



Monmouth County Child & Family Crisis Clinicians

MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER

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Our Mission

- ▶ Child & Family Crisis Clinician (CFCC)
 - ▶ Provide assessment in the community to determine level of care needed
 - ▶ Assessment of risk for hospitalization
 - ▶ Recommendation/referral to appropriate resources
 - ▶ Our goal is to prevent a psychiatric crisis and costly Emergency Room visit
 - ▶ Child clinicians will outreach children and adolescents in their home, provider's office, or at the school at no cost to the family
 - ▶ Prevent children from being exposed to the Emergency Room setting
 - ▶ Diversion from emergency services to prevent possible trauma



Types of Outreaches

- ▶ Crisis assessment, evaluation of need for hospitalization
- ▶ School clearance, “fit to return”
- ▶ Referrals to outpatient care
- ▶ Face to face follow-up outreaches post discharge from crisis/inpatient levels of care

Program Overview

- ▶ Information needed when referring a child:
 - ▶ Complete demographics (ages 5-17)
 - ▶ Parent/guardian names and phone number
 - ▶ Outpatient treatment provider (if applicable)
 - ▶ Psychiatric treatment history
 - ▶ Clear overview/picture of the presenting problem and why the child is being seen.
 - ▶ Parental consent to evaluation

Program Overview

- ▶ An outreach can be requested by police officers, schools, therapists, treatment teams or family members
 - ▶ Legal guardians must give consent for the child to be seen
- ▶ Screenings can be completed outside of the hospital setting
 - ▶ Outreaches are set-up on appointment basis only, and available 7 days/week.
 - ▶ We are also able to provide this service virtually due to COVID-19
- ▶ Once a child is seen, the case will be discussed with the child psychiatrist to determine disposition
- ▶ If a child cannot wait for an appointment and has to be seen right away, parents/guardians should take the child to their nearest ER for an evaluation

Need to Know

- ▶ There is no Screening Law for children
- ▶ Child Clinicians do not respond 24 hours the way adult screeners respond to a mobile outreach with police in the community
- ▶ Child Clinicians do not respond if there is an imminent risk of dangerousness to self or others (i.e., active attempts). Child Clinician referral can be made to provide assessment following a crisis that no longer needs immediate intervention
- ▶ Police can call PESS at any hour to discuss a situation and receive guidance

Contact Information

- ▶ **Call PESS hotline 24/7 at 732-923-6999**
 - ▶ Staff will answer calls and take referrals or answer any questions you may have. Child Clinicians will return after hours calls the following day.
- ▶ Katie Robertson - work cell phone 609-226-2634
- ▶ Johnna Malter - work cell phone 609-226-4349
- ▶ Alexa Bickauskas – work cell phone 862.260.5398
 - ▶ Available during working hours



Questions?