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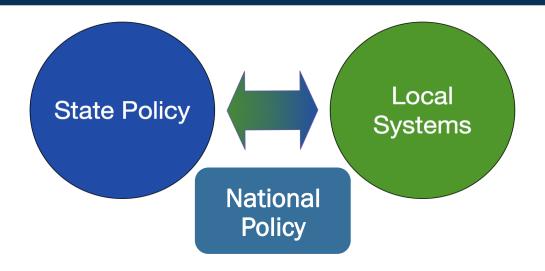
# 2022 Mental Health Conference Access and Advocacy: A Community Conversation Baptist Behavioral Health Grand Rounds

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# **Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**

### **Mission Statement**

To provide independent, non-partisan, data-driven, and trusted policy and program guidance that creates equitable systemic changes so all people can obtain effective, efficient behavioral health care when and where they need it.





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SUICIDE

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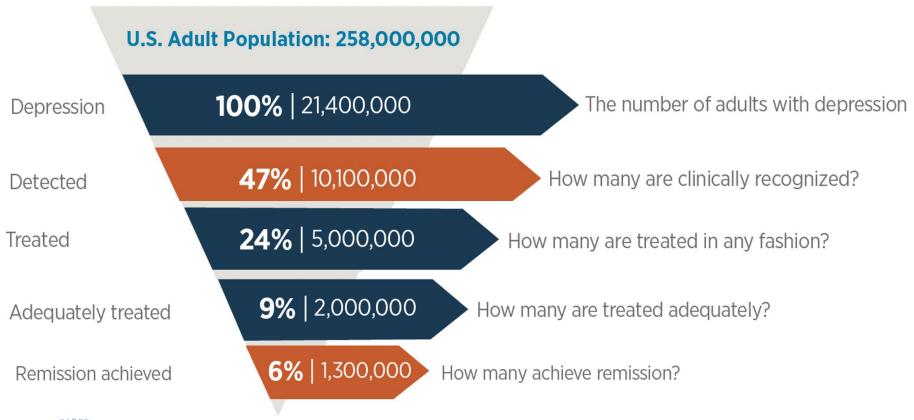
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# The Cost of the Status Quo Remains Too High

- → 1 in 4 fatal police shootings between 2015 and 2020 involved a person with a mental illness; of these, 1 in 3 was a person of color.
- → 2 million people with mental illness are booked into the nation's jails every year.
- → Over 48,000 people die by suicide each year.
- → One-fifth of law enforcement staff time is spent responding to and transporting individuals with mental illness.
- → <90% of ER docs report psychiatric patients boarding in ERs waiting for placement. One-fifth see waits of 2 to 5 days.

# **Three** Pillars of an Ideal Crisis Response **System**

### 24/7 crisis call center hubs – Someone to talk to

- Trained in responding to behavioral health crises
- Available by text/chat
- Coordinate services and dispatch mobile crisis

## Mobile crisis teams – Someone to respond

- De-escalate situations
- Transport to crisis stabilization or connect to other services
- · Staffed by behavioral health professionals, including peer support

### Crisis stabilization – Somewhere to go

- Capacity to diagnose and provide initial stabilization / observation
- Connect to follow-up care with a "warm hand-off"

# A Big Change is Coming in July: 988

- What is 988? A 3-digit, universal calling code to be available nationwide for mental health crises generally and suicide specifically.
- 988 goes live nationwide in July, but...
- RIGHT NOW adequate crisis response systems are not available in most places. Efforts are underway to help ensure:
  - Resources are available to build out crisis resources further;
  - Law enforcement is able to reduce its involvement in MH crisis response; and
  - Every community can at least minimally provide the three three pillars of an **ideal crisis response** are available to anyone who calls 988 (which would represent remarkable progress).

