>	\$2,195,000	4	300	7.5 per team	41 per family

<sup>1</sup> All funding is recurring

<b>Mobile Response Teams</b>	\$48,900,324	54	34,609	4-8 per team	2-4 per person
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## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND MANAGING ENTITY BREAKDOWN**

### **Mobile Response Teams**

Mobile Response Teams (MRT) were implemented in 2018 after the tragic mass shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County. Subsequently, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, (Ch. 2018-3, Laws of Florida) was passed during the 2018 Legislative session requiring the creation of a statewide network of mobile response teams. MRTs provide immediate, 24/7 onsite behavioral health crisis services at minimum to individuals who have an emotional disturbance; are experiencing a mental health or emotional crisis; are experiencing escalating emotional or behavioral health reactions and symptoms that impact their ability to function typically within their family, living situation or community environment; are served by the child welfare system and are experiencing or at high risk of placement instability.

Mobile response services encompass an array of crisis interventions to include evaluation and assessment; development of safety and crisis plans; stabilization services; supportive crisis counseling; psychoeducation; coping skills; and the facilitation of a warm handoff by actively connecting individuals to another service provider. This process goes beyond simply providing the individual with a referral name, phone number, and appointment time.

Particularly for those in crisis, it has been shown that a referral alone is not sufficient. Warm handoffs are a transfer of care between two providers in the presence of the individual and their family. This involves an introduction to the new service provider, ensuring the individual understands what to expect during their first appointment, and following up with the individual for at least 72 hours to explore if additional resources or assistance is needed.

MRTs provide in-person response to calls meeting the clinical threshold within 60 minutes after prioritization and have a statewide average minimum response time of approximately 21 minutes. Providing services in rural or isolated areas can sometimes be difficult to achieve the 60-minute threshold due to geographic distance. When experiencing a delay, MRTs take several steps to ensure the callers safety. This often includes using telehealth services to provide immediate support, reassessing the urgency of the situation, and, in some cases, collaborating with local law enforcement if the risk becomes too high.

MRTs emphasize cultural humility in service delivery, utilization of evidence- based de-escalation practices, and should respond independently of law enforcement when safe, as the goal is to divert individuals from the justice system and provide a non-arrest-based alternative for behavioral health emergencies.

MRTs have 24/7 access to a licensed or certified behavioral health clinician and peer support specialist with lived experience. A mobile response team peer specialist compliments clinical team members by offering empathy, skill building and shared understanding to help individuals navigate crisis, access resources, and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations or emergency room visits.

During FY 2024-25 the Statewide Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) served over 34,609 individuals in crisis, which is an increase of over 3,103 (10 percent) individuals served during FY 2023-24. These teams had a statewide diversion rate of 78 percent from emergency room visits, inpatient hospitalization, or criminal justice settings in FY 2024-25 which is comparable to the 80 percent diversion rate from FY 2023-2024.

**Central Florida Behavioral Health Network** serves as the Managing Entity for the Suncoast Region. The Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) in this region (listed below) serve 12 counties to include: Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Hardee, Highlands, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Sarasota.

**Table 3: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network MRT Providers**

MRT Service Providers	Counties Served
BayCare Behavioral Health Inc.	Pasco
Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services Inc d/b/a ELEOS	Pinellas
Mental Health Care Inc. d/b/a Gracepoint	Hillsborough
Peace River Center for Personal Development Inc.	Polk, Hardee, Highlands
Charlotte Behavioral Health Care Inc.	Charolotte County
The Center for Progress & Excellence d/b/a Crisis Prevention & Empowerment	Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte
David Lawrence Mental Health Center Inc.	Collier
Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery Inc.	Sarasota
Centerstone of Florida Inc.	Manatee and DeSoto

**Table 4: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network MRT Persons Served and Encounters**

MRT Service Providers FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
BayCare Behavioral Health Inc.	916	1,103
Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services Inc d/b/a ELEOS	1,121	8,945
Mental Health Care Inc. d/b/a Gracepoint	612	680
Peace River Center for Personal Development Inc.	4,331	18,353



Charlotte Behavioral Health Care Inc.	1,269	2,805
The Center for Progress & Excellence d/b/a Crisis Prevention & Empowerment	1,574	1,683
David Lawrence Mental Health Center Inc.	163	443
Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery Inc.	108	321
Centerstone of Florida Inc	280	328
<b>MRT Service Providers FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Service Encounters</b>
BayCare Behavioral Health Inc.	730	811
Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services Inc d/b/a ELEOS	1,101	7,612
Mental Health Care Inc. d/b/a Gracepoint	607	658
Peace River Center for Personal Development Inc.	4,227	19,329
The Center for Progress & Excellence dba Crisis Prevention & Empowerment	999	1,222
Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery Inc.	131	301
Centerstone of Florida Inc	296	363

**Table 5: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network MRT Contract Amounts**

<b>MRT Service Providers</b>	<b>Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025</b>	<b>Provider Contract Amount FY 2023-2024</b>
BayCare Behavioral Health Inc. Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services Inc dba ELEOS	\$ 1,100,126	\$776,829
Mental Health Care Inc. d/b/a Gracepoint	\$ 1,239,776	\$1,000,632
Peace River Center for Personal Development Inc.	\$ 1,339,416	\$1,057,084
Charlotte Behavioral Health Care Inc.	\$1,343,957	\$1,079,538
	\$750,000	Not operational during FY 2023-2024

The Center for Progress & Excellence d/b/a Crisis Prevention & Empowerment	\$3,756,676	\$3,752,609
David Lawrence Mental Health Center Inc.	\$1,704,067	Not operational during FY 2023-2024
Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery Inc.	\$321,064	\$438,829
Centerstone of Florida Inc	\$1,022,811	\$630,749

**Northwest Florida Health Network (NWFHN)** serves as the Managing Entity for the Northwest Region. The Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) in this region listed below serve 17 counties to include: Leon, Gadsden, Liberty, Wakulla, Taylor, Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Bay, Jackson, Gulf, Holmes, Washington, Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Okaloosa.

**Table 6: Northwest Florida Health Network MRT Providers**

MRT Service Providers	Counties Served
Apalachee	Leon, Gadsden, Liberty, Wakulla, Taylor, Jefferson, Madison, Franklin
Life Management Center	Bay, Jackson, Gulf, Holmes, Washington
Lakeview	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa

**Table 7: Northwest Florida Health Network MRT Persons Served and Encounters**

MRT Service Providers FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
Apalachee	1,467	2,576
Life Management Center	738	832
Lakeview	2,040	2,936
MRT Service Providers FY 2023-2024	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
Apalachee	1,472	2,781
Life Management Center	769	901
Lakeview	2,283	3,549

**Table 8 Northwest Florida Health Network MRT Contract Amounts**

MRT Service Providers	Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025	Provider Contract Amount FY 2023-2024
Apalachee	\$2,411,665	\$1,711,665
Life Management Center	\$1,374,192	\$1,124,192
Lakeview	\$2,456,252	\$1,721,308

**Central Florida Cares Health System** serves as the Managing Entity for the Central Region. The Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) in this region listed below serve four counties, including: Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Brevard.

**Table 9: Central Florida Cares Health System MRT Providers**

MRT Service Providers	Counties Served
Devereux	Orange, Seminole, Osceola
Park Place Behavioral Health	Osceola
Family Partnership of Central Florida	Brevard

**Table 10: Central Florida Cares Health System MRT Persons Served and Encounters**

MRT Service Providers FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
Devereux	327	1,174
Park Place Behavioral Health	623	623
Family Partnership of Central Florida	596	977
MRT Service Providers FY 2023-2024	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
Devereux	365	1,501
Park Place Behavioral Health	275	296
Family Partnership of Central Florida	515	890

**Table 11: Central Florida Cares Health System MRT Contract Amounts**

MRT Service Providers	Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025	Provider Contract Amount FY 2023-2024
Devereux	\$1,575,939	\$1,503,550
Park Place Behavioral Health	\$275,000	\$575,000
Family Partnership of Central Florida	\$2,283,734	\$1,741,604

**Broward Behavioral Health Coalition** serves as the Managing Entity for the Southeast Region. The Mobile Response Team in this region serves Broward County.

**Table 12: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition MRT Provider**

MRT Service Provider	Counties Served
Henderson Behavioral Health	Broward

**Table 13: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition MRT Persons Served and Encounters**

<b>MRT Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Service Encounters</b>
Henderson Behavioral Health	2,662	10,914
<b>MRT Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Service Encounters</b>
Henderson Behavioral Health	2,365	6,456

**Table 14: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition MRT Contract Amount**

<b>MRT Service Provider</b>	<b>Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025</b>	<b>Provider Contract Amount FY 2023-2024</b>
Henderson Behavioral Health	\$3,351,457	\$2,605,544

**Lutheran Services Florida** serves as the Managing Entity for the Northeast Region. The Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) in this region, listed below, serve 21 counties including Alachua, Hernando, Duval, Putnam, Clay, St. Johns, Sumter, Baker, Bradford, Union, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee, Nassau, Volusia, Flagler, and Marion.

