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***Broward County Misdemeanor Mental Health Court's***

**"LAWYERS' EDITION"**

***Family Resource Guide***

***From Engagement to Recovery***

***"The road to mental health treatment, and recovery includes family, community, peer support, and services which inspire hope, dignity, and the vision of recovery."***

***Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren***

### **A. Message From Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren**

Thank you for trusting Broward’s Misdemeanor Mental Health Court. One of the primary goals of the court is to support family members in understanding the importance of mental health, and to offer individuals willing to participate in a specialized mental health treatment court the opportunity to engage in community based mental health care, and other services; as an alternative to a traditional criminal justice approach.

Engagement in Care:

Our court team includes our expert in-court clinician, Janis Blenden, LCSW, who has served the court for over 23 years. The Court, the first in the U.S. has served over 20,000 people, and understands that engagement in mental health care is a process; which can be challenging, particularly due to the Pandemic.

Therefore, the purpose of **the “Lawyers’ Edition” of the Family Resource Guide: From Engagement to Empowerment**” is to help the lawyers, clients, and their staff with important information for families to prevent, and/or respond to perceived mental health crisis, or emergencies. This includes situations where you detect that a family member may be emotionally unwell, or exhibiting behaviors which may harmful to self or others. For NAMI Fact Sheets “Mental Health by the Numbers” which includes warning signs of mental illness; [PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK.](#)

Be Prepared:

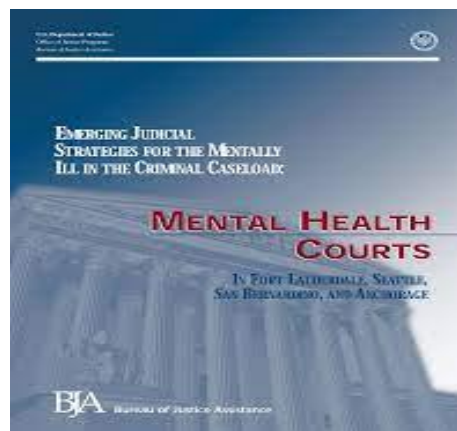
In this regard, it is important to be prepared in the event of an emergency. **The “Lawyers’ Edition” of the Family Resource Guide: From Engagement to Empowerment**” includes information on the following crisis resources:

- Henderson Behavioral Health Center’s Centralized Receiving System,
- Henderson Mobile Crisis Teams,
- Henderson Crisis Walk-In Center,
- 211 Broward - with direct link to The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Information from NAMI about specially trained CIT “Crisis Intervention Teams” law enforcement officers,
- List of Broward County emergency psychiatric/behavioral health (Baker Act/Marchman Act) hospitals & receiving units.

Mental health recovery is possible:

The goal of **The Lawyers' Edition" of The Family Resource Guide: From Engagement to Empowerment** is also to enhance the public, attorneys, and court staffs understanding about mental illness, mental health systems of care, and how to self-advocate. Therefore, I have included key organizations within our mental health system of care which are here to serve families, and provide resources, support, and educational services: County mental health service organizations include: Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, (Managing Entity for Broward County) The United Way of Broward County. It also includes links to national and local family advocacy organizations, such as The National Alliance on Mental Health, NAMI Broward County, MHA of Southeast Florida/FISP, which includes services for children, caregivers, suicide prevention and loss survivor services; as well as 9Muses Art Institute, and the new "Power of Peers" program, and family caregiving services. I have included the [on-line "Connections Guidebook"](#) (2020) which is comprehensive and includes: (e.g. information on vocational/employment services, education, transportation, disability rights, and legal services, elderly and veterans services, peer drop-in centers, community mental health centers, substance use treatment programs, homeless outreach services, community reentry programs, and Broward County economic and social services.)

It is my hope that this introductory **"The Lawyers' Edition of the Family Resource Guide: From Engagement to Empowerment"** inspires hope, and helps lawyers, their clientele, and staff's families forward with the knowledge - that you they are not alone.



