

Samaritan Behavioral Health CrisisCare Talking Points

Our Vision

Where help for life's challenges is openly sought and compassionately given.

Our Values

Compassion, Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Teamwork

Our Mission

To provide mental health and addiction services that touch, teach, and heal.

There When You Need Us

Did you know that Samaritan Behavioral Health-CrisisCare has provided Crisis Intervention, Diagnostic Assessment, and referral and linkage services since July 1996.

Several months ago a 41 year old mother was unaware of CrisisCare's existence and was encouraged by a friend to stop at CrisisCare to talk with a therapist. This mother was experiencing considerable stress in her life. She took her friend's advice and shared with a CrisisCare therapist that she had recently lost her job; she had two children one of whom is special needs with Asperger's Disorder and violent outbursts. She was experiencing nightmares and flashbacks of physical and emotional abuse from her ex-husband, and she was feeling alone, powerless, and somewhat hopeless.

The CrisisCare therapist heard this mother's despair and concerns and assisted her in identifying and linking her to several services to assist her with her immediate needs. She was scheduled to see a psychiatrist for medication evaluation; she was given information on various agencies that could assist her with her special needs child, and she was referred for individual therapy and assistance in locating employment.

Several weeks later CrisisCare received a phone call from this mother who expressed heartfelt appreciation for what CrisisCare did for her. She reported that she was feeling 75% better and "she knew her life was going to continue to get better." She stated that she was feeling much more supported and she was confident that she would soon be employed. As the call was ending she enthusiastically stated, "I wish I could run up and down the streets and tell people all about the wonderful, caring people at CrisisCare and all the help you all give!"

Mental Health Care and Alcohol & Drug Diagnostic Assessments

CrisisCare provides comprehensive assessments and level of care authorizations for Montgomery County residents.

Crisis Intervention Services

Samaritan Behavioral Health-CrisisCare, located at Elizabeth Place, is available 24/7 to provide Crisis Intervention services in Montgomery County. Licensed counselors and social workers provide help over the phone, go into the community to help with crisis situations, and see people in crisis who "walk in" to our offices. If, for example, someone is concerned about a friend or family member whose behavior is erratic, harmful to self or others, or, if it would just be helpful for someone to listen and provide some stabilization, you can call CrisisCare 24/7 at 937-224-4646.

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Trauma Intervention

In the event that a school, agency, or business has experienced a traumatic event that is impacting students or employees, Samaritan CrisisCare will make available therapists to provide Trauma Intervention to groups and/or individuals. This can be arranged through the Program Administrator, Ruth Addison at 224-1694 x 2323 or the Manager, Marnie Masten at 224-1694 x 2604.

Forensic Services

The Montgomery County Adult Jail and the Montgomery County Juvenile Court/Detention has CrisisCare licensed professionals on-site 24/7.

CrisisCare adult therapists provided 21,695 visits with inmates during FY2011. Nine psycho-educational trainings for the Jail Corrections Officers were also provided. This was implemented in an effort to help them understand the various behavioral and mental health issues likely to be encountered within the corrections environment.

The CrisisCare youth team provided 3,101 Behavioral Health Screens; 6,096 visits with youth in detention and 4,365 collateral services at juvenile court/detention sites. These services include connecting with parents, meetings with probation officers and referral and linkage to treatment agencies. Along with the licensed therapists, CrisisCare also provides a full-time psychiatric nurse and a part-time child Psychiatrist.

Pharmacological Management

The CrisisCare Pharmacological Management team of Psychiatrists provides medical stabilization, comprehensive psychiatric evaluations, and high quality consultation regarding the psychiatric needs of persons seeking and/or receiving services. Our Psychiatrists prescribe medications and provide medication management until clients can be linked with psychiatrists in the community.

The CrisisCare Pharmacological Management team also has Registered Nurses who triage and screen the medical needs of persons presenting for care. Our nurses also provide education regarding medications which includes: the administration of medication, the benefits and potential side effects of medication, and the risks and alternatives of medication. In addition, our nursing staff assists clients in linking with community medical and health services as indicated.

General Stats for FY 2011:

Diagnostic Assessments	7,498
Psychiatric/Medical Services	2,264
Crisis Intervention Services Main Campus	2,283
Walk-in Interventions	637
Hospitalization and Probate Evaluations	967