**Table 15: Lutheran Services Florida MRT Providers**

<b>MRT Service Providers</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>	
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners	Alachua	
BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc.	Hernando	
Child Guidance Center, Inc.	Duval	
Children's Home Society of Florida	Putnam	
Clay Behavioral Health Center, Inc.	Clay	
EPIC Community Services, Inc.	St. Johns	
Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.	Citrus & North Sumter ("West")	
Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.	Lake and South Sumter ("East")	
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	Meridian East (Baker/Bradford/Union)	
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	Meridian South (Dixie/Gilchrist/Levy)	
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	Meridian North (Columbia/Hamilton/Lafayette/Suwannee)	
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	Alachua	
Nassau County Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Council, Inc. d/b/a Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare	Nassau	
SMA Healthcare, Inc.	Volusia, Flagler	
SMA Healthcare, Inc. f/k/a The Centers, Inc.	Marion	
St. Augustine Youth Services, Inc.	St. Johns	
Marion Senior Services, Inc.	Marion	
Mental Health Resource Center, Inc.	Duval	
<b>MRT Service Providers FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Service Encounters</b>

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners	264	286
BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc.	364	364
Child Guidance Center, Inc.	1,843	1,843
Children's Home Society of Florida	138	138
Clay Behavioral Health Center, Inc.	247	494
EPIC Community Services, Inc.	180	350
Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.	97	291
Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.	141	282
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	170	680
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	191	1,337
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	181	1,448
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	43	43
Nassau County Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Council, Inc. d/b/a Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare	180	180
SMA Healthcare, Inc.	250	250
SMA Healthcare, Inc. f/k/a The Centers, Inc.	430	430
St. Augustine Youth Services, Inc.	361	722
Marion Senior Services, Inc.	220	483
Mental Health Resource Center, Inc.	3,380	3,380

**Table 16: Lutheran Services Florida MRT Persons Served and Encounters**

<b>MRT Service Providers FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Service Encounters</b>
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners	257	284
BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc.	548	548
Child Guidance Center, Inc.	1,358	1,358

Children's Home Society of Florida	106	106
Clay Behavioral Health Center, Inc.	251	502
EPIC Community Services, Inc.	145	421
Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.	93	186
Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.	135	270
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	258	4,128
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	144	1,152
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	860	860
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	67	67
Nassau County Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Council, Inc. d/b/a Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare	199	199
SMA Healthcare, Inc.	235	235
SMA Healthcare, Inc. f/k/a The Centers, Inc.	394	394
St. Augustine Youth Services, Inc.	399	798
Marion Senior Services, Inc.	Not operational in FY 2023-24	Not operational in FY 2023-24
Mental Health Resource Center, Inc.	Not operational in FY 2023-34	Not operational in FY 2023-24

**Table 17: Lutheran Services Florida MRT Contract Amounts**

MRT Service Providers	Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025	Provider Contract Amount FY 2023-2024
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners	\$428,271	\$339,605
BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc.	\$507,595	\$422,595
Child Guidance Center, Inc.	\$1,147,677	\$972,677
Children's Home Society of Florida	\$296,201	\$296,201
Clay Behavioral Health Center, Inc.	\$378,333	\$296,201
EPIC Community Services, Inc.	\$688,781	\$444,149

Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.*	\$702,187	\$620,054.50
Life Stream Behavioral Center, Inc.*	\$702,187	\$620,054.50
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.*	\$1,090,972	\$1,005,782.67
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.*	\$1,090,972	\$1,005,782.67
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.*	\$1,090,972	\$1,005,782.67
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.	\$384,000	Not operational in FY 2023-24
Nassau County Mental Health, Alcoholism & Drug Council, Inc. d/b/a Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare	\$494,454	\$412,321
SMA Healthcare, Inc.	\$593,237	\$511,105
SMA Healthcare, Inc. f/k/a The Centers, Inc.	\$540,676	\$458,543
St. Augustine Youth Services, Inc.	\$605,383	\$456,047
Marion Senior Services, Inc.	\$250,000	Not operational in FY 2023-24
Mental Health Resource Center, Inc.	\$830,427	Not operational in FY 2023-24

\*These numbers reflect multiple teams from the same provider serving different counties

**Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network** serves as the Managing Entity for the Southeast Region. The MRTs in this region, listed below, serve five counties, including Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and Palm Beach.

**Table 18: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network MRT Providers**

MRT Service Providers	Counties Served
New Horizons of The Treasure Coast and Okeechobee	Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee St. Lucie
South County Mental Health Center	Palm Beach

**Table 19: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network MRT Persons Served and Encounters**

MRT Service Providers FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
New Horizons of The Treasure Coast and Okeechobee	2,386	3,049

South County Mental Health Center	1,628	2,023
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MRT Service Providers FY 2023-2024	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
New Horizons of The Treasure Coast and Okeechobee	2,202	2,900
South County Mental Health Center	1,848	2,061

**Table 20: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network MRT Contract Amounts**

MRT Service Providers	Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025	Provider Contract Amount FY 2023-2024
New Horizons of The Treasure Coast and Okeechobee	\$2,041,486	\$1,299,624
South County Mental Health Center	\$2,731,117	\$1,970,912

**South Florida Behavioral Health Network dba Thriving Mind South Florida**

Thriving Mind South Florida serves as the Managing Entity for the South Florida Region. The Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) in this region, listed below, serve two counties including Monroe and Miami Dade.

**Table 21: Thriving Mind MRT Providers**

MRT Service Providers	Counties Served
Guidance Care Center, Inc.	Monroe
The Village South, Inc.	Miami Dade

**Table 22: Thriving Mind MRT Persons Served and Encounters**

MRT Service Providers FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
Guidance Care Center, Inc.	204	775
The Village South, Inc.	3,164	12,656

  

MRT Service Providers FY 2023-2024	# of Persons Served	# of Service Encounters
Guidance Care Center, Inc.	172	390
The Village South, Inc.	2,564	10,256

**Table 23: Thriving Mind MRT Contact Amounts**

MRT Service Providers	Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025	Provider Contract Amount FY 2023-2024
Guidance Care Center, Inc.	\$1,047,969	\$737,139
The Village South, Inc.	\$4,181,441	\$4,150,000



**Community Action Treatment Team**

The Community Action Treatment (CAT) program is an evidence-informed, community-based mental health service designed for youth and young adults ages 11–21 who are experiencing serious emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges. The program is structured around a multidisciplinary team model that includes licensed clinicians, case managers, psychiatric providers, mentors, and other professionals who collaboratively deliver individualized, high-intensity services. CAT teams operate using principles aligned with wraparound care and systems of care, ensuring services are youth-guided and family-driven. By providing support in natural environments such as the home, school, and community, the program promotes engagement, accessibility, and long-term impact.

The CAT program aims to stabilize youth in their current living situations, typically at home with their family, reduce the need for more restrictive placements such as hospitalization or residential treatment, and improve functioning across life domains. Evidence-based practices are integrated into treatment planning and service delivery, addressing co-occurring issues such as trauma, substance use, and family conflict. The program emphasizes measurable outcomes, including improvements in emotional regulation, school participation, family functioning, and reduced involvement with the juvenile justice or child welfare systems. Through its holistic and collaborative approach, the CAT program supports sustainable recovery and empowers both youth and their families to build the skills needed for long-term well-being and success.

**Northwest Florida Health Network**, serving as the Managing Entity, oversees a comprehensive system of CAT teams across Northwest Florida. These teams provide intensive, wraparound behavioral health services to children, youth, and families with complex needs, ensuring that support is available across the lifespan. This program provide a continuum of care that prevents out-of-home placements, promotes recovery, and builds resilience.

**Table 24: Northwest Florida Health Network CAT Providers, Youth Served, and Encounters**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>	<b># of Staff members FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Youth Served FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2024-2025</b>
Lakeview	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton	12	333	19,472
Apalachee Center	Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty, Leon, Gadsden, Madison, Taylor, Jefferson	5	169	2,387
Bridgeway Center	Okaloosa	10	82	2,014
Life Management Center	Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf	10	177	20,635

**Table 25: Northwest Florida Health Network CAT Providers, Youth Served, and Encounters**

Provider	Counties Served	# of Staff members FY 2023-2024	# of Youth Served FY 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024
Lakeview	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton	13	286	13,199
Apalachee Center	Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty, Leon, Gadsden, Madison, Taylor, Jefferson	4	173	3,596
Bridgeway Center	Okaloosa	9	66	1,997
Life Management Center	Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf	10	199	16,873

**Table 26: Northwest Florida Health Network CAT Contract Amounts**

Service Provider	Counties Served	Provider Contract FY 2023-2024	Provider Contract FY 2024-2025
Lakeview	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000
Apalachee Center	Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty, Leon, Gadsden, Madison, Taylor, Jefferson	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000
Bridgeway Center	Okaloosa	\$750,000	\$750,000
Life Management Center	Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Bay, Calhoun, Gulf	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000

**Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN)**, serving as the Managing Entity in the Suncoast region, oversees a comprehensive system of CAT teams that deliver intensive, family-centered behavioral health services to children, youth, and families with complex needs.

