

CRISIS NOW

Implementing a Behavioral Health Crisis System of Care in Yellowstone County

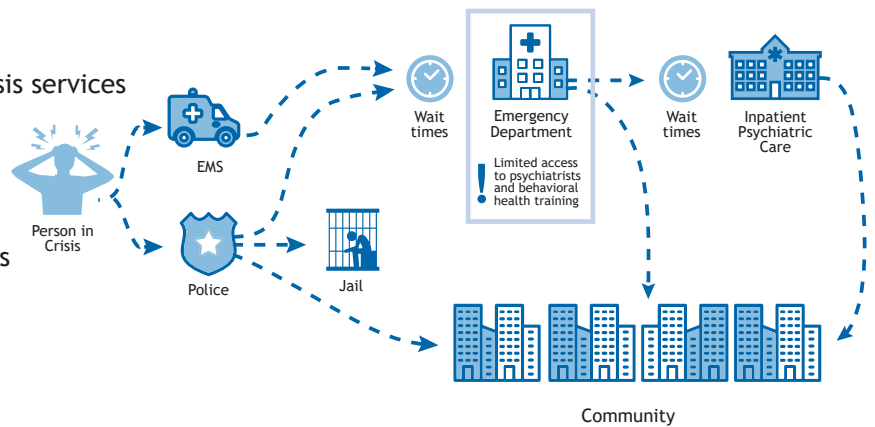
Substance Abuse Connect's goal is provide support to plan and and implement a behavioral health crisis system of care, using the Crisis Now Framework as a guide.

Why Crisis Now?

Our current system of care:

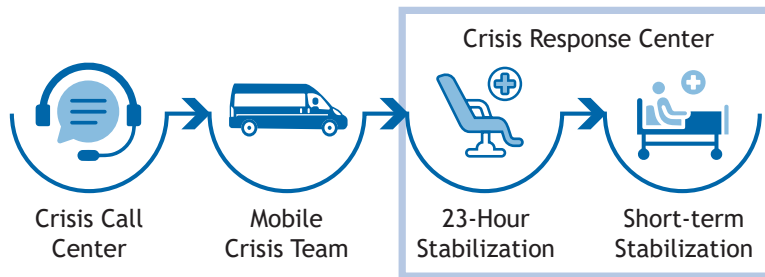
- Is challenged to provide timely access to crisis services
- Is unable to meet individuals "where they are at"
- Relies on law enforcement, the criminal justice system and hospital emergency rooms to respond to behavioral health crisis
- Has reduced capacity at Yellowstone County's only state-run psychiatric hospital

Current Behavioral Health Crisis Response



What is the Crisis Now Framework?

Someone to Talk to, Someone to Respond and a Place to Go

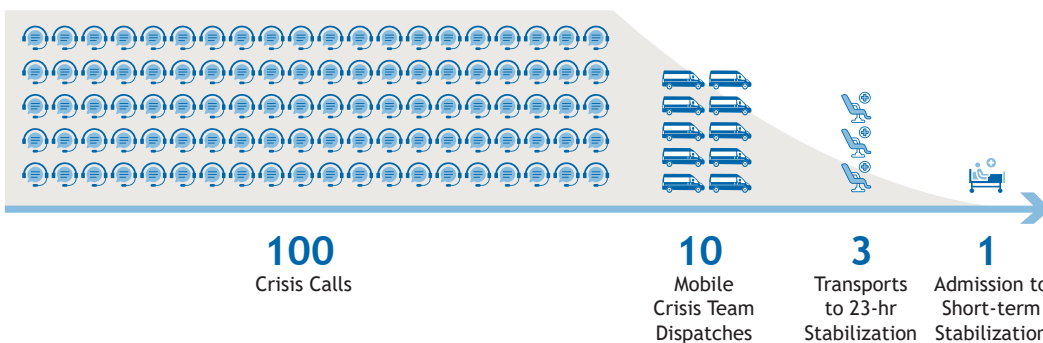


[SAMHSA's National Guidelines](#) for Behavioral Health Crisis Care - A Best Practice Toolkit outlines minimum expectations and best practices for the design, development and implementation of a behavioral health crisis care continuum.



Essential Principles & Practices

- Recovery oriented
- Significant role for peers
- Trauma-informed care
- Zero Suicide/Suicide Safer Care
- Safety and security for staff and people in crisis
- Crisis response partnerships



The Crisis Now framework offers multiple opportunities for resolution, increasing opportunity for intervention at less intensive levels of care and decreasing reliance on inpatient psychiatric beds.

To read more about this framework, and efforts to improve behavioral health crisis response visit: crisisnow.com and <http://substanceabuseconnect.com/>.

