

CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTERS (CCBHC'S)

Background

Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs) are divided into two categories: CCBHC expansion grantees and state-certified CCBHCs. In Florida, there are currently 23 established expansion grantees. The main distinction between these two categories is funding and long-term sustainability.

Grantees are not considered "certified" programs and receive limited funding of \$4M over 4 years. While, state-certified centers receive secured ongoing Medicaid reimbursement, providing a stable financial foundation that allows for continued comprehensive and integrated behavioral health services.

Benefits

CCBHCs offer 24/7 wraparound services to assist in stabilizing those experiencing a mental health crisis in welcoming and cost-effective settings. It is a working continuum of care by meeting the patient where they are and streamlining their care from the hospital to crisis services/centers and inserting follow-up care. This results in fewer patients entering the revolving door of the emergency department.

CCBHCs are not intended to supplant existing community crisis response teams but act as an addition. Crisis teams like mobile response teams (MRTs) can be delivered directly by a CCBHC or partnering organization.

Legislation

CCBHC sustainability and expansion efforts are fundamental to building the capacity of CCBHCs to provide greater access, improved care coordination, and center equity for vulnerable populations across the state.

To expand the CCBHC model it's imperative that the state Legislature and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) make intentional efforts to implement a state plan to allocate a prospective payment plan that incorporates appropriate Medicaid reimbursement.

This will signify a step toward providing integrated, comprehensive care for the 62% of children who do not receive treatment in Florida, addressing workforce challenges, and promoting equitable access to services in communities to address the 63% of adults not receiving treatment in the last year in the state alone.

FHA supports the expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs), targeted investments in integrated care models, and policies that support the behavioral health workforce.

CCBHC's National Impact

72%

Reduction in Hospitalization

40.7%

Reduction in Homelessness

60.3%

Less Time in Jails

53%

Of clients who reported improvement in overall health within 6 months

11,240

Staff hired across all active CCBHCs



Support the Expansion of CCBHC's

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