



Behavioral Health Services for Children

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and administered by Vibrant Emotional Health.

The Children's Crisis and Referral Line (statewide and 24/7) serves children, youth, and young adults ages 0-21 who are in emotional distress or with a diagnosis of a serious emotional disturbance or serious mental illness and their families who are in crisis or seeking referrals to appropriate community-based behavioral health services and supports for children, youth, and young adults. The Children's Crisis and Referral Line can link families with Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization Teams or other community-based services, including WV Wraparound.

Expanded School Mental Health (ESMH) is a comprehensive system of behavioral health services and programs that builds on core services provided by schools. ESMH includes the full continuum of prevention, early intervention, and treatment. Prevention strategies work by either increasing protective factors (e.g., resiliency, social involvement, recognition of positive behavior) or decreasing risk factors (e.g., preventing early initiation of substance use, low socioeconomic status). The West Virginia Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) partners with the WV Department of Education to provide Expanded School Mental Health in select schools in Cabell, Clay, and Harrison counties.

Visit the BBH Children's page for information about other behavioral health services for children.

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