The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD

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Background

President Kennedy’s Community Mental Health Act-1963
  • Authorized the creation of Community Centers to serve as local agencies to develop community-based services as alternatives to institutional care
  • Texas Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities Act of 1965 created 39 Community Centers in Texas

The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD
  • Designated as the Local Mental Health Authority and Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority serving Harris County
  • Governed by a ten member Board of Trustees appointed by the Harris County Commissioners Court, including Harris County Sheriff effective September 2019
  • Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County until 2015
Mission, Vision, and Values

Our Mission

• Transform the lives of people with behavioral health and IDD needs.

Our Vision

• Empower people with behavioral health and IDD needs to improve their lives through an accessible, integrated and comprehensive recovery oriented system of care.

Our Values

• Collaboration
• Compassion
• Excellence
• Integrity

• Leadership
• Quality
• Responsiveness
• Safety
The Harris Center at a Glance

2018 Behavioral Health Volumes
• 272,000 adult psychiatric outpatient visits
• 125,000 child psychiatric outpatient health services
• 327,000 IDD visits
• 212,000 crisis services
• 21,000 jail-based psychiatric visits
• 61,000 Hurricane Harvey crisis counseling visits
• 129,970 crisis line calls
• 254,552 prescriptions filled

Our Care Team - 2,400 Team Members
• 289 Master’s level clinicians
• 66 Psychiatrists
• 52 Peers
• 16 Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors

Neuropsychiatric Center
Four Behavioral Clinics
42 School-based co-locations
Crisis Residential Unit (18 beds)
Judge Ed Emmett Mental Health Diversion Center
P.E.E.R.S. House
Law Enforcement Collaborations
Early Childhood Intervention
Day Habilitation for Persons with IDD
Crisis Call Diversion
We have 2,400 team members who provide care in 76 locations throughout Harris County.

Many services are delivered where people live, work, or go to school.

Care locations include the Harris County Jail, schools, NPC, parole/probation, residential units, clinics, and Jail Diversion Center.
Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2019-21

Goal 1
Innovation

Goal 2
Access to care

Goal 3
Integration

Goal 4
Quality Improvement

Goal 5
Community Leader

Goal 6
Organization of Choice
The Harris Center Continuum of Care for Justice-Involved Persons

- Crisis Call Diversion Program
- Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT)
- Mental Health Jail Diversion Program Post-Booking Services and Re-entry
- Competency and Sanity Evaluations
- Forensic Assertive Community Treatment
- Dual Diagnosis Residential Program - partnership with Probation
- Tele-CIRT Pilot Program with Sheriff's Office
- Rehab Clinician - care coordination for The Harris Center's current patients
- Reintegration Court re-entry services
- Tele-CIRT
- Homeless Outreach Team - collaboration with HPD
- Texas Opioid Response Peer Services
- New START re-entry services
- Mental Health Jail Diversion Program Community-based Services & Supports
- Integrated care - partnership with Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Mobile Crisis Outreach Team
- Forensic Single Portal - transition services for those returning from state hospital
- Judge Ed Emmett Mental Health Diversion Center
- Jail-based Clinical Mental Health and IDD Services - Funded under the Jail Contract
- Peer Re-entry Services
- Chronic Consumer Stabilization Initiative - collaboration with HPD
- Peer Re-entry Center
- Joint Processing Center Diversion Desk
- Array of outpatient and residential mental health services
- Last year we served just over 25,000 people in our forensic division
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