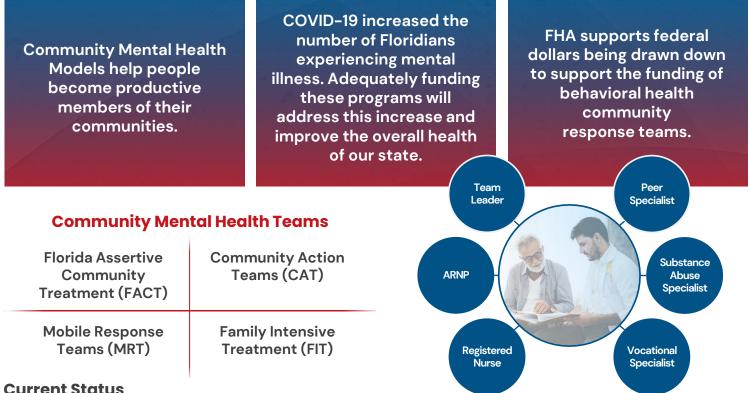
## COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH



Expanding Florida's commitment to the Community Mental Health model will help secure crucial behavioral health treatment for Floridians who need it most. Florida currently ranks 42<sup>nd</sup> in the U.S. with a behavioral health patient-to-provider ratio of 550:1.

Eliminating barriers to appropriate behavioral health treatment makes Florida a healthier place to live. The Florida Hospital Association advocates for policies that improve access to the right care, in the right setting, at the right time. FHA supports the expansion of Florida's Community Mental Health Models, which improve overall health care outcomes and reduce costs.



## **Current Status**

In 2022, the Florida Legislature allocated \$126 million non-recurring to the Department of Children & Families, for the expansion of statewide community mental health services. The Department must submit a detailed spending plan to outline how the funds will be distributed among the behavioral health service team. On August 10, 2022, DCF submitted the first budget amendment requesting \$104 million of the allocated \$126 million.



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