

MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

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Expansion of Mobile Crisis

- Beginning in January of 2023, Mobile Crisis expanded to provide faceto-face responses 24/7/365
 - Previous mobile hours were 6 a.m. 10 p.m. during the week and 1 p.m. 10 p.m. on weekends
- Between January and June of 2023, 75% of calls during expanded hours came in between 10 p.m. and midnight, and from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the weekends
- During the expanded hours, 70% of calls come from youth/families, and 23% come from Emergency Departments



Call and Episode Volume Over Time



^{*}Includes calls that came in during expanded hours beginning in January

- In FY2023, there were 16,322 calls to 211 and 12,427 episodes of care for Mobile Crisis.
- Call and episode volume both decreased 7% compared to FY2022, when volume had started increasing towards pre-pandemic levels.
- There were 11,996 episodes of care during the traditional Mobile Crisis hours, and 431 episodes of care during the expanded hours that began in January



Mobile Crisis Episodes per 1,000 Children by Town - FY2023



Statewide Referral Sources



- Schools continue to be the highest referral source again after decreasing during the height of the pandemic
- Self/family and emergency department referrals have remained fairly stable as a proportion of overall referrals

Top EDs Referring to Mobile Crisis



Number of Referrals to Mobile Crisis



- FY2023 data includes referrals during the expanded hours, where EDs tend to make up about a quarter of all referrals.
- CCMC referrals dropped by 19% compared to FY2022, while referrals from St. Mary's increased by 67%
 - CCMC continues to be the highest referrer to Mobile Crisis
- Yale referred at a similar rate to last year, and continues refer more than they did during the height of the pandemic.

Age of Children Served Statewide



 During this year, there continued to be an increase in the portion of children served who were 8 and under, and a decrease in the portion of oldest group of children (ages 16+).



Sex of Children Served Statewide



- Similar to the previous two years, the majority of children served in FY2023 were female
- Pre-pandemic, males had consistently been served more than females
- The gap between the two groups is decreasing compared to the initial shift in FY2021

Race and Ethnicity of Children Served Statewide



- The race and ethnicity of children served in FY2023 was consistent with FY2022.
- Mobile Crisis continues to serve Black and Hispanic children at rates higher than the CT population, and White children at lower rates.
- The percentage of children whose race/ethnicity was not reported has continued to decline, after being at 12% in FY2021.

Black or African American Non-Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Other Non-Hispanic Hispanic-Any Race Hultiracial Unable to report



Mobility Rate



FY2023



Statewide Mobility Rate Over Time

- All six service areas exceeded the 90% mobility benchmark in FY2023.
- Mobility increased compared to last year, which had seen the lowest statewide mobility rate.



Response Time Under 45 Minutes



FY2023



Statewide 45 Minute Response Rate Over Time

- 84.8% of mobile episodes received a response within 45 minutes, an increase after the 80% benchmark was not met last year
- Five of the six regions met the 80% benchmark, with three of the six responding to over 90% of mobile episodes within 45 minutes.

FY2022 Percent of Mobile Responses Under 45 Minutes by Town



FY2023 Percent of Mobile Responses Under 45 Minutes by Town



Top Six Primary Presenting Problems



- Harm/Risk of Harm to Self was the most common presenting problem this year, continuing to increase since a dip in FY21
- Disruptive behavior has declined slightly since last year
- The percent of episodes serving youth with depression has continued to decrease after peaking in FY21

Improving Access, Quality, and Outcomes

- Quarterly site visits between CHDI and each provider to review data and set goals
- Provider outreach to the community 125 formal outreaches completed in FY2023
- Expanded equity work
 - CHDI is expanding analysis of Mobile Crisis performance measures by demographic groups to identify potential disparities, and is working to incorporate more equity data into routine reporting.
 - Statewide equity goal for FY2024: CHDI, DCF, and providers will review providerspecific equity data on a quarterly basis and set goals with equity in mind.
 - After a year spent getting providers comfortable using this data regularly, the goal can be adjusted to address any specific trends.