

Service Name	REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CRISIS/EMERGENCY SERVICES -- CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM
Funding Source	Behavioral Health Services
Funding Region	Region 3 Behavioral Health Services
Setting	The Co-Responder Program is co-located in a law enforcement agency setting and travels with law enforcement to assist with mental health outreach and crisis intervention in the consumer's home or other appropriate community-based setting.
Facility License	As required by DHHS Division of Public Health
Basic Definition	The Co-Responder model pairs law enforcement and behavioral health practitioners to respond to individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis that precipitates a police call for service. The team utilizes the combined expertise of the officer and the behavioral health specialists to de-escalate situations and help link individuals to appropriate services and supports.
Service Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-Face meeting with consumer accompanying law enforcement. • Crisis de-escalation through intervention and management. • Behavioral health screening and assessment including brief mental health status, risk of harm to self and/or others. • Development of plan for police call for service outcome and next steps. • Referral and linkage community-based services. • Outreach and linkage to families, when appropriate. • Follow-up with consumers in 36 hours to promote ongoing connection to community-based services and supports • Care coordination as appropriate.
Length of Service	Length of service continues until the call situation is effectively addressed.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site Behavioral Health Professional: LMHP, LIMHP, PLMHP, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Nurse Practitioner, • Access to consulting behavioral health professionals and other law enforcement officials as needed. • Co-Responder team members are trained in trauma-informed care, working with individuals experiencing co-occurring disorders, suicide prevention, and resiliency and recovery principles.
Staffing Ratio	Minimum one-to-one (behavioral health practitioner & consumer) basis in person
Hours of Operation	24/7
Consumer Desired Outcome	The individual will be able to remain in their home or community-based setting.
Program Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of unnecessary arrests and jail admissions of individuals experiencing a mental illness and/or substance use disorder. • Decreased psychiatric hospitalizations of individuals experiencing a mental illness and/or substance use disorder. • Provide alternate care in the least restrictive environment through a coordinated system-wide approach. Access to consulting behavioral health professionals and other law enforcement officials as needed. • Increase the efficiency of law enforcement officer time by facilitating the return to patrol and other relevant activities. • Increase the awareness, competency and skills of law enforcement responding to behavioral health situations. • Educate behavioral health professionals in the unique working conditions and demands of law enforcement. • Increase collaboration and communication between law enforcement and behavioral health practitioners.
Rate	NFFS – Expense Reimbursement

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