# 988 reform is good ...





Access Services Resources

#### **Support Team Assisted Response** (STAR)

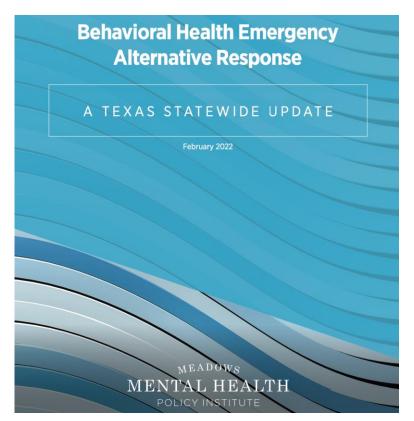
Our goal is to send the right people to help with crises related to mental health, homelessness and more. Learn more about this program below.







# ... 911 requires reform, too



# Selected co-response programs' exclusionary criteria for crisis response

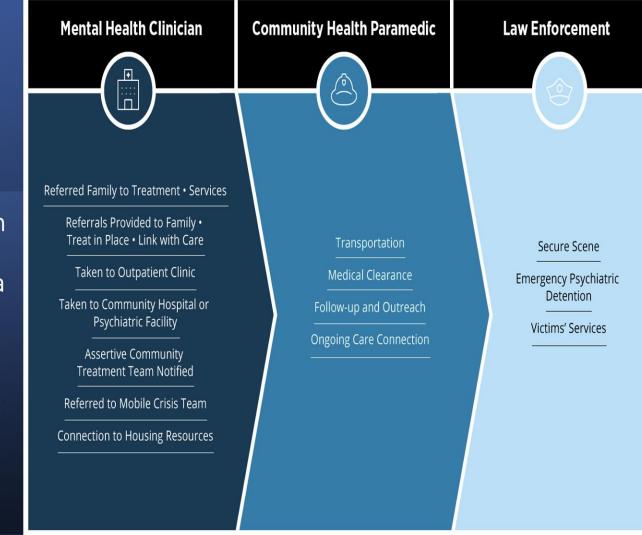
	Will Respond to Calls That Include		
Program Name	Reported Violence	Reported Presence of Weapons	Person Reportedly Under the Influence
B-Heard Response Program, New York City, New York (Civilian Only)	x	x	x
Behavioral Health Responder Program, Albuquerque, New Mexico (Civilian Only)	х	х	<b>✓</b>
CAHOOTS, Eugene, Oregon (Civilian Only)	х	x	✓
Crisis Response Team, Abilene, Texas (MDRT Model)	✓	✓	✓
Rapid Integrated Group Healthcare Team Care, Dallas, Texas (MDRT Model)	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT), San Francisco, California (Civilian Only)	Х	X	X*
Support Team Assisted Response (STAR). Denver, Colorado (Civilian Only)	Х	X	<b>√</b>



## Multidisciplinary Team — MDRT

A single patrol unit with three disciplines representing three area agencies.

Each professional brings a unique skill set necessary to resolve contributing factors of chronic crisis cycles.



### **Dallas RIGHT Care**



Dallas
Fire-Rescue
Department:
Paramedic



Dallas Police
Department:
Law Enforcement
Officer



Parkland
Hospital:
Mental Health
Clinicians

# **Mission Critical Components**

911 Embedded Mental Health
Clinician

Same Day Walk-in Clinic and Prescriber Services

CIT Training for Officers, Clinicians and Paramedics 24/7 Community Crisis Bed Capacity

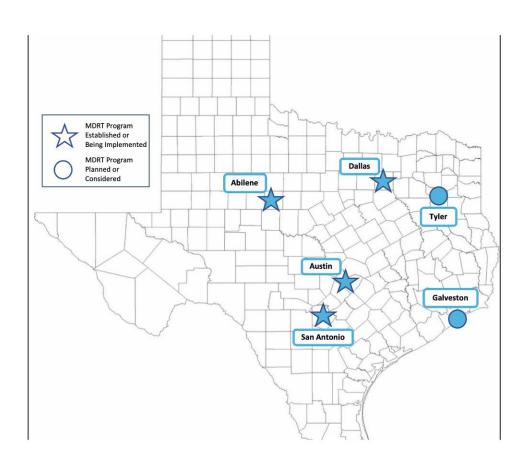
**Crisis Care Capacity for People Under Influence of Intoxicants** 

