



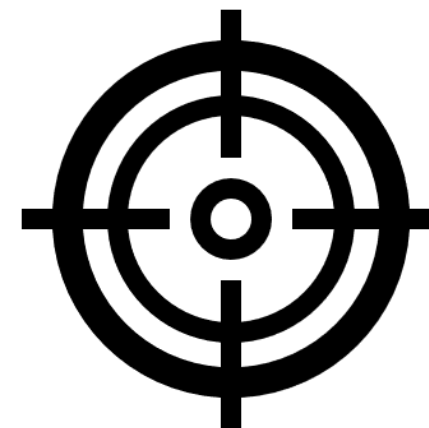
House Bill 945

An act relating to Children's Mental Health but includes up to age 25

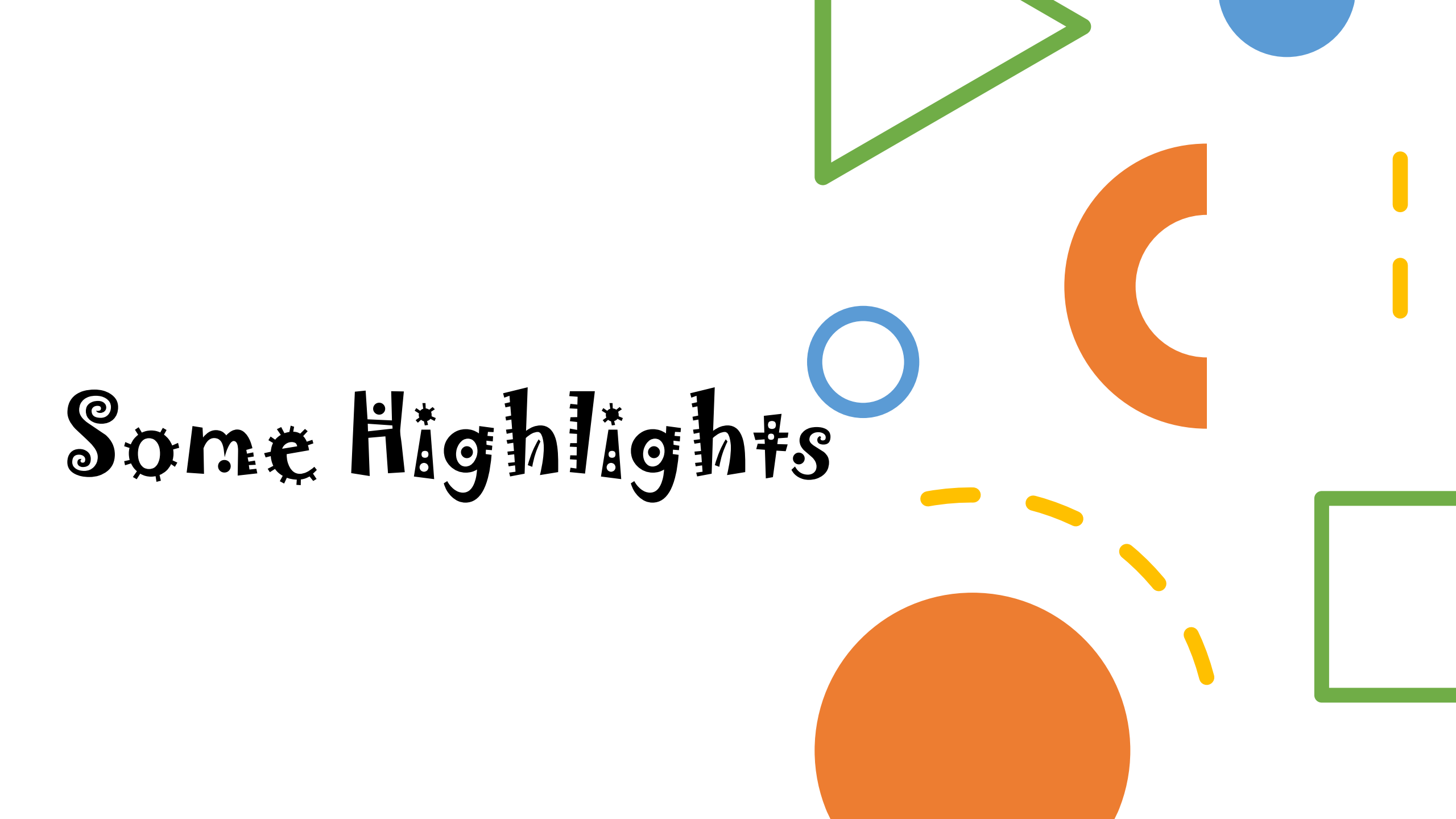
A focus on our first 6 months of implementation