#### **A. Goals of Broward's Misdemeanor Mental Health Court**

1. Create effective interactions between the criminal justice system and the mental health and behavioral health systems of care.
2. Provide mental health literacy, education and legal advocacy for court participants and their families.
3. Ensure persons with mental illness do not languish in jail.

4. Balance the legal rights of the court participant, and public safety through court-based clinician led recommendations.
5. Increase access to community based mental health/ substance use care through the centralization of scarce resources in specialized court.
6. Reduce and/or eliminate justice-involvement through court intervention, diversion, and promotion of individualized community-based mental health care and recovery.
7. Monitor effectiveness and adequacy of mental health treatment and services, from a person-first and culturally sensitive approach.
8. Solicit participation and from court consumers and family members via court process.

## **B. Guiding Principles**

1. Broward's Mental Health Court is a specialized problem-solving treatment court. The Court is non-adversarial with focus on the promotion of mental health care, rehabilitation, public safety, and prevention of re-arrest.
2. Court participation is voluntary.
3. The protection and promotion of public safety is paramount.
4. The protection and promotion of constitutional and legal rights is paramount.
5. All families and individuals with deserve access to qualitative, and evidence-based mental health care, from the least restrictive and most appropriate perspective based on clinical determinations, and the applied research.
6. The Court promotes "person-first" psychiatric rehabilitation based on the research of Boston University, Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation.
7. Broward's Mental Health Court is deemed a human rights strategy.
8. The Court wholly applies the law reform science of Therapeutic Jurisprudence, where dignity and procedural fairness is the centerpiece of court process.
9. Through expert clinical review by Mental Health Court Clinician, Janis Blenden, LCSW the Court facilitates jail diversion, and linkages to community-based mental health treatment, services, housing, and supportive services.

## **C. Getting Started – Mental Health - Know the Facts**

It is important to know that mental illness is no different than any other physical illness/medical condition. Therefore, mental health treatment requires understanding the signs and symptoms surrounding mental health care, listening, and securing mental health treatment, and supportive services.

The Court, and our community partners understand the urgent need to respond to barriers which often prevents or obstructs individuals and their families from seeking and securing needed mental health treatment, and supportive services.

These barriers include:

- Prejudice, stigma, fear, and misinformation surrounding mental illness, recovery, and the prevalence of mental illness for children, and adults.
- Cultural barriers, often based upon cultural belief systems, mistrust, superstition, or social attitudes that emotional or psychological problems are due to weakness, or other causes.
- System of care barriers: where community based mental health systems have been historically under-funded. Therefore, community resources are scarce, highly fragmented, and difficult to access.
- A lack of financial structures, which often impacts access to care. {See, [Final Report to the White House: President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, Executive Summary](#), and U.S. Department of Health & Human Services July 23, 2003.}



**D. [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#) ( Source: National NAMI Website)**

“NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building lives for fir the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.”

- *“NAMI recognizes that other organizations have drawn distinctions between what diagnoses are considered “mental health conditions” as opposed to “mental illnesses.” We intentionally use the terms “mental health conditions” and “mental illnesses” interchangeably.*
- A mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, behavior or mood. These conditions deeply impact day-to-day living and may also affect the ability to relate to others. If you have — or think you might have — a mental illness, the first thing you must know is that **you are not alone**. Mental health conditions are far more common than you think, mainly because people don’t like to, or are scared to, talk about them. However:

- [1 in 5](#) U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- [1 in 20](#) U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- [1 in 6](#) U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- [50%](#) of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24
- A mental health condition isn't the result of one event. Research suggests multiple, linking causes. Genetics, environment, and lifestyle influence whether someone develops a mental health condition. A stressful job or home life makes some people more susceptible, as do traumatic life events. Biochemical processes and circuits and basic brain structure may play a role, too.
- None of this means that you're broken or that you, or your family, did something "wrong." Mental illness is no one's fault. And for many people, recovery — including meaningful roles in social life, school, and work — is possible, especially when you start treatment early and play a strong role in your own recovery process.

