

Nationally, **2** million people with mental illness are booked into jails each year.

At least **83%** of jail inmates with a mental illness did not have access to treatment. NAMI

In Missouri

- ★ **19%** **997,000** people have experienced some type of mental illness
- ★ **Another 429,000** have experienced alcohol or substance misuse
- ★ **55%** of Missouri adults with mental health disorder are not receiving the necessary care.

To assist individuals in crisis and reduce the pressure on law enforcement to also be mental health professionals, **Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC)** locations are available to **triage, assess, provide immediate care, and refer to community resources**. Officers and hospitals can now refer and direct individuals to proper assessment and treatment services, diverting from unnecessary jail and emergency room visits to a safe place where mental health staff can stabilize the current crisis.

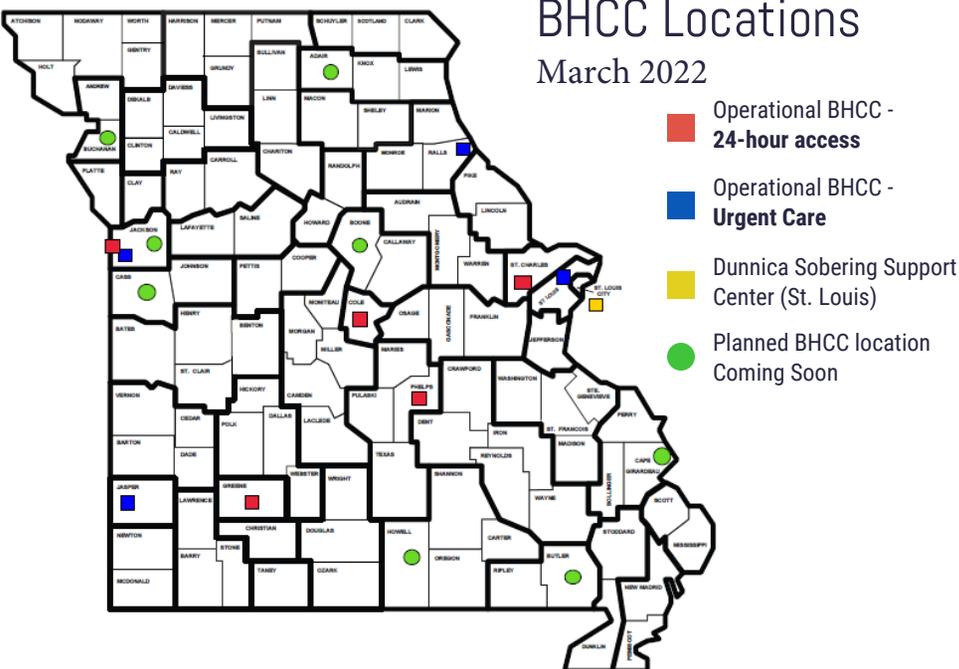


These centers provide law enforcement with options beyond the emergency room or jail.



Behavioral Health Crisis Centers

BHCC Locations
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Making a Difference ★

The BHCC in Wentzville, Missouri shared a positive experience they received from the Hermann Police Department.



▶ Hermann PD responded to an individual in crisis and under the influence.



▶ The police officer took this individual to the local hospital.
▶ The individual became increasingly agitated and the hospital called 911 to help.



▶ Hermann PD called and transported this individual to Wentzville BHCC.
▶ The police officer met BHCC staff at the door. The officer filled out paperwork and was back on the road in 5 minutes.



★ The BHCC was the proper setting for this individual to receive the care they needed in that moment.
★ This is now the standard practice for the Hermann PD when officers encounter individuals in crisis.