

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 42nd 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.**

Community Mental Health Models help people become productive members of their communities.

COVID-19 increased the number of Floridians experiencing mental illness. Adequately funding these programs will address this increase and improve the overall health of our state.

FHA supports federal dollars being drawn down to support the funding of behavioral health community response teams.

Community Mental Health Teams

Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)

Community Action Teams (CAT)

Mobile Response Teams (MRT)

Family Intensive Treatment (FIT)



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.



Support Community Mental Health Models in the 2023 State Budget

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