



2025 PUBLIC POLICY PLATFORM

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1 Adult & Child
603 E. Washington St. – 9th Floor, Indianapolis IN 46204
Designated in: **MARION, JOHNSON**



2 Aspire Indiana Health, Inc.
9615 E. 148th St., Noblesville, IN 46060
Designated in: **BOONE, HAMILTON, MADISON, MARION**
Also serving: **GRANT**



3 Bowen Health
2621 E Jefferson St, Warsaw, IN 46580
Designated in: **HUNTINGTON, KOSCIUSKO, MARSHALL, WABASH, WHITLEY**
Also serving: **ALLEN, DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN**



4 Centerstone of Indiana, Inc.
645 S. Rogers Street, Bloomington, IN 47403
Designated in: **BARTHOLOMEW, BROWN, DECATUR, FAYETTE, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, LAWRENCE, MONROE, MORGAN, OWEN, RANDOLPH, RUSH, UNION, WAYNE**
Also serving: **CLARK, DELAWARE, HENRY, JOHNSON, MARION, PUTNAM, SCOTT**



5 Community Fairbanks Behavioral Health
8180 Clearvista Pkwy, Indianapolis, IN 46256
Designated in: **MARION, HANCOCK, SHELBY**
Also serving: **MADISON, JOHNSON**



6 Community Fairbanks Behavioral Health – Howard
322 N. Main St, Kokomo, IN 46901
Designated in: **CLINTON, HOWARD, TIPTON**



7 Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.
6655 East US 36, Avon IN 46123
Designated in: **HENDRICKS, PUTNAM**
Also serving: **BOONE, MONTGOMERY, MARION**



8 Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Inc.
1100 West Sixth Avenue, Gary IN 46402
Designated in: **LAKE** Also serving: **PORTER, LA PORTE**



9 Family Health Center
515 Bayou Street, Vincennes IN 47591
Designated in: **DAVISS, KNOX, MARTIN, PIKE**



10 4C Health 401 E. 8th Street, Rochester, IN 46975
Designated in: **CASS, FULTON, MIAMI, PULASKI**
Also serving: **CARROLL, CLINTON, GRANT, MARSHALL, TIPPECANOE, WABASH, HOWARD, TIPTON, WHITE**



11 Hamilton Center, Inc.
620 Eighth Avenue, Terre Haute IN 47804
Designated in: **CLAY, GREENE, PARKE, SULLIVAN, VERMILION, VIGO**
Also serving: **HENDRICKS, MARION, OWEN, PUTNAM**



12 INcompass Healthcare
285 Bielby Road, Lawrenceburg IN 47025
Designated in: **DEARBORN, FRANKLIN, OHIO, RIPLEY, SWITZERLAND** Also serving: **DECATUR, FAYETTE, HENRY, JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, RUSH, SCOTT, UNION, WAYNE**



13 LifeSpring Health Systems
460 Spring Street, Jeffersonville IN 47130
Designated in: **CLARK, CRAWFORD, DUBOIS, FLOYD, HARRISON, JEFFERSON, ORANGE, PERRY, SCOTT, SPENCER, WASHINGTON**



14 Meridian Health Services
240 N. Tillotson Avenue, Muncie IN 47304
Designated in: **DELAWARE, HENRY, JAY**
Also serving: **ALLEN, FAYETTE, HOWARD, LA PORTE, MADISON, MARION, RANDOLPH, RUSH, ST. JOSEPH, TIPPECANOE, WAYNE**



15 Northeastern Center, Inc.
220 South Main Street, Kendallville IN 46755
Designated in: **DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN**



16 Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, Inc.
330 Lakeview Drive, Goshen IN 46527
Designated in: **ELKHART, ST. JOSEPH**



17 Park Center
909 East State Boulevard, Fort Wayne IN 46805
Designated in: **ADAMS, ALLEN, WELLS**
Also serving: **HUNTINGTON, WHITLEY**



18 Porter-Starke Services
601 Wall Street, Valparaiso IN 46383
Designated in: **PORTER & STARKE**



19 Radiant Health
505 N. Wabash Avenue, Marion IN 46952
Designated in: **GRANT, BLACKFORD**



20 Regional Health Systems
8555 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN 46410
Designated in: **LAKE**



21 Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center
720 Eskenazi Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46202
Designated in: **MARION**



22 Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
415 Mulberry Street, Evansville IN 47713
Designated in: **GIBSON, POSEY, VANDERBURGH, WARRICK**



23 Swanson Center
7224 W. 400 N., Michigan City IN 46360
Designated in: **LAPORTE**



24 Valley Oaks
415 N. 26th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904
Designated in: **BENTON, CARROLL, FOUNTAIN, JASPER, MONTGOMERY, NEWTON, TIPPECANOE, WARREN, WHITE**

The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers represents the collective interests of all community mental health centers (CMHCs) currently certified and accredited to provide community-based behavioral health services across all 92 counties in Indiana. CMHCs in Indiana **served over 300,000** behavioral health and substance use disorder clients this past fiscal year. CMHCs provide services primarily to those suffering from severe mental health and substance use disorder conditions which further reduce additional costs to society by directing coordinated care to our most vulnerable citizens.