**Table 27: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network CAT Providers, Staffing, Youth Served, and Encounters**

Provider	Counties Served	Employed Staff FY 2024-2025	Youth Served FY 2024-2025	Number of Encounters FY 2024-2025	Youth Served FY 2023-2024	Number of Encounters FY 2023-2024
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Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services (dba ELEOS)	Pinellas	12	63	3,026	188	6,314
David Lawrence Mental Health Center	Collier	16	70	1,655	81	3,325
BayCare Behavioral Health	Pasco	21	140	5,938	159	25,951
Gracepoint (Mental Health Care, Inc.)	Hillsborough	26	131	2,699	139	16,318,
Charlotte Behavioral Health Care	Charlotte	9	60	1,772	60	7,087
Peace River Center	Polk, Highland, Hardee	15	110	2,061	110	7,974
Centerstone of Florida	Manatee	16	153	2,061	104	4,456
Centerstone of Florida	Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto	14	130	2,009	112	4,110
Centerstone of Florida	Lee	13	84	4,503	74	8,318
Centerstone of Florida	Hendry and Glades	14	133	2,996	87	6,779

Total	156	1,074	28,720	1,114	90,632
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Total contract funding based on negotiated rates with CFBHN for traditional CAT across providers was \$11,625,000 in FY 2024-2025, unchanged from \$11,625,000 in FY 2023-2024.

**Table 27: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network CAT Contract Amounts**

Provider	County/Region	Contract Amounts FY 2023-2024	Contract Amounts FY 2024-2025
Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services (ELEOS)	Pinellas	\$750,000	\$750,000
David Lawrence Mental Health Center	Collier	\$750,000	\$750,000
BayCare Behavioral Health	Pasco	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Gracepoint (Mental Health Care, Inc.)	Hillsborough	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Charlotte Behavioral Health Care	Charlotte	\$750,000	\$750,000
Peace River Center	Polk, Highlands, and Hardee	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Centerstone of Florida	Manatee	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Centerstone of Florida	Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Centerstone of Florida	Lee	\$750,000	\$750,000
Centerstone of Florida	Hendry and Glades	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000

**Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC)** Serving as the Managing Entity for Broward County, BBHC oversees a focused system of CATs that provide intensive, family-centered behavioral health services to youth and families with complex needs. BBHC operates two traditional CAT programs for youth ages 11–21, referred to locally as CAT 1 and CAT 2.

**Table 28: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition CAT Providers, Staffing, Youth Served, Encounters and Contact Amounts**

Provider	Counties Served	# of Staff members FY 2024-2025	# of Youth Served FY 2024-2025	# of Encounters FY 2024-2025	# of Youth Served FY 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024	Contract Amount FY 2024-2025
Memorial Health Systems CAT 1	Broward	9	68	70	86	59	\$750,000

Memorial Health Systems CAT 2	Broward	9	69	78	67	64	\$750,000
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**South Florida Behavioral Health Network dba Thriving Mind South Florida** , as the Managing Entity in the Southern region, oversees Community Action Teams (CAT) across Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. In Miami-Dade County, several providers operate CAT programs under Thriving Mind South Florida.

**Table 29: Thriving Mind CAT Providers, Staffing, Youth Served, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

Service Provider	Counties Served	# of Staff members FY 2024-2025	# of Youth Served FY 2024-2025	# of Encounters FY 2024-2025	# of Youth Served 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024	Provider Contract Amount FY 2024-2025
Community Health of South Florida, Inc.	Miami-Dade	7	46	2,990	45	2,565	\$850,000
Citrus Health Network, Inc. - CAT I	Miami-Dade	8.8	88	4,805	85	4,590	\$783,333
Citrus Health Network, Inc. - CAT III	Miami-Dade	8.8	92	6,385	90	6,300	\$783,333
Citrus Health Network, Inc. - CAT II	Miami-Dade	8.8	86	5,513	85	5,005	\$783,333
Guidance Care Center	Monroe	7.5	71	10,366	56	13,440	\$750,000

**Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.** (LSF Health Systems), serving as the Managing Entity in North and Central Florida, oversees Community Action Teams (CAT) that deliver intensive, family-centered behavioral health services to children, youth, and families with complex needs.

**Table 30: Lutheran Services Florida CAT Providers, Youth Served, Encounters, Contract Amounts**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>	<b>Staff members FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Youth Served FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2024-2025</b>	<b>Contract Amounts FY 2024-2025</b>
BayCare Behavioral Health	Hernando	6.5	68	144	\$750,000
Child Guidance Center	Duval	19	117	4,726	\$1,125,000
Clay Behavioral Health Center	Clay and Putnam	10	100	188	\$1,500,000
Halifax Hospital Medical Center	Volusia and Flagler	4	78	2,298	\$750,000
SMA Healthcare	Marion	8	61	62	\$750,000
St. Augustine Youth Services	St. John	12	64	94	\$750,000
LifeStream Behavioral Center	Citrus/ Hernando and Lake/Sumter	17	145	5,010	\$1,500,000
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	Bradford/Baker/Union/Nassau: Columbia/Hamilton/Lafayette/Suwannee; Gilchrist/Levy/Dixie	21	219	5,870	\$2,250,000
Chrysalis Center, LLC.	Alachua, Levy, Gilchrist, Bradford,	22	125	7,677	\$1,500,000

Union,  
Baker,  
Hamilton,  
Columbia,  
Suwannee,  
Lafayette  
and Dixie

**Table 31: Lutheran Services Florida CAT Providers, Youth Served, Encounters, Contract Amounts**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>	<b>Staff Members FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Youth Served FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>Contract Amounts FY 2023-2024</b>
BayCare Behavioral Health	Hernando	7.5	72	131	\$750,000
Child Guidance Center	Duval	23	95	4,123	\$1,125,000
Clay Behavioral Health Center	Clay and Putnam	18	107	204	\$1,500,000
Halifax Hospital Medical Center	Volusia and Flagler	8.5	79	1,480	\$750,000
SMA Healthcare St.	Marion	7	65	79	\$750,000
Augustine Youth Services	St. John	11	65	3,965	\$750,000
LifeStream Behavioral Center	Citrus/ Hernando and Lake/Sumter	15	132	3,831	\$1,500,000
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	Bradford/Baker/Union/Nassau: Columbia/Hamilton/Lafayette/Suwannee; Gilchrist/Levy/Dixie	21	159	7,193	\$2,250,000

Chrysalis Center, LLC.	Alachua, Levy, Gilchrist, Bradford, Union, Baker, Hamilton, Columbia, Suwannee, Lafayette and Dixie	17	111	6,369	\$1,500,000
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**Central Florida Cares Health System**, serving as the Managing Entity in the Central Florida region, oversees Community Action Teams (CAT) that deliver intensive, family-centered behavioral health services to youth and young adults ages 11–21.

**Table 32: Central Florida Cares Health System CAT Providers, Staff Members, Youth Served, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

Provider	Counties Served	Staff Members FY 2024-2025	Youth Served FY 2024-2025	# of Encounters FY 2024-2025	Contract Amount FY 2024-2025
Aspire Health Partners	Orange, Osceola, Seminole	34	256	16,458	\$3,135,000
Circles of Care	Brevard	22	140	6,135	\$1,541,191

**Table 33: Central Florida Cares Health System CAT Providers, Staff Members, Youth Served, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

Provider	Counties Served	Staff Members FY 2023-2024	Youth Served FY 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024	Contract Amount FY 2023-2024
Aspire Health Partners	Orange, Osceola, Seminole	42	241	71	\$3,635,000
Circles of Care	Brevard	18	131	52	\$1,041,191

**Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN)**, serving as the Managing Entity in the Southeast region, oversees Community Action Teams (CAT) that provide intensive, wraparound behavioral health services to youth and young adults ages 11–21.