#### **[E. Mental Health Conditions: Source: National NAMI Website](#)**

- **Anxiety Disorders**

Everyone can experience anxiety, but when symptoms are overwhelming and constant — often impacting everyday living — it may be an anxiety disorder.

- **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**

ADHD is a developmental disorder defined by inattention (trouble staying on task, listening); disorganization (losing materials); and hyperactivity-impulsivity (fidgeting, difficulty staying seated or waiting).

- **Bipolar Disorder**

Bipolar disorder causes dramatic shifts in a person's mood, energy, and ability to think clearly. Individuals with this disorder experience extreme high and low moods, known as mania and depression. Some people can be symptom-free for many years between episodes.

- **Borderline Personality Disorder**

BPD is characterized by a pattern of instability in emotions (commonly referred to as dysregulation), interpersonal relationships and self-image. Individuals with BPD can also struggle with impulsivity and self-harm.

- **Depression**

Depression involves recurrent, severe periods of clear-cut changes in mood, thought processes and motivation lasting for a minimum of two weeks. Changes in thought processes typically

include negative thoughts and hopelessness. Depression also involves affects sleep/energy, appetite, or weight.

- **Dissociative Disorders**

Dissociative disorders, which are frequently associated with trauma, disrupt every area of psychological functioning: consciousness, memory, identity, emotion, motor control and behavior.

- **Eating Disorders**

Eating disorders are characterized by the intentional changing of food consumption to the point where physical health or social behaviors are affected.

- **Posttraumatic Stress Disorder**

PTSD involves a set of physiological and psychological responses. It can occur in people who have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event such as a natural disaster, a serious accident, a terrorist act, rape, war/combat, or something similar.

- **Psychosis**

Psychosis is characterized as disruptions to a person's thoughts and perceptions that make it difficult for them to recognize what is real and what isn't.

- **Schizoaffective Disorder**

Schizoaffective disorder involves symptoms of schizophrenia, such as hallucinations or delusions, and symptoms of a mood disorder, such as depressive or manic episodes.

- **Schizophrenia**

Schizophrenia interferes with a person's ability to think clearly, manage emotions, make decisions, and relate to others. It also causes people to lose touch with reality, often in the form of hallucinations and delusions

**[Note: The Mental Health Court serves persons with a broad range of neuro-cognitive disorders including, but not limited to: autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disorders, learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, Dementia, and Alzheimer's disease; as well as co-occurring substance use disorders.]**



## **F. Know the Facts, Be Prepared & Crisis Prevention**

According to the World Health Organization: Mental health is essential to overall physical health. {See Website: [WHO, Mental Health Key Facts](#)}

I have included a series of fact sheets provided by The National Alliance on Mental Illness for your review.

While there may be misunderstandings and misinformation about mental illness – it is important to know that mental illness should be viewed like any other physical or medical illness. In the event of a mental health crisis should you need to call 911.

- Be prepared with as much information as possible (ex. name, DOB, psychiatric diagnosis, prescribed medication(s), name of treating psychiatrist, dates of prior psychiatric hospitalization(s), concerns re: drug use, suicidal ideations, prior suicide attempts, description of what is happening, concerns about threat of harm to self or others, etc.
- If law enforcement is needed, request a CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Officer.
- CIT officers are specially trained in responding to mental health crisis. For more information on CIT Programs: [See National NAMI website.](#)





## **G. Family-to-Family Education / Mental Health Advocacy Services & Resources**

Source: [National NAMI Website](#)

The Court strongly recommends family members, guardians, and extended family to contact NAMI Broward County (Source: [Website NAMI Broward County](#) to register for (free) Family-to-Family Program. Contact: 954-316-9907.) Please let NAMI Broward know you have a family member participating in the mental health court, or other court division.