**Housing Referral Network** 

# **Year 1 Outcomes from the City of Dallas**

Call Outcomes	Number % Total	
Community Service	2,660	40%
Resolved on Scene/No Services	1,963	29%
Emergency Detention – Not Determined by RIGHT Care*	567	8%
Emergency Detention – Determined by RIGHT Care*	384	6%
Taken to Hospital or Psych Facility	528	8%
Arrested for Offense	130	2%
Arrested for Warrants	139	2%
Other**	308	5%
Total	6,679	100%





# BUILDING ON **SUCCESS: MDRT ACROSS TEXAS**

Other National Cities looking at it:

- ◆Baltimore, Maryland
- ♦Chicago, Illinois
- ◆Detroit, Michigan
- ◆Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ◆New York City, New York

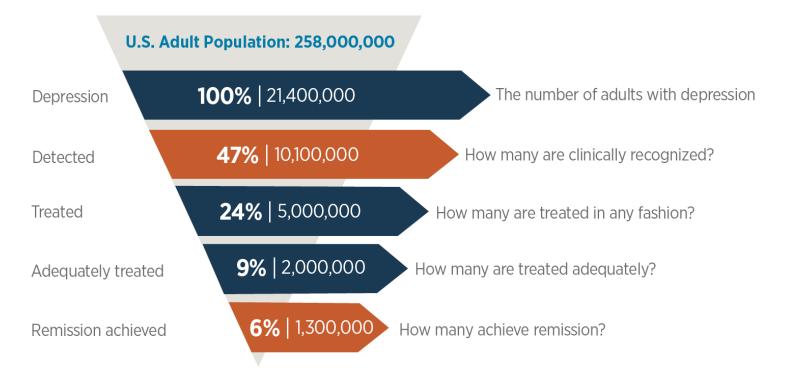


## **COVID-19** and Mental Health Impacts

COVID-19 has dramatically increased mental health needs.

- Largely unknown fact: Only age drove more COVID mortality than depression.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now tracks mental health needs. As of March 14, 2022:
  - Symptoms of anxiety disorder up 3.4x (27% vs 8%)
  - Symptoms of depression up 3.3x (22% vs 7%)
- Rates of death from overdose are up over 30%.
- Early in the pandemic, the proportion of mental health-related ED visits increased 24% among children aged 5–11 and 31% among adolescents aged 12–17.
- The rate of pediatric emergency room visits for suicide is now **double pre- pandemic levels**.

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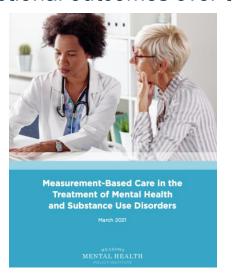




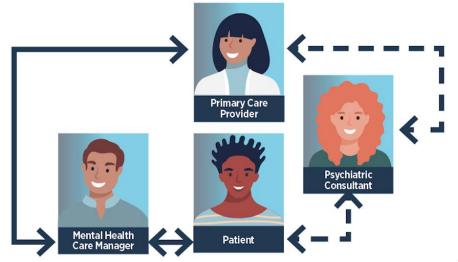
# **Two Existing Solutions**

Measurement-Based Care (MBC):

Systematic use of repeated, validated measures to track symptoms and functional outcomes over time.



Collaborative Care Model (CoCM): Integrates care managers and consultant psychiatrists directly within primary care office; helps over 40% of people achieve full remission and another 25% achieve substantial relief.





# Implementation Barriers . . . and Solutions

### Barriers to implementation of these system-wide supports include:

- Relatively small costs for IT changes, workflow redesign, hiring new staff (current reimbursement rates can cover costs after 6 months).
- Technical assistance to ensure model fidelity and reimbursement.
- The biggest barrier is bandwidth and competing priorities.

### Solutions include:

- Grant funding to cover initial costs and ensure prioritization.
- Proven technical assistance over an 18- to 24-month period (proven to improve clinical outcomes and helps sustainability).