**Table 34: Statewide CAT Providers, Youth Served, and Encounters**

Service Provider	# Youth Served FY 2024-2025	# of Encounters FY 2024-2025	# Youth Served FY 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024
Memorial Health Systems (2) Personal	137	20,276	153	18,819
Enrichment dba ELEOS	63	3,026	68	6,314
David Lawrence Mental Health Center, Inc.	70	1,655	81	3,325



BayCare Behavioral Health, Inc.	140	5,938	159	25,951
Mental Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Gracepoint	131	2,699	139	16,318
Charlotte Behavioral Health Care	60	1,772	57	7,087
Peace River Center for Personal Development	110	2,061	110	7,974
Centerstone of Florida (4)	500	11,569	377	23,663
Aspire Health Partners	102	15,599	105	15,902
Circles of Care	256	8,807	241	9,179
Charlotte Behavioral Health Care	60	1,772	57	7,087
BayCare Behavioral Health	68	144	72	131
Child Guidance Center	117	4,726	95	4,123
Clay Behavioral Health Center (2)	100	188	107	204
Halifax Hospital Medical Center	78	2,298	79	1,480
Lifestream Behavioral Center (2)	145	5,010	132	3,831
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare (3)	219	5,870	159	7,193
SMA Healthcare	61	63	65	79
St. Augustine Youth Services	64	94	65	3,965
Chrysalis Center (3)	95	7,677	111	6,369
Lakeview Center (3)	333	19,472	286	13,199
Apalachee Center (3)	169	2,387	173	3,596
Bridgeway	82	2,014	66	1,997
Life Management	177	20,635	199	16,873
Chrysalis	118	10,498	130	9,121

New Horizons of the Treasure Coast	95	6,122	107	7,711
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>162,372</b>	<b>3,393</b>	<b>221,491</b>

**CAT for Children Ages 0-10**

During FY 2022-2023 the Department adapted the traditional Community Action Treatment (CAT) model to create a program for children ages 0–10 to provide intensive, team-based, in-home mental health services designed to support young children and their families who are experiencing significant emotional, behavioral, or developmental challenges. These teams were established in recognition that children are experiencing significant emotional distress at even earlier ages. For example, an analysis of Baker Act data demonstrates an increase in involuntary examinations beginning around age 10. To address this trend, CAT services for younger children is an early intervention children’s teaming model bringing together a multidisciplinary team including licensed clinicians, case managers, behavioral health specialists, and family support workers to deliver individualized, family-centered care directly in the child’s natural environments, such as the home, preschool, or community. The teams are located in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Duval, Volusia, and Palm Beach Counties.

Since the implementation of CAT 0–10, the programs have demonstrated early success in reducing the need for more intensive interventions and keeping children safely in their homes and communities. Families served through these programs report stronger caregiver–child relationships, better emotional regulation in children, and improved family stability. Programs also show positive trends in decreasing unnecessary hospitalizations or out-of-home placements by addressing crises earlier and more effectively.

Recognizing the critical importance of early childhood development, the CAT program for this age group focuses on strengthening caregiver-child relationships, enhancing emotional and behavioral regulation, supporting early learning, addressing trauma and other risk factors that may affect long-term well-being. The team works collaboratively with families to build parenting skills, increase emotional resilience, and reduce the risk of out-of-home placements or more intensive services. By integrating evidence-based practices such as Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), and trauma-informed care, the CAT program aims to promote healthy development, family stability, and long-term success.

**Table 35: Statewide CAT 0-10 Providers, Staffing, Youth Served, Encounters, and Contract Amount**

Service Provider	Counties Served	Staff members FY 2024 - 2025	# of Youth Served FY 2024-25	# of Encounters FY 2024-25	Contract Amount FY 2024 - 2025
Centerstone of Florida	Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto	7	70	6,305	\$670,000
Child Guidance Center	Duval	19	51	1,632	\$375,000
Halifax Hospital Medical Center	Volusia	4.75	26	1,028	\$375,000
Lakeview Center	Escambia, Santa Rosa	10	84	5,757	\$555,000

Chrysalis	Palm Beach	16	39	3,655	\$995,596
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>56.75</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>18,377</b>	<b>\$2,970,596</b>

**Table 36: Statewide CAT 0-10 Providers, Staffing, Youth Served, Encounters, and Contract Amount**

Service Provider	Counties Served	Staff members FY 2023 - 2024	# of Youth Served FY 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024	Contract Amount FY 2023 - 2024
Centerstone of Florida	Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto	11	65	7,008	\$670,000
Child Guidance Center	Duval	23	41	44.5	\$375,000
Halifax Hospital Medical Center	Volusia	5	26	1,262	\$375,000
Lakeview Center	Escambia, Santa Rosa	9	34	2,056	\$555,000
Chrysalis	Palm Beach	10	34	2,910	\$750,000
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>13,280.5</b>	<b>\$2,725,000</b>

**Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Teams**

FFPSA is a federal child welfare reform initiative that aims to shift the focus of care from intervention to prevention by keeping children safely with their families and out of foster care whenever possible. Implemented in Florida through the Department, FFPSA allows the state to use federal Title IV-E funds to provide evidence-based prevention services to families at risk of entering the child welfare system.

Under FFPSA, eligible children and families can access services through a set of approved evidenced based practices to address mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and parenting support needs. These services are designed to stabilize families, reduce the need for out-of-home placements, and promote child safety, permanency, and well-being. The Department implemented an EBP children’s teaming model in FY 2022-2023 by requiring teams to integrate evidence-based practices from the FFPSA clearinghouse such as Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), and trauma-informed care, to promote healthy development, family stability, and long-term success.

By emphasizing prevention, family engagement, and accountability, EBP represents a fundamental shift in child welfare practice prioritizing keeping families together and strengthening their ability to provide safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children.

**Northwest Florida Health Network’s** EBP teams add another layer of prevention in the region by serving families at risk of entering the child welfare dependency system. Families Connect Inc. operated across Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla, Madison, and Taylor counties, employing six staff members in FY 2024-2025 and seven staff members in FY 2023-2024. They had a contract of \$600,000 annually. The Gulf Coast Children’s Advocacy Center operated in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson,

and Washington counties with six staff members in both FY 2024-2025 and FY 2023-2024. They had a contract of \$596,498.93 annually.

**Central Florida Behavioral Health Network’s** EBP programs maintained operational capacity across multiple counties to support families before crises escalate. In Hillsborough County, The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay operated services with six staff in FY 2024-2025 and five staff members in FY 2023-2024. They had a contract of \$600,000 annually.

In Polk, Highlands, and Hardee counties, Heartland for Children operated services with seven staff in both FY 2024-2025 and FY 2023-2024 had a contract of \$600,000 annually. In Pinellas County, Directions for Living operated services with nine staff in FY 2024-2025 and two staff in FY 2023-2024. They had a contract of \$600,000 annually.

**Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network** managed EBP teams in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties. The Drug Abuse Treatment Association operated services with five staff in both FY 2024-2025 and FY 2023-2024. They had a contract of \$450,000 annually. In Palm Beach County, Henderson Behavioral Health Center operated services with five staff in both FY2024-2025 and FY 2023-2024. They had a contract of \$450,000 annually.

**Table 37: Statewide EBP Team Providers, Families Served, and Encounters**

Service Provider	EBP Provided	# of Families Served FY 2024-25	# of Encounters FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served FY 2023-24	# of Encounters FY 2023-24
Henderson Behavioral Health Center	Multisystemic Therapy	158	110	140	153
The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay	Multisystemic Therapy	14	262	17	397
Heartland for Children	Functional Family Therapy	60	732	84	877
Directions for Mental Health, dba Directions for living	Homebuilders	68	2,070	17	334
Bay Area Youth Services	Functional Family Therapy	63	398	44	266
Bethany Christian Services of Florida	Homebuilders	64	460	8	80
Halifax Hospital Medical Center	Multisystemic Therapy	25	431	26	568
Families Connect	Parent Child Interaction Therapy	110	2,828	56	354
Gulf Coast Children	Parent Child Interaction Therapy	82	2,014	66	1,997
Drug Abuse Treatment Assoc	Multisystemic Therapy	47	1,082	48	1,462
Henderson Behavioral Health Center	Multisystemic Therapy	57	2,743	73	3,163
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>748</b>	<b>13,130</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>9,651</b>

## **Family Support Teams**

Family Support Teams (FST) are intensive, multidisciplinary teams designed to provide wraparound services to families with active or imminent child welfare involvement, including those with verified maltreatment or court-ordered oversight. FSTs operate further along the intervention continuum stabilizing children already in the system, preventing placement disruption, and supporting safe reunification when out-of-home care occurs.

FSTs provide individualized in-home and community-based supports tailored to each family's safety concerns and permanency goals. Teams typically includes case managers, licensed clinicians, parent mentors, and other specialists who work collaboratively to address complex challenges such as substance use, mental health needs, parenting barriers, and unsafe living conditions. Using a strengths-based approach, FSTs equip caregivers with practical tools and resources to increase safety, strengthen parenting, and maintain family stability.