2025 LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REQUIRED

CCBHC AND CRISIS FUNDING:

LEGISLATIVE ASK:

Problem

The current CMHC system struggles from lack of resources, a complicated reimbursement structure, and workforce shortages. This leads to disjointed service delivery and an inability to treat patients where they are.

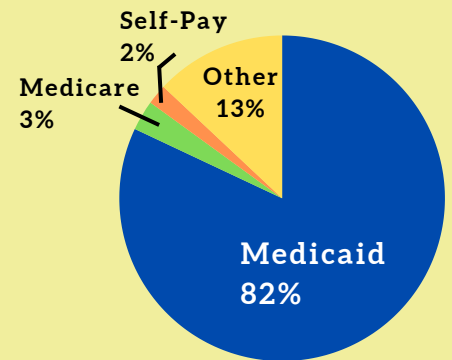
Solution

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) is a federal outpatient model that allows for flexible funding and offers expanded services. Indiana was selected by the federal government to be a part of the demonstration. The state selected 8 CMHCs to participate.

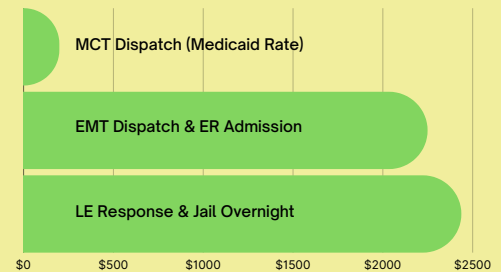
There are a lot of potential savings that come from the CCBHC model from diversions from the emergency department and law enforcement expenses. CCBHCs have also shown to greatly increase access to services. CMHCs who have already begun moving to this model have seen wait times decrease from 6 months to now can provide *same-day* services.

To continue to offer these services and support the state match for CCBHC, we are requesting an increase in mental health funding. CMHCs have proven to be good stewards of the state's investment into our mental health system ensuring individuals in crisis are receiving the right level of treatment at the right time. Additional funding will secure continued crisis services coverage across the state and that CMHCs can build the necessary infrastructure for CCBHC.

CMHC Payor Mix



MCT Cost Savings



Initial Competitively Selected Demonstration Pilot CCBHC Service Areas (2025) (40% CCBHC coverage)



Long-Term CCBHC Implementation (100% CCBHC coverage)



2025 LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REQUIRED

BUILDING SUPPORT FOR GROUP HOMES FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL:

Group homes primarily serve the seriously mentally ill (SMI) population, this includes those diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, etc.

Problem

As the SMI population ages, the current funding structure for group homes is not sustainable. CMHCs must navigate complex braided funding to provide care, and it is not sufficient to meet this population's needs.

Solution

We are advocating for a standard room and board rate for group homes. Without a more reliable funding source there is a risk of beds closing, leaving longer wait times for the SMI within our State Hospital system. There is currently an admission waitlist at the State Hospitals for over **100 individuals**.



This group home room and board rate will allow providers to have a stable and simplified funding source to care for the behavioral health needs of this unique population and ensure that beds can remain open for future patients.

BUILDING SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE:

The current behavioral health workforce is a mixture of licensed and unlicensed personnel. While these individuals are in clinical practice, it can become confusing what coursework applies to which profession and certain overlapping requirements. To help these professionals navigate the confusion, streamlining the licensure process is essential. For example, extending the temporary licensure permit from 1 to 2 years. Policy changes like this will give clinicians more of a runway to sort out clinical supervision, licensure examinations, etc.

Administrative burden is also a difficulty our clinicians face. There are redundant audits and taxing prior authorization that is unclear and diverts time and energy away from patient care. Streamlining these processes would assist providers in being able to focus on delivering high-quality care.



We are also supportive of the recommendations included in the Bowen Center's Behavioral and Mental Health Workforce Playbook.

The Council is asking the State and the legislature to support policy items above, as well as the additional items that are listed in the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission Report which can be found on our website at www.indianacouncil.org.

With your support we will improve the mental wellbeing of Hoosiers!