## **Integration of Behavioral Health into Primary Care**

- Two models offer <u>the promise of reaching people in primary care</u> rather than referring them to <u>overwhelmed and understaffed specialty care systems</u>:
  - 1) The <u>Collaborative Care Model</u> (CoCM) (90+ RCTs)
  - 2) Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) (Promising for Children)
- Both have the potential to <u>magnify the reach of our limited workforce</u>:
  - CoCM can leverage psychiatrist time 3.5 times over and
  - PCBH can *leverage other licensed practitioner time 2.7* times
- A comprehensive 2021 RAND study offered specific recommendations for scaling CoCM and PCBH nationwide, <u>similar to efforts to scale electronic</u> <u>health records</u>, and legislation (HR 5218) is being considered that includes:
  - Incentive grants to overcome start-up costs and
  - <u>Technical assistance</u> to access existing billing codes that cover costs.

# **Lone Star Depression Challenge**







Lyda Hill Philanthropies awarded \$10 million to a collaboration of the *Meadows Institute, UT Southwestern, Harvard Medical School*, and other *leading medical schools across Texas*. Within five years, the Lone Star Depression Challenge will:

- Save over a thousand lives from suicide,
- Help at least 1 million Texans recover from depression, and
- Enable at least 10 million Texans to access health systems prepared to detect and effectively treat depression.

# **Example: Baylor Scott & White Health System**

Scope: BSWH System-wide roll out of CoCM and MBC, 150+ primary care clinics

**Rollout:** Phased rollout over 3 years

Phase 1: 8/2020 - 12/2020

- 2 sites/4 clinics
- 49,500 patients\*

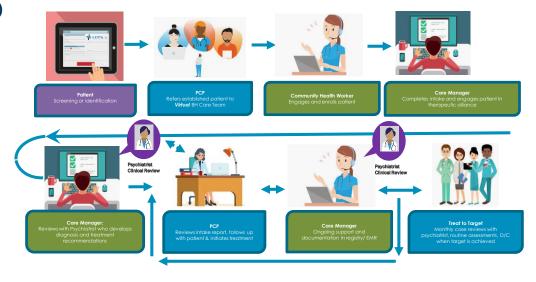
Phase 2: 1/2021 - 6/2021

- 1 site/1 clinic
- 8,800 patients

Phase 3: 7/2021 - 6/2022

- 45-50 clinics
- ~400,000 patients\*

Phase 4: 7/2022 - 6/2023, TBD





# **Example: Baylor Scott & White Health System**

Patients enrolled in CoCM improved faster than patients working only with primary care or specialty BH care providers

<ul> <li>N = 344 patients</li> <li>CoCM enrollment 6+ weeks</li> <li>Starting PHQ9&gt;9 (Average = 14)</li> <li>As of: 7/30/2021</li> </ul>	BSWH CoCM Population	Expected PCP	Expected Specialty
Any improvement	75%		
Response (>50% improvement)	42%	20%	26%
Remission (PHQ9<5)	26%	<8%*	<20%**