By coordinating care, integrating evidence-based services, and ensuring accountability through intensive monitoring, FSTs help reduce repeat maltreatment, accelerate permanency, and improve long-term family functioning. This targeted model plays a critical role in Florida's child welfare system by supporting high-need families already engaged in formal services. This program prevention teams intervene earlier to avert removals.

**Northwest Florida Health Network's** FST provided intensive stabilization services to families in Escambia, Walton, and Okaloosa counties. Operated by Lakeview, the FST program employed six staff members by June 30, 2025. The program was funded at \$362,988.00 annually.

**Central Florida Behavioral Health Network's** FSTs deliver intensive stabilization and case management supports for high-need families. Charlotte Behavioral Health Care launched an FST program in FY 2024-2025 with six staff members. Service intensity remained strong, with some families receiving more 60 encounters annually.

Centerstone of Florida operated FSTs in Lee and Collier counties, employing seven staff in FY 2024-2025, an increase from six staff the prior year. BayCare Behavioral Health managed the Pasco FST program with seven staff. Notably, service intensity increased for a portion of participants, with several families receiving more than 200 service contacts, indicating a higher level of engagement and support for those with greatest needs.

The Florida Center for Early Childhood launched a new FST team in Sarasota County in FY 2024-2025, employing five staff. Service intensity varied based on family need, demonstrating strong engagement and early program impact as the team established operations. Contract funding for FST programs grew in Lee, Collier, and Pasco counties from \$358,712 in FY 2023-2024 to \$508,712 in FY 2024-2025, while new programs in Charlotte and Sarasota were each funded at \$500,000 based on rates negotiated with CFBHN.

**Broward Behavioral Health Coalition's** FSTs added another layer of care for families in Broward County through three behavioral health providers. Harmony operated with three staff; Chrysalis employed four staff in FY 2024-2025 and three in FY 2023- 024. Smith expanded from two staff in FY 2023-2024 to three staff in FY 2024-2025. Each of these three programs received stable annual funding of \$239,140.00, except Smith,

whose contract increased from \$179,354.96 in FY 2023-2024 to full funding in FY 2024-2025, based on sub-contracted rates negotiated with BBHC.

Additionally, Our Children Our Future established an FST team in FY 2024-2025, delivering services for only one quarter. As a result, staffing and full-year service data were not yet available; however, in its initial quarter the program served 12 families with 325 encounters, under a contract of \$59,785.04.

**South Florida Behavioral Health Network dba Thriving Mind South Florida** contracts with Citrus Health Network, Inc. to operate a FST program in Miami-Dade County. This program employed 4.6 staff members in FY 2024-2025, up from 3.5 in FY 2023-2024. Funding for the FST program decreased from \$850,000 in FY 2023-2024 to \$358,710 in FY 2024-2025, resulting from the expiration of non-recurring, one-time funding included in FY 2023-2024 budget. The ongoing funding of \$358,710 continues to support full program operations.

**Table 38: Statewide FST Team Providers, Families Served, and Encounters**

Service Provider	# of Families Served FY 2024-2025	# of Encounters FY 2024-2025	# of Families Served FY 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024
Harmony	44	878	30	586
Chrysalis	35	1,846	33	1,236
Smith	44	1,352	20	651
Our Children Our Future (1 Quarter)	n/a	n/a	12	325
Charlotte Behavioral Health	102	103	Not operational during FY 23-24	Not operational during FY 23-24
Centerstone of Florida	33	1,343	24	1,678
Lakeview Center	188	5,373	202	3,908
BayCare Behavioral Health	28	1,417	37	3,903
The Florida Center for Early Childhood	18	667	Not operational during FY 23-24	Not operational during FY 23-24
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>12,979</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>12,287</b>

**Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)**

FACT teams are an evidence-based practice that provide comprehensive, community-based behavioral health treatment and support to individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness, typically schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. FACT teams' approach to behavioral health intervention is available 24/7 to individuals where they live, work, attend school, or spend their leisure time.

FACT team services are accessed via referrals from multiple sources, including the individual in need of services, a member of their family or their case manager, local crisis stabilization units or Baker Act receiving facilities, or State Mental Health Treatment Facilities (SMHTFs). In state fiscal year 2024–2025, 70 percent of individuals being discharged from an SMHTF and referred to a FACT team were admitted into the program. This highlights the importance of FACT teams to serve as a step-down option for those with severe needs and ensure they meet their needs to live and work in the community.

FACT teams are recovery-oriented, strengths-based, and person-centered. They provide a comprehensive array of services, such as behavioral health therapy; helping find and maintain safe and stable housing; furthering education or gaining employment; assisting with overall health care needs; offering recovery support for co-occurring substance use disorders; developing practical life skills; providing medication oversight and support; and working closely with individuals' families and other natural supports. In alignment with the individual's goals, FACT teams may also assist with competitive employment, when desired and appropriate. FACT teams continuously assess vocational functioning and collaborate with the individual to pursue the goal of competitive employment. They may provide support in developing job skills, job searching, or furthering education to promote sustained employment. In addition, FACT teams assist individuals in accessing essential services such as outpatient medical care, legal representation, and housing. They may also offer financial assistance through enhancement funding, a set-aside exclusively provided by the Department, to help subsidize housing costs or other recovery supports with the goal of supporting long-term stability.

FACT teams are expected to assist individuals served in attaining their recovery goals, thereby enabling the transition to less intensive community services. The team conducts regular assessments of service needs and uses explicit criteria for participant transfer to less intensive service options. Transition is gradual, individualized, and actively involves the participant and the next provider to ensure effective coordination and engagement.

FACT team treatment is based on continuous need and there are no concrete timeframes associated with length of stay; however, services are designed to move individuals toward independence and are not to be considered lifelong services. The team approach to delivering services and lack of service limits make FACT a unique service. In FY 2024-2025, 17 percent of individuals enrolled in FACT team treatment were linked with employment or volunteer opportunities in the community or enrolled in continuing education classes. Additionally, 45 percent of individuals enrolled in FACT team treatment were able to continue living independently. Finally, 98 percent of individuals enrolled in FACT team treatment maintained stable housing.

**Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC)** serves as the Managing Entity for Broward County and oversees a focused system of services for adults with serious mental illness, including a FACT team, an Intermediate Level FACT program (High Acuity Treatment Team), and a Forensic Multidisciplinary Team. This array of services demonstrates a commitment to providing varying levels of care for this population. The FACT and Forensic Multidisciplinary Team are managed by Henderson Behavioral Health, while the Intermediate Level FACT program is managed by Fellowship House.

**Table 39: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health</b>	158	13	8,690	\$855,897
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health</b>	140	14	8,680	\$842,438

**Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN)** serves as the Managing Entity for the following counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota. CFBHN oversees a focused system of services for adults with serious mental illness, including 15 FACT teams and three Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams. This array of services demonstrates a commitment to providing varying levels of care for this population. The FACT teams are managed by BayCare Health System, Boley Centers for Behavioral Health, Centerstone of Florida, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, David Lawrence Center, Gracepoint Wellness, Mental Health Resource Center, Peace River Center, and Suncoast Center. The Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams are managed by Gracepoint Wellness, Peace River Center, and Suncoast Center.

**Table 40: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>BayCare (2 teams)</b>	203	24	9,252	\$1,695,676
<b>Boley Centers</b>	110	9	7,881	\$847,838
<b>Centerstone of Florida (4 teams)</b>	420	41	39,808	\$3,391,352
<b>Charlotte Behavioral Health</b>	102	13	10,440	\$847,838



<b>David Lawrence Center</b>	108	10	44,650	\$847,838
<b>Gracepoint Wellness</b>	92	12	3,941	\$847,838
<b>Mental Health Resource Center (3 teams)</b>	329	30	29,193	\$2,543,514
<b>Peace River Center</b>	104	12	7,798	\$847,838
<b>Suncoast Center</b>	120	11	18,729	\$847,838
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>BayCare (2 teams)</b>	211	23	9,944	\$1,763,908
<b>Boley Centers</b>	96	12	6,022	\$881,954
<b>Centerstone of Florida (4 teams)</b>	432	42	37,592	\$3,527,816
<b>Charlotte Behavioral Health</b>	105	12	10,345	\$881,954
<b>David Lawrence Center</b>	116	11	42,270	\$881,954
<b>Gracepoint Wellness</b>	72	9	1,698	\$881,954
<b>Mental Health Resource Center (3 teams)</b>	318	30	26,705	\$2,645,862
<b>Peace River Center</b>	110	12	6,750	\$881,954
<b>Suncoast Center</b>	119	13	19,997	\$881,954

**Central Florida Cares Health System** serves as the Managing Entity for Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. They oversee a focused system of services for adults with serious mental illness, including three FACT teams managed by Aspire Health Partners and Mental Health Resource Center.

