

Why are we transforming?

- The existing **Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) network** consists of 24 service providers serving more than 300,000 Hoosiers annually.
- This network is integrated into every sector of Indiana's communities, including the justice system, hospitals, private employers, and education systems, to enhance coordinated care and reduce costs.
- But the CMHC system **lacks key infrastructure**, so clients can fall through the safety net leading to more severe issues later on. This means our impact on our communities is limited.



- We are transitioning to a **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)** outpatient model. This federal model will deliver flexible funding for the resources needed to transform our communities' access to mental health and substance use services.
- Providers in all 92 Indiana counties will be enabled to help anyone who walks through their door, regardless of ability to pay ...
- ...giving Hoosiers access to the **right level of care at the right time**. Providers will build a Crisis Continuum that ensures clients receive necessary ongoing and consistent treatment.

Our priorities:

Short term administrative (1-2 years)

- An uplift to investment in CCBHCs and the Crisis Response system supports cost savings in other services and systems. Every dollar spent on early care and treatment for mental health and substance use crises can create a \$2-10 return in savings on other community costs.
- Support group homes and other safety net services for the Serious Mental Illness (SMI) population
- Build a workforce pipeline and continue to reduce overall system vacancies and improve retention rates
- All 24 CMHCs are included in the State Plan Amendment for CCBHCs

Long term administrative (Beyond 2 years)

- Support existing expansions until all locations are incorporated into the CCBHC demonstration program
- Workforce incentives and sustainability
- Leverage the existing CMHC infrastructure to ensure continuity of care

Long-Term Legislative Priorities:

- Support of the full continuum of care providing a reduction in incarcerations and acute hospital admissions.
- Continue to support a thriving workforce able to meet the needs of those we serve. CCBHCs are hiring new staff to provide new and sorely needed mental health and substance use jobs across the nation.
- CCBHCs have been shown to decrease emergency and inpatient hospital admissions, which are particularly costly settings for care that can be circumvented with appropriate care early on.



Indiana Council is the statewide association that represents the CMHC / CCBHC network. Our mission is to optimize the health and well-being of all people in Indiana through mental health leadership, collaboration and advocacy.

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