<sup>\*</sup>Minnesota Measurement Remission Measure



<sup>\*\*</sup>Hedis benchmarks of NQF 711; MDD in clinical trial setting=45%

# **A Time for United Action**

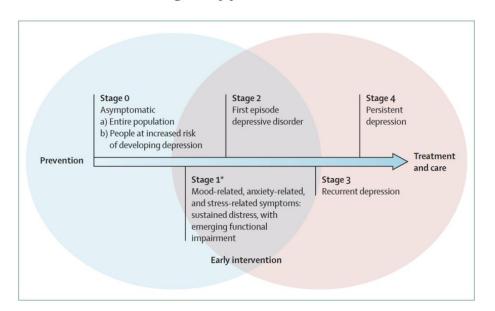
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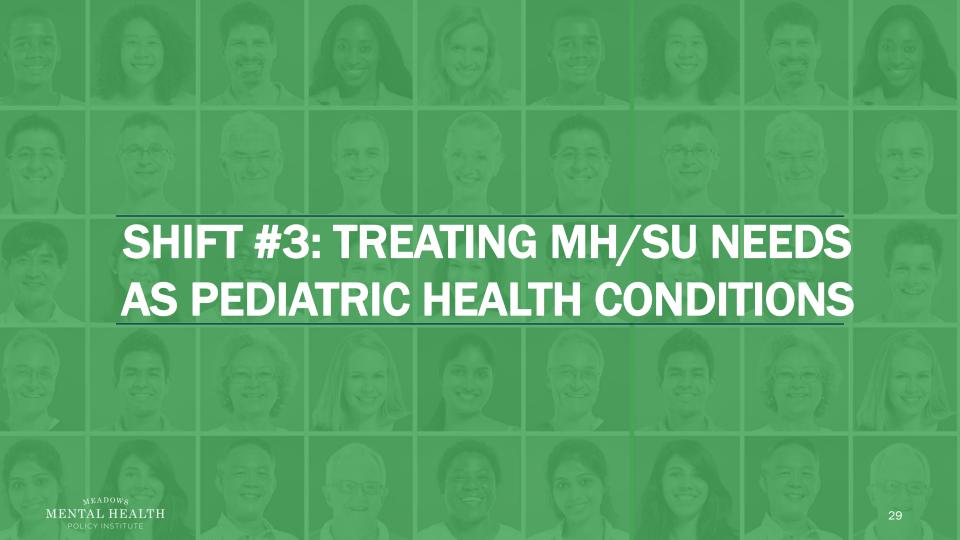


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### A staged approach to care







# 75% of Mental Illnesses Begin Pre-Adulthood







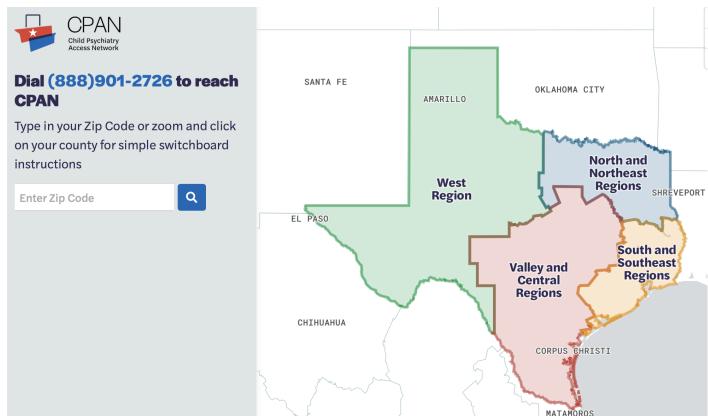
# **Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium**

- **Vision:** All Texas children and adolescents will have the best mental health outcomes possible.
- **SB 11-86th Legislature:** leverage health-related institutions of higher education to improve mental health care for children

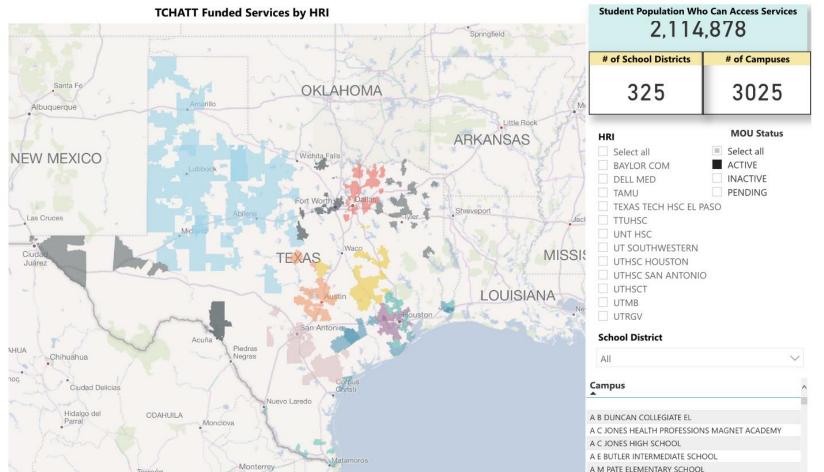
### Initiatives:

- Child Psychiatry Access Network primary care consultation
- Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (in schools)
- Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion (public system)
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Expansion
- Research

# **Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)**



# **Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT)**



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The truth is: mental illness affects more people than you may think, and we need to talk about it. It's Okay to say..." okaytosay.org