**Table 41: Central Florida Cares Health System FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Aspire Health Partners</b>	109	11	8,938	\$942,002
<b>Mental Health Resource Center (2 teams)</b>	222	20	39,960	\$1,879,665
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Aspire Health Partners</b>	113	14	11,639	\$1,007,156
<b>Mental Health Resource Center (2 teams)</b>	234	22	37,674	\$2,009,972

**Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems** serves as the Managing Entity for Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Lake, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Union, and Volusia counties. They oversee a focused system of services for adults with serious mental illness, including eight FACT teams managed by BayCare Health Systems, LifeStream Behavioral Center, Mental Health Resource Center, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, and Stewart Marchman Act Behavioral Healthcare.

**Table 42: Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
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<b>BayCare</b>	111	11	7,548	\$847,839
<b>LifeStream</b>	61	7	427	\$847,839
<b>Mental Health Resource Center (3 teams)</b>	330	24	34,650	\$2,543,516
<b>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare</b>	83	12	249	\$847,839
<b>SMA (2 teams)</b>	206	22	17,716	\$1,695,677
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>BayCare</b>	86	10	6192	\$881,954.14
<b>LifeStream</b>	77	8	385	\$881,954
<b>Mental Health Resource Center (3 teams)</b>	325	23	26,325	\$2,645,862.42
<b>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare</b>	48	6	96	\$881,954
<b>SMA (2 teams)</b>	204	21	19,788	\$1,615,641

**Northwest Florida Health Network** serves as the Managing Entity for Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties. They oversee a focused system of services for adults with serious mental illness, including four FACT teams managed by Apalachee Center, Lakeview Center, and Life Management Center of Northwest Florida.

**Table 43: Northwest Florida Health Network FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Apalachee Center (2 teams)</b>	100	9	1,000	\$1,695,677
<b>Lakeview Center</b>	108	14	7,020	\$847,839
<b>Life Management Center</b>	145	13	29,725	\$847,839
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Apalachee Center (2 teams)</b>	93	9	1,116	\$1,763,908
<b>Lakeview Center</b>	79	14	5,688	\$881,955
<b>Life Management Center</b>	140	13	25,900	\$881,955

**Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network** serves Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties. They oversee a focused system of services for adults with serious mental illness, including four FACT teams managed by Henderson Behavioral Health and New Horizons of the Treasure Coast.

**Table 44: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health (2 teams)</b>	226	20	28,250	\$1,439,298

<b>New Horizons of the Treasure Coast (2 teams)</b>	246	20	18,450	\$1,952,056
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health (2 teams)</b>	219	23	23,214	\$1,439,298
<b>New Horizons of the Treasure Coast (2 teams)</b>	148	15	17,760	\$2,088,519

**South Florida Behavioral Health Network dba Thriving Mind South Florida** serves at the Managing Entity to Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. They oversee a focused system of services for adults with serious mental illness, including four FACT teams managed by Citrus Health Network, Fellowship House, and New Horizons Community Mental Health Center.

**Table 45: Thriving Mind South Florida FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Citrus Health Network (2 teams)</b>	202	13	98,374	\$2,070,401
<b>Fellowship House (2 teams)</b>	160	20	47,200	\$3,051,262
<b>New Horizons Community Health Center</b>	86	12	5,418	\$1,200,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>

<b>Citrus Health Network (2 teams)</b>	212	28	122,112	\$1,920,285
<b>Fellowship House (2 teams)</b>	137	20	26,304	\$2,507,042
<b>New Horizons Community Health Center</b>	0	0	0	0

**Table 46: Statewide FACT Team Providers, Persons Served, and Encounters**

<b>Managing Entity</b>	<b>Service Provider</b>	<b># of Persons Served FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2023-2024</b>
<b>BBHC</b>	Henderson Behavioral Health	158	8,690	140	8,680
<b>CFBHN</b>	BayCare (2 teams)	203	9,252	211	9,944
<b>CFBHN</b>	Boley Centers	110	7,881	96	6,022
<b>CFBHN</b>	Centerstone of Florida (4 teams)	420	39,808	432	37,592
<b>CFBHN</b>	Charlotte Behavioral Health	102	10,440	105	10,345
<b>CFBHN</b>	David Lawrence Center	108	44,650	116	42,270
<b>CFBHN</b>	Gracepoint Wellness	92	3,941	72	1,698
<b>CFBHN</b>	Mental Health Resource Center (3 teams)	329	29,193	318	26,705
<b>CFBHN</b>	Peace River Center	104	7,798	110	6,750
<b>CFBHN</b>	Suncoast Center	120	18,729	119	19,997
<b>CFC</b>	Aspire Health Partners	109	8,938	113	11,639
<b>CFC</b>	Mental Health Resource Center (2 teams)	222	39,960	234	37,674
<b>LSFHS</b>	BayCare	111	7,548	86	6192
<b>LSFHS</b>	LifeStream	61	427	77	385
<b>LSFHS</b>	Mental Health Resource Center	330	34,650	325	26,325

	(3 teams)				
<b>LSFHS</b>	Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	83	249	48	96
<b>LSFHS</b>	SMA (2 teams)	206	17,671	204	19,788
<b>NWFHN</b>	Apalachee Center (2 teams)	100	1,000	93	1,116
<b>NWFHN</b>	Lakeview Center	108	7,020	79	5,688
<b>NWFHN</b>	Life Management Center	145	29,725	140	25,900
<b>SEFBHN</b>	Henderson Behavioral Health (2 teams)	226	28,250	219	23,124
<b>SEFBHN</b>	New Horizons of the Treasure Coast (2 teams)	246	18,450	148	17,760
<b>SFBHN</b>	Citrus Health (2 teams)	202	98,374	212	122,112
<b>SFBHN</b>	Fellowship House (2 teams)	160	47,200	137	26,304
<b>SFBHN</b>	New Horizons Community Mental Health Center <sup>2</sup>	86	5,418	0	0
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>39 FACT Teams<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>525,262</b>	<b>3,834</b>	<b>494,106</b>

**Intermediate Level FACT** is an adaptation of the evidence-based Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model that operates as a lower level of care, or a step-down service, for individuals who meet the Department's high utilization criteria. Individuals meeting this criterion require an intensive array of services to prevent recurring admissions to acute care environments or residential treatment. Intermediate Level FACT provides community-based behavioral health treatment and support to adults diagnosed with serious mental illness (SMI). It may also support individuals who no longer require the intensity of traditional FACT team services but need support transitioning to less intensive community-based care. Currently four Intermediate Level FACT programs serve Broward, Columbia, Duval, Escambia, and Santa Rosa counties.

Intermediate Level FACT offers treatment and support to participants where they live or in an office setting, whichever is determined to be clinically appropriate, and includes an after-hours on-call system to provide crisis intervention and support. Services utilize a multidisciplinary approach to mental health intervention necessary to help participants achieve and maintain rehabilitative, resiliency, and recovery goals. Intermediate Level FACT is a clinical case management model that provides medical services,

<sup>2</sup> South Florida Behavioral Health Network transitioned the contract for a FACT team provider in Miami-Dade County from Citrus Health Network to New Horizons Community Mental Health Center beginning Quarter 3 of FY 2024-2025.

<sup>3</sup> 40 FACT teams are listed on the table because both Citrus Health Network and New Horizons Community Mental Health Center operated within fiscal year 2024-2025.

wellness management, and recovery support. Clinical case management and recovery support promote continuity of care and ease of service access until a full transition to community-based care is optimal.

Intermediate Level FACT services include education and counseling for the participants' families and other support systems to enhance community stability and promote recovery. Additionally, the team supports individual vocational and educational goals aimed at achieving and sustaining competitive employment. The overall goal of Intermediate Level FACT is to foster increased independence in key areas such as money management, access to outpatient medical care, use of transportation, and helping participants maintain stability and thrive within the community.

**Table 47: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition Intermediate Level FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Fellowship House</b>	58	6	3,944	\$935,176
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Fellowship House</b>	45	5	3,645	\$954,294

**Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems'** two Intermediate Level FACT teams add a critical layer of care for adults with serious mental illness and a step down from more intensive services.

**Table 48: Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems Intermediate Level FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Mental Health Resource Center</b>	65	3	2,925	\$1,000,000
<b>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare</b>	102	10.5	1,836	\$1,000,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>



<b>Mental Health Resource Center</b>	65	4	2,860	\$1,000,000
<b>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare</b>	56	10	2,408	\$1,000,000

Northwest Florida Health Network’s Intermediate Level FACT program, or LEAP Team with Lakeview Center, adds an important step down from more intensive services for adults with serious mental illness.

