

The mission of the Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) is to provide crisis assessment, intervention, and stabilization services to children and their families referred to Harford County Department of Social Services. We work to reduce psychiatric hospital admissions, avert visits to the emergency department, and avoid disruptions to the child's school or placement by stabilizing crisis in the most normal settings for the youth. The goal is to provide outreach, advocacy and referral while engaging community resources and support to enhance coping skills and empower consumers to resolve crisis and potentially prevent future crisis.

Children are assessed for a wide range of behavioral health problems to determine the appropriate level of care. These may include depression, uncontrollable behaviors, suicidal statements or gestures, psychotic symptoms, or any behavioral health-related problem that may cause an acute disruption in the child's functioning.

OUR APPROACH TO TREATMENT

Children with behavioral health issues should have access to a coordinated system of services that address their physical, emotional, social, and educational needs. We believe that children should receive services within the least restrictive, most normative environment that is clinically appropriate.

- The family and surrogate families of children served by CSP should be full participants in all aspects of the planning and delivery of services.
- The rights of all children and youth with behavioral health disorders should be promoted.
- Children and families should receive services without regard to race, religion, national origin, sex, physical disability, or other characteristics, and services should be sensitive and responsive to cultural differences and special needs.

We are equipped to help children who may be experiencing one or more of the following:

- School suspension
- Medication issues
- Depression
- Suicidal ideation
- Psychotic symptoms
- Uncontrollable behavioral problems
- Risk of losing foster care placement

OUR STAFF

Our staff are experienced mental health clinicians who specialize in providing assessment and crisis intervention. The staff work in pairs when in the community or independently when working in secure locations.

HOURS

The Crisis Stabilization Program provides services during office hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Crisis counselors also provide on-call, 24 hour-a-day coverage for evenings, nights, and weekends.

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