- “**NAMI Family-to-Family** is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.
- **NAMI Family-to-Family** is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussions, and interactive exercises.
- **What You’ll Gain (Source Website: NAMI Broward County)**
- NAMI Family-to-Family not only provides information and strategies for taking care of the person you love, but you'll also find out that you're not alone. Recovery is a journey, and there is hope.
- The group setting of **NAMI Family-to-Family** provides mutual support and shared positive impact—experience compassion and reinforcement from people who understand your situation. Sharing your own experience may help others in your class. In the program, you'll learn about:
  - How to solve problems and communicate effectively
  - Taking care of yourself and managing your stress
  - Supporting your loved one with compassion
  - Finding and using local supports and services
  - Up-to-date information on mental health conditions and how they affect the brain
  - How to handle a crisis

- Current treatments and therapies
- The impact of mental health conditions on the entire family

### **What People Are Saying**

- *"The course gave me hope that it will be okay, that I am not alone and reduced a lot of shame, guilt and hopelessness."*

*"I wish I'd known about this seven years ago when the problem began. I felt safe in this class. I was able to talk about things I haven't been comfortable expressing elsewhere."*

*"Before I took the course, I felt alone and overwhelmed dealing with my daughter's mental illness. By taking this course, I have met others who are going through the same things I am and have learned about many resources that I never knew existed."*

- *"I thought my wife and I knew just about everything there is to know about the system and the illness. Boy, were we wrong? Without a doubt, this is the best support course I have had the privilege of taking part in, bar none."*



### **H. Mental Health Crisis/Suicide Prevention & Social Services**

(Source: [Broward 2-1-1 Website](#))

- 211 Broward, First Call for Help. Dialing 211 on your phone will connect you to **Broward First Call for Help**, which also connects to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. {1-800-273-8255}  
For more info: [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#), See Website.

- 211 Broward is the live, **24-hour** comprehensive helpline, providing all people with crisis, health, and human services support, and connecting them to resources in our community.
- 211 Broward serves as a referral source for all social services, and resources including the homeless assistance for Broward County. For more information on [211 Broward, See website.](#)

### **Additional Suicide Prevention Services**

- [FISP/Florida Suicide Prevention Initiative](#). See, MHA/FISP website for additional information, including crisis text line, *text* MHA to 741741 *to reach a trained Crisis Counselor 24/7, as well as data on suicide prevention, and services for loss survivors, and other resources.*



### **I. Henderson Behavioral Health Centralized Receiving System, Crisis Walk-In & Mobile Crisis Team (Source: Henderson BHC Website)**

- The Centralized Receiving Center (CRC) provides adults experiencing a crisis a convenient point of entry into the mental health and substance use systems for immediate assessment, as well as subsequent referral and linkage to appropriate and available providers and services.
- **Services Offered include the following:**
  - Assessments
  - Crisis Support/Emergency Services
  - Psychiatric Services
  - Case Management

- Care Coordination
- Referral and Linkage
- Peer Recovery Support
- 24/7/365
- 24-hour Mobile Crisis Team
- [First Episode Psychosis Team](#) (For more information see, linked article National Council for Mental Wellbeing, *Early Intervention Treatments for Psychosis: First Episode Psychosis Community of Practice.*” 2016.



**J. BROWARD COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND (BAKER ACT/MARCHMAN ACT) RECEIVING UNITS ( Source: See BBHC Website for more information)**

- [Henderson Hospital / Crisis Stabilization Unit](#)  
300 SW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312  
954-739-8066
- [Broward Health Medical Center](#)  
1600 S. Andrews Ave.  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33316  
954-355-4400.
- [Fort Lauderdale Behavioral Health Center](#)  
5757 North Dixie Highway  
Oakland Park, Fl. 33334  
(800-585-7527)

- [Florida Medical Center](#)  
5000 West Oakland Park Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33313  
954-735-6000
- [HCA Florida Woodmont Hospital](#)  
(FKA University- Pavillion)  
7201 North University Dr.  
Tamarac, Fl. 33321  
954-722-9933
- [Memorial Regional Hospital](#)  
3501 Johnson Street,  
Hollywood, Fl. 33021  
954-265-6310
- [Larkin Community Hospital](#)  
1201 N 37th Ave  
Hollywood, FL 33021

**K. Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, (BBHC) Broward County’s Managing Entity (Source: Website description) Phone: 954-622-8121**