**Table 49: Northwest Florida Health Network Intermediate Level FACT Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
Lakeview Center	188	7	5,452	\$770,480
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
Lakeview Center	202	8	4,040	\$770,480

**Table 50: Statewide Intermediate Level FACT Team Providers, Persons Served, and Encounters**

<b>Managing Entity</b>	<b>Service Provider</b>	<b># of Persons Served FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2023-2024</b>
<b>BBHC</b>	Fellowship House	58	3,944	45	3,645
<b>LSFHS</b>	Mental Health Resource Center	65	2,925	65	2,860
<b>LSFHS</b>	Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	102	1,836	56	2,408
<b>NWFHN</b>	Lakeview Center	188	5,452	202	4,040
<b>Statewide</b>	4 Intermediate Level FACT Programs	413	14,157	368	12,953

**Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams**

Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams are an adaptation of the evidence-based Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model that provides community-based behavioral health treatment and support to adults diagnosed with serious mental illness and criminal justice involvement. The focus of Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams is to divert eligible individuals from commitment to Forensic State Mental Health

Treatment Facilities and other residential forensic programs. Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams employ a multidisciplinary approach to behavioral health, care coordination, and information sharing across the criminal justice and mental health systems. Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams are available 24/7.

Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams provide a comprehensive array of services, such as helping find and maintain safe and stable housing; furthering education or gaining employment; assisting with overall health care needs; providing support for co-occurring substance use disorders; developing practical life skills; providing medication oversight and support; and working closely with individuals' families and other natural supports. Services must comply with each enrollee's court order and are primarily provided in out-of-office settings.

**Table 51: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health</b>	75	9	6,525	\$652,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health</b>	68	9	6,936	\$807,726

**Table 52: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Gracepoint Wellness</b>	115	8	2,300	\$652,000
<b>Peace River Center</b>	67	8	7,638	\$652,000
<b>Suncoast Center</b>	95	6	7,315	\$652,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>

<b>Gracepoint Wellness</b>	121	8	2,178	\$652,000
<b>Peace River Center</b>	36	7	4,032	\$652,000
<b>Suncoast Center</b>	49	6	5,831	\$652,000

**Table 53: Central Florida Cares Health System Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
Circles of Care	68	7	4,556	\$652,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
Circles of Care	59	6	2,360	\$652,000

**Table 54: Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
Mental Health Resource Center (2 teams)	85	8	32,895	\$1,304,000
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare (3 teams)	397	18	32,544	\$1,956,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>

<b>Mental Health Resource Center (2 teams)</b>	85	6	23,545	\$1,304,000
<b>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare (3 teams)</b>	298	14	10,430	\$1,956,000

**Table 55: Northwest Florida Health Network Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Life Management Center</b>	73	4	4,088	\$700,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Life Management Center</b>	79	4	4,108	\$700,000

**Table 56: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Networks Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Persons Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>The Research Network Foundation</b>	13	0*	572	\$250,542
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health</b>	26	5	2,678	\$428,442
<b>South County Mental Health Center</b>	3	3	39	\$280,894

Service Provider FY 2023-2024	# of Persons Served	# of Staff Employed	# of Encounters	Sub-contract Rate
The Research Network Foundation	24	4	3,744	\$652,000
Henderson Behavioral Health	18	7	2,970	\$650,000
South County Mental Health Center	Not contracted to provide this service in FY 2023-2024	-	-	-

*\*FTE count is reflective of point-in-time data*

**Table 57: South Florida Behavioral Health Network dba Thriving Mind South Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

Service Provider FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served	# of Staff Employed	# of Encounters	Sub-contract Rate
Fellowship House	50	7	6,600	\$1,042,217
Service Provider FY 2023-2024	# of Persons Served	# of Staff Employed	# of Encounters	Sub-contract Rate
Fellowship House	55	7	5,995	\$1,102,399

**Table 58: Statewide Forensic Multidisciplinary Team Providers, Persons Served, and Encounters**

Managing Entity	Service Provider	# of Persons Served FY 2024-2025	# of Encounters FY 2024-2025	# of Persons Served FY 2023-2024	# of Encounters FY 2023-2024
BBHC	Henderson Behavioral Health	75	6,525	68	6,936
CFBHN	Gracepoint Wellness	115	2,300	121	2,178
CFBHN	Peace River Center	67	7,638	36	4,032
CFBHN	Suncoast Center	95	7,315	49	5,831

<b>CFC</b>	Circles of Care	68	4,556	59	2,360
<b>LSFHS</b>	Mental Health Resource Center (2 teams)	85	32,895	85	23,545
<b>LSFHS</b>	Meridian Behavioral Healthcare (3 teams)	397	32,544	298	10,430
<b>NWFHN</b>	Life Management Center	73	4,088	79	4,108
<b>SEFBHN</b>	The Recovery Research Network Foundation	13	572	24	3,744
<b>SEFBHN</b>	Henderson Behavioral Health	26	2,678	18	2,970
<b>SEFBHN</b>	South County Mental Health Center	3	39	0	0
<b>SFBHN</b>	Fellowship House	50	6,600	55	5,995
<b>Statewide</b>	15 Forensic Multidisciplinary Teams	1,067	107,750	892	72,129

**Family Intensive Treatment (FIT) Teams**

The FIT team model is an evidence-informed practice that provides community-based behavioral health treatment and support to families with child welfare involvement and parental substance use disorder. FIT teams employ a multidisciplinary approach to behavioral health intervention within the overall system of care. They provide early identification and coordination, as well as support to families through navigation of the child welfare and treatment processes.

FIT teams focus on families with at least one child in the home under the age of 10. A key component of the model’s success is the collaboration among the child welfare, judicial, and behavioral health systems. They develop a safe, nurturing, and stable living situation for children as quickly and responsibly as possible.

FIT teams provide a comprehensive array of services, such as evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders, evidence-based parenting interventions, and therapeutic treatment (individual, group, and family therapy) for all family members. In FY2024-25, the most diagnosed substance use disorder of parents served by FIT teams was opioid use disorder. The average length of stay for parents who completed treatment was approximately eight months. Additionally, of those that successfully completed treatment, 98 percent of families had stable housing and 90 percent of parents had stable employment at discharge.

**Table 59: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition FIT Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
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<b>The Village South</b>	79	9	14,536	\$800,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>The Village South</b>	75	9	11,250	\$800,000

**Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN)** oversees a focused system of services for families involved in child welfare and affected by parental substance use disorder, including eight FIT teams and two Family Well-being Treatment programs. This array of services demonstrates a commitment to providing varying levels of care for this population. The FIT teams are managed by BayCare Health System, Centerstone of Florida, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, Directions for Living, IBIS Healthcare, and Peace River Center. The Family Well-being Treatment programs (FIT Lite) are managed by Centerstone of Florida and IBIS Healthcare.

**Table 60: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network FIT Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>BayCare Health</b>	160	17	20,000	\$1,554,513
<b>Centerstone of Florida (2 teams)</b>	169	15	15,717	\$1,290,000
<b>Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (2 teams)</b>	16	142	11,360	\$1,125,475
<b>Directions for Living</b>	16	57	5,529	\$600,000
<b>IBIS Healthcare</b>	13	95	9,120	\$900,000
<b>Peace River Center</b>	8	49	2,793	\$473,996

<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>BayCare Health</b>	189	20	27,027	\$1,554,513
<b>Centerstone of Florida (2 teams)</b>	19	130	9,230	\$1,290,000
<b>Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (2 teams)</b>	17	122	8,296	\$1,125,475
<b>Directions for Living</b>	15	70	6,230	\$600,000
<b>IBIS Healthcare</b>	16	96	9,984	\$900,000
<b>Peace River Center</b>	8	50	3,600	\$473,996

**Central Florida Cares Health System** oversees a focused system of services for families involved in child welfare and affected by parental substance use disorder. The FIT team and Family Well-being Treatment program (Dependency Outpatient Treatment Team) are managed by Aspire Health Partners. This array of services demonstrates a commitment to providing varying levels of care for this population.

**Table 61: Central Florida Cares Health System FIT Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Aspire Health Partners</b>	69	5	6,831	\$1,062,187
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Aspire Health Partners</b>	80	10	10,080	\$1,241,932



**Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems** oversees a focused system of services for families involved in child welfare and affected by parental substance use disorder, including eight FIT teams and one Family Well-being Treatment program. This array of services demonstrates a commitment to providing varying levels of care for this population. The FIT teams are managed by BayCare Health System, Children’s Home Society of Florida, EPIC Community Services, Gateway Community Services, LifeStream Behavioral Center, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, and SMA Healthcare. The Family Well-being Treatment program is managed by Inspire to Rise.