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Some Highlights

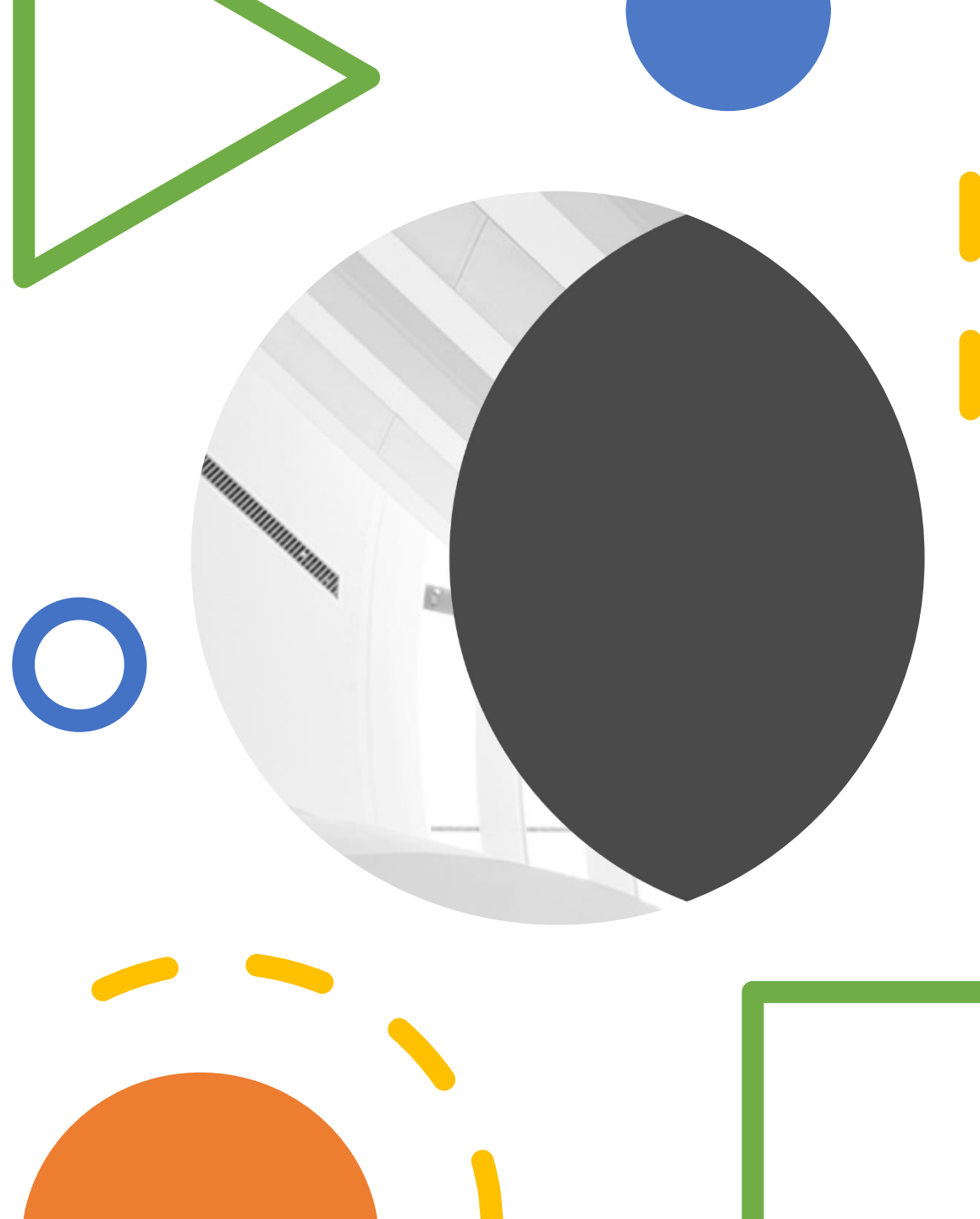


High Utilizers of Crisis Stabilization Units

- Requires the DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (DCF) and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to identify children, adolescents, and young adults age 25 and under who are the highest users of crisis stabilization services.
- Requires DCF and AHCA to collaboratively take action to meet the behavioral health needs of such children. Must jointly submit quarterly reports to the Legislature during Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 on the actions taken by both agencies to better serve these individuals.
- DCF and AHCA to assess the quality of care provided in crisis stabilization units to children and adolescents who are high utilizers of such services and submit a joint report on their findings to the Governor and Legislature by November 15, 2020.
- DCF to (re)define priority populations for care coordination and can take into account a variety of factors

