



Confronting the Youth Mental Health Crisis

Florida has over 400,000 children and youth with emotional, behavioral, and developmental challenges, but due to a national shortage of pediatric mental health providers, **only about half of these kids can access the support they need.**



We help doctors help kids get access to behavioral health care.

Established by the Florida Department of Health, the Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative partners with leading universities and medical institutions to operate behavioral health hubs around the state. **These hubs train primary care doctors to directly diagnose and treat kids** with common mental health conditions like ADHD, anxiety, and depression.

This means **kids may not need to wait for treatment** from a pediatric mental health specialist.



We support families when they don't know where to turn.

When young patients require support beyond what their primary care doctor can provide, our hubs can connect them to a local pediatric mental health clinician and community-based behavioral health resources. Our care coordinators can also work with the patient's family and care team to create a **comprehensive care plan** that considers the child's biological, psychological and social needs, while **keeping everyone informed along the way.**

This collaborative approach to care **saves families time and money, and can result in better outcomes for their children.**

Florida's Regional Behavioral Health Hubs

Florida's behavioral health hubs offer the following key services at no cost to primary care physicians or the families they serve.



Physician education, training and support, including patient-specific psychiatry consultations



Referrals to local mental health professionals and community-based behavioral health resources



Patient care coordination that considers the whole child



To learn more about how we're working to address Florida's youth mental health crisis, visit FloridaHealth.gov/PediatricBehavioralHealth.

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