**Table 62: Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems FIT Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>BayCare Health System</b>	42	6	8,610	\$309,958
<b>Children’s Home Society of Florida (3 teams)</b>	42	13	3,570	\$858,279
<b>EPIC Community Services</b>	34	4	576	\$295,000
<b>Gateway Community Services</b>	44	5	5,192	\$295,000
<b>LifeStream Behavioral Center</b>	46	3	1,104	\$253,286
<b>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare</b>	5	2	850	\$303,326
<b>SMA Healthcare</b>	73	4	9,709	\$476,764
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>BayCare Health System</b>	43	5	7,869	\$309,958

<b>Children’s Home Society of Florida (3 teams)</b>	63	9	3,969	\$800,000
<b>EPIC Community Services</b>	33	5	1,254	\$295,000
<b>Gateway Community Services</b>	41	5	5,822	\$295,000
<b>LifeStream Behavioral Center</b>	47	3	1,034	\$253,286
<b>Meridian Behavioral Healthcare</b>	16	1	960	\$303,326
<b>SMA Healthcare</b>	72	4	7,920	\$476,764

**Northwest Florida Health Network** oversees a focused system of services for families involved in child welfare and affected by parental substance use disorder, including three FIT teams managed by DISC Village, Lakeview Center, and Life Management Center of Northwest Florida.

**Table 63: Northwest Florida Health Network FIT Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>DISC Village</b>	61	14	4,270	\$855,000
<b>Lakeview Center</b>	263	11	7,890	\$1,085,000
<b>Life Management Center of Northwest Florida</b>	101	6	8,888	\$841,002
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>

<b>DISC Village</b>	72	12	5,040	\$855,000
<b>Lakeview Center</b>	265	11	6,890	\$1,085,000
<b>Life Management Center of Northwest Florida</b>	115	7	9,545	\$841,002

**Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network** oversees a focused system of services for families involved in child welfare and affected by parental substance use disorder, including four FIT teams managed by Counseling and Recovery Center and Henderson Behavioral Health.

**Table 64: Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network FIT Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Counseling and Recovery Center (2 teams)</b>	66	8	5,082	\$1,200,000
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health (2 teams)</b>	82	9	11,152	\$1,200,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Counseling and Recovery Center (2 teams)</b>	82	9	4,592	\$1,200,000
<b>Henderson Behavioral Health (2 teams)</b>	68	8	9,792	\$1,200,000

**South Florida Behavioral Health Network dba Thriving Mind South Florida** serves Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. They oversee a focused system of services for families involved in child welfare and affected by parental substance use disorder, including two FIT teams managed by Guidance Care Center and The Village South.

**Table 65: South Florida Behavioral Health Network dba Thriving Mind South Florida FIT Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
Guidance Care Center	28	2.25	2,884	\$200,000
The Village South	73	12	11,680	\$1,033,188
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
Guidance Care Center	17	2.25	1,615	\$200,000
The Village South	97	12	12,610	\$1,033,188

**Table 66: Statewide FIT Team Providers, Families Served, and Encounters**

<b>Managing Entity</b>	<b>Service Provider</b>	<b># of Families Served FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2023-2024</b>
BBHC	The Village South	79	14,536	75	11,250
CFBHN	BayCare Health	160	20,000	189	27,027
CFBHN	Centerstone of Florida (2 teams)	169	15,717	130	9,230
CFBHN	Charlotte Behavioral (2 teams)	142	11,360	122	8,296
CFBHN	Directions for Living	57	5,529	70	6,230
CFBHN	IBIS Healthcare	95	9,120	96	9,984
CFBHN	Peace River Center	49	2,793	50	3,600
CFC	Aspire Health Partners	69	6,831	80	10,080
LSFHS	BayCare	42	8,610	43	7,869
LSFHS	Children's Home Society (3 teams)	42	3,570	59	3,969
LSFHS	EPIC Community Services	34	576	33	1,254

<b>LSFHS</b>	Gateway Community Services	44	5,192	41	5,822
<b>LSFHS</b>	LifeStream	46	1,104	47	1,034
<b>LSFHS</b>	Meridian Behavioral Healthcare <sup>4</sup>	5	850	16	960
<b>LSFHS</b>	SMA Healthcare	73	9,709	72	7,920
<b>NWFHN</b>	DISC Village	61	4,270	72	5,040
<b>NWFHN</b>	Lakeview Center	263	7,890	265	689
<b>NWFHN</b>	Life Management Center	101	8,888	115	9,545
<b>SEBHN</b>	Counseling and Recovery Center (2 teams)	66	5,082	82	4,592
<b>SEBHN</b>	Henderson Behavioral Health (2 teams)	82	11,152	68	9,792
<b>SFBHN</b>	Guidance Care Center	28	2,884	17	1,615
<b>SFBHN</b>	The Village South	73	11,680	97	12,610
<b>Statewide</b>	28 FIT Teams	1,780	167,343	1,839	158,408

**Family Well-being Treatment teams** are an adaptation of the Family Intensive Treatment (FIT) team model. Unlike the FIT team model, Family Well-being Treatment teams allow for flexibility with eligibility and approach. Family Well-being Treatment teams provide community-based behavioral health treatment and support to families with child welfare involvement and concerns of parental mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders that are unmanaged or undiagnosed. Family Well-being Treatment teams employ a multidisciplinary approach to behavioral health intervention within the overall system of care that provides early identification and coordination of timely access to services by identifying family-driven pathways to recovery. Family Well-being Treatment teams provide a comprehensive array of services, such as evidence-based treatment for mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders to prevent the need for entry into the child welfare system.

**Table 67: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network Family Well-being Treatment Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Centerstone of Florida</b>	152	12	5,928	\$750,000
<b>IBIS Healthcare</b>	20	7	1,180	\$400,000

<sup>4</sup> Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems transitioned the contract for a FIT team provider in Alachua County from Meridian Behavioral Healthcare to Children’s Home Society of Florida beginning in FY 2024-2025.

<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Centerstone of Florida</b>	46	9	2,622	\$750,000
<b>IBIS Healthcare</b>	44	6	4,400	\$400,000

**Table 68: Central Florida Cares Health System Family Well-being Treatment Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Aspire Health Partners</b>	86	5	2,838	\$645,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Aspire Health Partners</b>	82	9	4,264	\$645,000

**Table 69: Lutheran Services of Florida Health Systems Family Well-being Treatment Team Providers, Families Served, Staff Employed, Encounters, and Contract Amounts**

<b>Service Provider FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Inspire to Rise</b>	42	6	2,394	\$400,000
<b>Service Provider FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Families Served</b>	<b># of Staff Employed</b>	<b># of Encounters</b>	<b>Sub-contract Rate</b>
<b>Inspire to Rise</b>	35	6	2,240	\$400,000

**Table 70: Statewide Family Well-being Treatment Team Providers, Families Served, and Encounters**

<b>Managing Entity</b>	<b>Service Provider</b>	<b># of Families Served FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2024-2025</b>	<b># of Families Served FY 2023-2024</b>	<b># of Encounters FY 2023-2024</b>
<b>CFBHN</b>	Centerstone of Florida	152	5,928	46	2,622
<b>CFBHN</b>	IBIS Healthcare	20	1,180	44	4,400
<b>CFC</b>	Aspire Health Partners	86	2,838	82	4,264
<b>LSFHS</b>	Inspire to Rise	42	2,394	35	2,240
<b>Statewide</b>	4 Family Well-being Treatment Programs	300	12,340	207	13,526

## APPENDIX

### A. Data Sources

1. FASAMS extract
2. Managing Entity monthly and quarterly reports
3. Legislative Report MDT Data Report template

### B. Definitions

1. Encounters: discreet documented interaction between a patient and a provider for services like assessments, case management treatment, consultation, and preventative care. Encounters encompass various interactions, such as face-to-face/telehealth visits, telephone calls, and home visits.
2. Multidisciplinary teams: a group of professionals from diverse fields who collaborate to achieve a common goal. These teams share decision-making, have clearly defined goals, integrate diverse perspectives, and focus on holistic, comprehensive, and coordinated approaches. This holistic approach often transcends individual disciplines, leading to better outcomes and increased innovation.
3. Recurring funding: An appropriation that is intended to continue year after year to cover ongoing programs, established in the General Appropriations Act (budget) and provides a stable, multi-year financial commitment for a specific purpose.
4. Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED): a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder in children and adolescents (under the age of 18) that results in substantial impairment in family life, school performance, or community functioning.
5. Serious Mental Illness (SMI): A clinical term used to describe a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that significantly interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.
6. Total individuals served: number of unique people who have received services, care, or support during a specific timeframe. The totals are based on the Department's data collected by the Managing Entities and their contracted community behavioral health providers as of August 15, 2025. The totals reported by the community behavioral health providers may differ on the reported based on when data is accessed because of ongoing data entry and/or updates, data corrections, or retroactive data reporting.