

Crisis Mental Health Services Available to all Ohio Adolescents Through the Expanded “Mobile Response and Stabilization Services”

Summary and Impact

Governor DeWine recently announced that all 88 Ohio counties now have access to rapid, in-person mental health crisis response for youth through Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS). The goal of MRSS is to reduce emergency room visits, keep families together, and provide consistent statewide support within 60 minutes of a crisis call—something that was previously only available in select areas.

Details

On April 21, 2025, Governor DeWine announced the statewide expansion of Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS), a key initiative aimed at strengthening youth mental health support systems. *“MRSS is one of the most important tools we have at our disposal to respond quickly and effectively when a child is experiencing a crisis. Last year, I announced that we wanted to take this service statewide. Now, that goal is becoming a reality. It’s another example of how we’re protecting the mental health of our young people so they can reach their full potential,”* said Governor DeWine. MRSS provides immediate, on-site help for children and young adults aged 20 and under experiencing overwhelming mental, emotional, or behavioral distress. **When a crisis occurs, a trained team of professionals responds within 60 minutes to the youth’s location—whether at home, school, or elsewhere—to de-escalate the situation and offer continued support, all at no cost to the individual or their family.** MRSS also includes up to six weeks of follow-up care such as in-home services, peer support, and referrals to community-based resources.

The statewide rollout will ensure that services are available in all 88 counties and is designed to reduce emergency department visits while helping families manage crises in the least restrictive setting. MRSS is now integrated into the OhioRISE program, ensuring access regardless of a family's ability to pay. OhioMHAS, ODM, and the Ohio Department of Children and Youth are coordinating to ensure the effective and equitable implementation of the expanded services. This initiative represents a significant milestone in Ohio’s ongoing efforts to promote mental health access and early intervention for young people.

Link to the articles:

- <https://governor.ohio.gov/media/news-and-media/governor-dewine-announces-plan-for-statewide-expansion-of-youth-mobile-behavioral-health-service>
- <https://mha.ohio.gov/get-help/crisis-systems/mobile-response-and-stabilization-services-mrss/mrss-statewide-expansion/mrss-statewide-expansion2>