- “Broward’s public behavioral health system is under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). DCF privatized its service system through the development and contractual relationships with local Managing Entities to provide the administration, management, support, and oversight of the State and federally funded behavioral health services. In 2011, DCF designated the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, Inc. (BBHC) as Broward’s local Managing Entity, which is responsible for the contracting, monitoring, clinical quality oversight and performance improvement of the DCF/State funded behavioral health services.”
- “BBHC provides a comprehensive system of care for substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders for individuals in Broward County. As a non-profit organization, BBHC also manages local and national grants to develop evidence-based practices and practice improvement for providers and persons served. BBHC contracts with Concordia Behavioral Health to provide services related to BBHC’s network.”

**VISION**

- “Ensuring a responsive and compassionate behavioral healthcare experience for people in our community.”

### MISSION

- “To advocate and ensure an effective and efficient behavioral health system of care is available in Broward County”

### VALUES

“Consumer driven, cultural competence, compassionate service, efficient management, innovative system, fiscal integrity.”

### OUR ROLES

- “Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, Inc. (BBHC) was created in 2011 and was selected by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) as Broward County’s Managing Entity (ME) for mental health and substance abuse services.”
- “BBHC’s mission is to advocate and ensure an effective and efficient behavioral health system of care is available in Broward.”

Please feel free to contact BBHC for assistance or additional information about mental health/behavioral health (substance use) services in Broward County.



L. [The United Way of Broward County](#) (Source: UWBC Website)

Contact: 954-462-4850 AND [COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DRUG PREVENTION](#)

- “For over 80 years, United Way of Broward County has united the community to tackle the most complex, critical challenges and create long-lasting positive change. United, we stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves, united we confront those who are working hard and falling short and united we fight for

the **Health, Education** and **Financial Prosperity** of **EVERY** person in our community.”

- The United Way of Broward County works with all public and private organizations and institutions across systems; including education, housing, behavioral health care, transportation, governmental, etc. to provide a wide range of services; including emergency disaster relief, suicide prevention, and supports a wide range of programs for our children in education, as well as transportation, and services for veterans and their families.”



**M. [Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities](#)**

(Source: Website Description)

- “APD works with local organizations and private providers to support people who have developmental disabilities and their families in living, learning, and working in their communities. APD identifies the service needs of people with developmental disabilities, and those individuals may receive social, medical, behavioral, residential, and/or therapeutic services.”
- [Agency Mission and Goals](#)
- [Statement of Agency Organization and Operation](#)
- [APD Glossary of Terms and Acronyms](#)
- **Who We Serve**
- The agency serves more than 50,000 Floridians with the following disabilities
- People severely impaired by autism
- Cerebral palsy
- Spina bifida

- Intellectual disabilities
- Down syndrome
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Phelan-McDermid syndrome
- Children age 3-5 who are at a high risk of a developmental disabilities



[N. The Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County/ The Area Agency on Aging Broward County](#) ( Source: Website Description)

- **Who We Are**
- **“The Areawide Council on Aging, Inc. of Broward County d/b/a The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County AAABC is a nonprofit organization serving Broward County's senior residents, age 60 or older. The AAABC is part of a State Network which contains a total of 11 Area Agencies on Aging in the State of Florida which each have their own planning and service areas (PSAs). The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County is designated as PSA 10 and is the only PSA comprised of one county, Broward County.”**
- **“The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County also administers the Aging and Disability Resource Center which serves adults over 60 as well as individuals 18 years of age or older who have been diagnosed with dementia or live with a disability. The ADRC is part of a single, coordinated system for information and access to services for all Floridians seeking long-term care resources. The ADRC provides information and assistance about state and federal benefits, as well as available local programs and services.”**
- **“Programs include Medicare Counseling/SHINE \* Senior Centers and Day Care Centers\* Transportation Services “**





**O. SunServe (Source: Website)**

Contact: 954-764-5150

- “Recognizing that the entire LGBTQ community has the right to quality care, our mission is to provide critical life assistance and professional mental health services with an emphasis on economically disadvantaged, marginalized youth, adults and seniors in the greater South Florida metropolitan area.”



