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# Policy

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# Policy

*Executive budget request to sustain service level*

## Free Through Recovery



**4,973** participants since February 2017



**1,311** active participants



**38** providers

## Community Connect



**4,025** participants since February 2021



**1,899** active participants



**46** providers

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## Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher



Since its inception in July 2016 approximately 5,800 individuals have received services through the SUD Voucher.

Since July 1, 2021, the SUD Voucher Program has approved **2,162 new applications.**

As of December 31, 2022, **1,207 clients** are actively being served.

- Rates increased as of January 15, 2023
- Grant awarded to Heartview (16-bed facility in Dickinson)



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## Behavioral Health and Education Initiatives

### B-HERO

NDCC 50-06-05.1 Section 23

Provide resources on mental health awareness and suicide prevention to the behavioral health resource coordinator at each school.

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NDCC 50-06-05.1 Section 23

“Resources... must include an evidence-based, online virtual mental health and suicide prevention simulation-based training program that incorporates hands-on practice, contextual learning, and personalized feedback through interactive role-playing.”

### Behavioral Health School Grants

Purpose: provide behavioral health services and support grants to school districts to address student behavioral health needs.

### Prevention and Early Intervention Pilot

Goal: learn with schools on how a fully integrated continuum of support could look in various schools throughout North Dakota.



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Community Clinics

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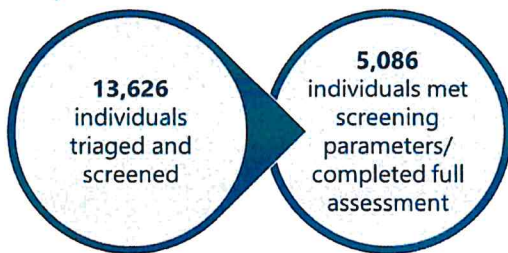
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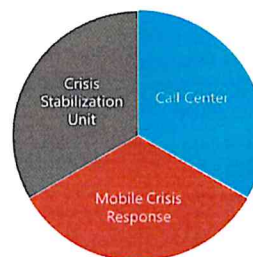
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Community Clinics

Assessments - Walk-In  
July 2021 - December 2022



Behavioral Health Crisis Care  
Core Services & Best Practices



- Enhance community-based behavioral health services
- Crisis support enhancements

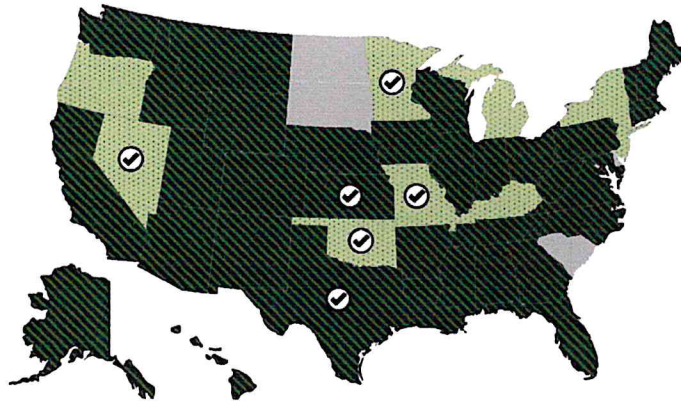
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# Human Service Centers

## Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)

Currently, there are over 450 CCBHCs operating across the country, as either CCBHC-E grantees or clinics participating in their states' Medicaid demonstration.



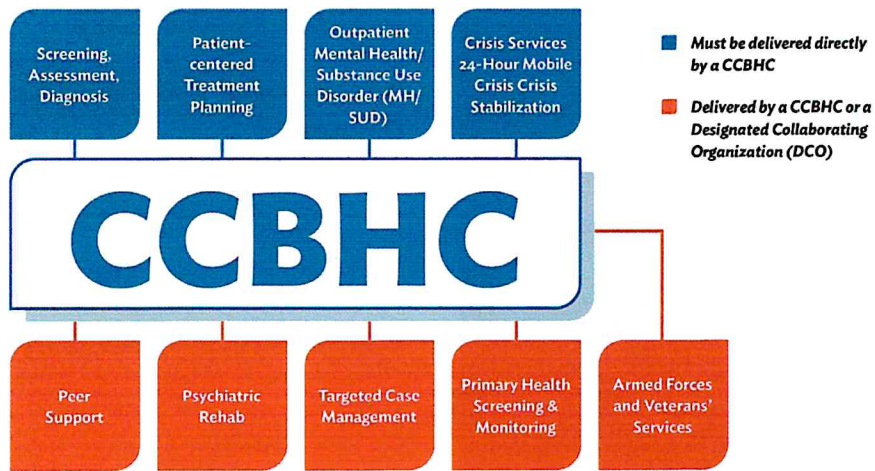
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- No CCBHCs
- Federal CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration (and SAMHSA Expansion Grants)
- States with at least one local CCBHC grantee
- ✓ CMS approved payment method for CCBHCs via a SPA or 1115 waiver

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# Human Service Centers

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New State Hospital

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