

How to access Houston County Mental Health services for children



Any of the agencies listed in this brochure can be contacted to begin mental health assessments. Most agencies begin with a behavioral health assessment to determine the level of treatment the child and family needs. There are different services that are provided in our community, based on level of need.

- **Outpatient Services**-includes individual and family therapy, community support, psychiatric and nursing services, diagnostic assessment, and crisis intervention.
- **Community Support (CSI)** is a service delivered by a paraprofessional in the home or community. CSI consists of skill building and community resource linkage. This service is offered along with therapy to ensure skills are strengthened between therapy sessions. Paraprofessionals can help parents learn new ways of dealing with problem behavior in home and school. Typical length of this treatment is 6-12 months.
- **Intensive Family Intervention (IFI)**- Children who receive IFI services have not been successful at the outpatient level are at risk for out of home placement (psychiatric facility, juvenile detention, disruption of home placement, etc). IFI is delivered in a team approach and consists of a licensed therapist and 1-2 paraprofessionals. The IFI team makes a minimum of 3 contacts per week in the home, school, and community. IFI is intended to be a brief, but intensive, treatment option. Typical length of treatment is 3-6 months. This is a specialty service which only certain providers are approved to provide. See list for approved providers.
- **Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)**-When a child has an acute mental health crisis, he or she may require treatment in a CSU. This is intended to be a brief stabilization period to ensure immediate safety. Most admissions are 3-7 days. Once stable, the child is discharged back to his or her community for ongoing treatment.
- **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)**- Children who require PRTF level of treatment have exhausted treatment option in the community and require a residential treatment to ensure safety and stability. To qualify for PRTF, the child must be an immediate threat to his or her own safety or the safety of others. Each facility has its own admission criteria and funding approval must be secured through insurance.

What is LIPPT?

LIPPT supports families with children and adolescents at risk for out of community placement and returning to the community. Any youth with a mental health diagnosis or substance use disorder can be assisted by LIPPT. Parent or guardian must be present at initial staffing in order to give proper consent and release of information. LIPPT will assist families in creating a community care plan which will connect families to partner agencies of their choice for behavioral health services and other resources include sports, scouting, food banks, clothing resources, etc.

LIPPT Chair:

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Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Centerville Library
(unless otherwise announced)

Partner Agencies

- Houston County Board of Education
- Houston County Family Connection
- Houston County Health Department
- Houston County Department of Juvenile Justice
- Houston County Department of Family and Children's Services
- Phoenix Center Behavioral Health
- Dynamic Interventions, Inc
- River Edge In-Tune Program
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Look Out Mountain Care Management Entity
- View Point Health Care Management Entity

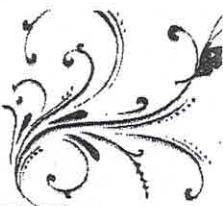
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What to do in a

mental health crisis or emergency?

- ❖ If the child is in immediate danger or is a risk to others, call 911 or go to nearest Emergency Room for immediate assistance.
- ❖ If your child is escalating to a crisis and is currently receiving mental health treatment, follow that provider's protocol for emergencies (call office number or after-hours number).
- ❖ Call Georgia Crisis and Access Line for additional help. 1-800-715-4225.
- ❖ If your child needs further stabilization, a physician may refer him or her to a crisis stabilization unit. This is usually done while at the Emergency Room.





**PSYCHIATRIC
RESIDENTIAL
TREATMENT FACILITIES**

Coastal Harbor Treatment Center
1150 Cornell Avenue Savannah
912-354-3911
<http://coastalharbor.com>

Deveraux Georgia Treatment Network
1291 Stanley Road, Kennesaw
770-427-0147
www.deveraux.org

Hillside Hospital
690 Courtenay Drive NE, Atlanta
404-875-4551
www.hsida.org

Laurel Heights Hospital
934 Briarcliff Road NE, Atlanta
404-888-7860
www.laurelheightshospital.com

Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta
3100 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta
706-651-0005
www.lighthousecarecenters.com

Youth Villages
4685 Dorsett Shoals Road, Douglasville
770-852-6300
www.youthvillages.org

**BEHAVIOR HEALTH
AGENCIES**

Dynamic Interventions, Inc.
IFI and Outpatient Services
524 S. Houston Lake Road Suite G-100,
Warner Robins 478-333-2498
www.dynamicinterventions.org

Great Expectations Unlimited, LLC
IFI and Outpatient Services
478-293-4880
www.greatexpectationsga.com

On the Path
IFI and Outpatient Services
108 Byrd Way, Suite 400, Warner Robins
<https://www.orthepath.ga.com>

Phoenix Center Community Service
Outpatient Services
940 Highway 96, Warner Robins
478-988-1002
www.phoenixcenterbhs.com

Community Development Systems, Inc.
IFI and Outpatient Services
577 Mulberry Street, Suite 900, Macon
478-743-8333
<https://www.cdsnga.org>

Hephzibah Behavioral Health Service
Ministries, Inc
Outpatient Services
478-476-0805
www.hephzibah.org

Lighthouse for Families-Methodist
Home of South Georgia
Outpatient Services
116 Pierce Ave, Macon
478-751-2800
www.themethodistshome.org/lighthouse-for-families

Piedmont Counseling Services, Inc
Outpatient Services
544 Mulberry Street Ste 305, Macon
478-477-4220



**Additional MENTAL
HEALTH SUPPORTS**

Benchmark Human Services
Mobile Crisis Intervention
800-715-4225 (24/7/365)
www.valueoptions.com/referrdconnect

Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)
24/7/365 Crisis Response
1-800-715-4225

River-Edge – In Tune Program
First Episode of Psychosis
478-803-7899
www.river-edge.org

Lookout Mountain Care
Management Entity
Statewide Wraparound Services
423-290-6339
www.lmcmc.org

NAMI of Central Georgia
209 Elberta Road, WR
478-328-0508
www.namiofcentralga.org

Spurs of Hope, Inc.
Equine (Horse) Therapy
865 Lakeview Road, Byron
478-447-0849
www.spursofhope.com

The Peach Pit, Inc.
Equine (Horse) Therapy
478-827-3224
www.thepeachpitgeorgia.org

Viewpoint Health Care Management
Entity
Statewide Wraparound Services
678-209-2390
www.myviewpointhealth.org

Vocational Rehabilitation
1021 Commerce Street, Perry
478-988-6760
<https://gvs.georgia.gov/location/perry-vr-office>