Mobile Response Teams

- Requires DCF to contract with the MES for crisis response services provided through mobile response teams (MRTS) to provide immediate, onsite behavioral health services 24 hours per day, seven days per week within available resources.
- When contracting for an MRT, MES must collaborate with local sheriff's offices and public schools in the selection process.
- MRT must establish response protocols with local law enforcement agencies, community-based care lead agencies, the child welfare system, and the Department of Juvenile Justice, and requires that the MRT provide access to psychiatrists or psychiatric nurse practitioners.
- MRTS must refer children, adolescents, or young adults and their families to an array of crisis response services that address their individual needs.



Mobile Response Teams

- Requires contracted providers to give parents and caregivers of children who receive behavioral health services information on how to contact an MRT.
- Requires **MEs** to promote the use of available crisis intervention services.
- Requires immediate/on-site response **by MRTs** for youth served by the child welfare system and are experiencing or are at high risk of placement instability.
- Foster parent preservice training requirements to include local MRT contact information and requires community-based care lead agencies to provide MRT contact information to all individuals that provide care for dependent children.

A mobile response team shall, at a minimum:

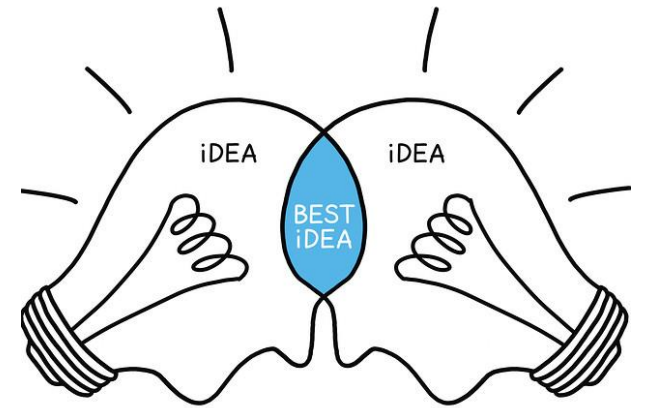
1. Triage new requests to determine the level of severity and prioritize new requests that meet the clinical threshold for an in-person response. To the extent permitted by available resources, **mobile response teams must provide in-person responses to such calls meeting such clinical level of response within 60 minutes** after prioritization.
2. **Respond** to a crisis in the location **where the crisis is occurring**.
3. Provide behavioral health **crisis-oriented services** that are **responsive to the needs of the child, adolescent, or young adult and his or her family**.
4. Provide **evidence-based practices** to children, adolescents, young adults, and families to enable them to deescalate and respond to behavioral challenges that they are facing and to reduce the potential for future crises.
5. Provide **screening, standardized assessments, early identification, and referrals** to community services.
6. Provide **care coordination** by facilitating the transition to ongoing services.
7. Ensure there is a **process in place for informed consent and confidentiality compliance** measures.
8. Promote **information sharing and the use of innovative technology**.

A Coordinated System of Care - Planning

- Requires the behavioral health MANAGING ENTITIES to create plan(s) that promote the development and implementation of a coordinated system of care for children, adolescents, and young adults (up to 25 years old) to integrate behavioral health services provided through state-funded child serving systems and to facilitate access to mental health and substance abuse treatment and services

Key Players

It will take a village....



Who needs to be part of this?

- Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network staff (internal workgroup and for external meetings),
- Children and adolescents with behavioral health needs and their families,
- behavioral health service providers,
- law enforcement agencies,
- school districts or superintendents (all five required),
- the multiagency network for students with emotional or behavioral disabilities (SEDNET),
- the Department,
- child welfare systems,
- juvenile justice systems,
- early learning coalitions,
- the Agency for Health Care Administration,
- Medicaid managed medical assistance plans,
- the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and
- other community partners