**P. Mental Health America for Southeast Florida/ FISP**

(Source: MHASFL website) Contact 954-746-2055

- *“Mental Health America of Southeast Florida is your voice for mental wellness. Since 1957, we have remained true to our mission of promoting mental health through education, research, advocacy, and empowerment. “*
- **Services Include:**
- School based prevention programs for children.
- Education and support for parents.

- 9MusesArt Center, for more than 20 years providing cultural and artistic classes, art exhibits, creative social activities, and inspiring art projects for mental health consumers.
- The Seth Line- a warm line for mental health consumers connects with specially trained peers.
- *The Power of Peers*. Working in collaboration with South Florida Wellness a county-wide “Peer Run” organization. (See below)
- [Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention](#); providing a range suicide prevention and survivor services.
- The Care Program offering education and support for family members raising grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or siblings.
- Online “[Connections Guidebook](#)” Providing a comprehensive listing of mental health, behavioral health, and support services in Broward County.



Q. BROWARD COUNTY FAMILY SUCCESS CENTERS ( Source Broward.org/Family Success Centers Website )

- The four Family Success Centers located throughout the County are one-stop resources for assisting individuals and families in setting goals, learning skills, and accessing the services they need to become financially stable.

- **Family Success Centers Provide:**

Case Management Services

Emergency Assistance, Rent/Mortgage and Utilities

Information & Referrals to Local Community Partners

- For Family Success Center Locations – [Please Click Link](#)

R. BROWARD ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTER (Source BARC Website)

- “Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC) offers a comprehensive range of services for persons over the age of 18 who are affected by substance abuse and/or co-occurring disorders.”
- “Our experienced and professional staff is dedicated to helping clients attain a healthy and satisfying lifestyle focusing on individual recovery, improved life management skills, and enhanced interpersonal relationships and involvement in community support group.”
- “We provide effective intervention in a caring, respectful and confidential manner, utilizing individual, group and family therapy. We collaborate with a variety of health care providers and referral sources to ensure clients receive services that will support their recovery.”

S. [NANCY J, COTTERMAN CENTER](#) (Source: Website) 400 NE 4th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Tel: [954 357 5775](#) Fax: 954-357-5779, **Hours:** 24 hours

- The Nancy J. Cotterman Center (NJCC) improves and enhances the quality of life for victims of sexual assault and child abuse through effective forensically sensitive interventions, implemented by professionals specializing in the fields of sexual assault and child abuse.
- **RESOURCES:**

[Abuset.Org Home Page](#)

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

[Facts About Sexual Assault and Child Abuse](#)

[Family Violence Information](#)

[Florida Attorney General's Office](#)

[Florida Council Against Sexual Violence](#)

[Florida State Child Protection Team](#)

[Forensic Issues Information](#)

[Institute For Family Violence Studies](#)

[Information for Teens on Sexual Violence](#)

[National Children's Alliance](#)

[National Runaway Switchboard \(1-800-RUNAWAY\)](#)

[RAINN: Rape Abuse Incest National Network](#)

[Rape Information](#)

[Supervised Visitation Information](#)



**T. SOUTH FLORIDA WELLNESS NETWORK**  
(SOURCE: [SOUTH FLORIDA WELLNESS WEBSITE](#), 954-533-0585)

- **Mission & Vision**

“To create an evidenced based consumer and family driven recovery oriented behavioral health system of care for individuals confronted with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

Broward County will have a recovery oriented system of care for behavioral health consumers that is filled with hope, expectation, and real fulfillment, as well as courage, commitment, and dedicated effort.”

- **Our Services include:**

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Provide services to transitional age youth 14-29.

Will coach a new set of skills to help them live independently.

Power of Peers

Provide interim supportive services and discharge support to individuals in crisis stabilization units, and detox.

Facilitate wellness workshops.

Youth Peer Support

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Peer Re-entry

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Harm Reduction Education

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## SAMHSA's Working Definition of Recovery



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