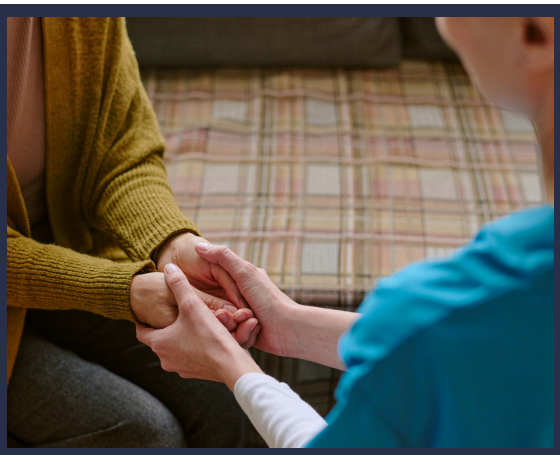
EMERGENCY ROOM ENHANCEMENT

Improving Access to Behavioral Health Care



What is ERE?

Emergency Room Enhancement (ERE) programs are designed to reduce barriers that prevent individuals from seeking care in the most appropriate setting. ERE aims to decrease the use of emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and law enforcement contact by engaging individuals into treatment and utilizing community supports.

Goals of ERE

- Reduce emergency room visits and hospitalizations
- Reduce homelessness, unemployment, and involvement with law enforcement
- Connect individual to ongoing treatment and support
- Provide coordinated care for mental health, physical health, and basic daily needs

8,692

Number of people served by ERE in Fiscal Year 2026

ERE Client Statement | *"I would say it saved my life. Having somebody that actually took a minute. It was incredible and I don't believe I would be alive without it."*

FY26 Outcomes of ERE

- 36% reduction in ED visits
- 30% reduction in hospitalizations
- 18% reduction in law enforcement contact

- 21% improvement in housing status
- 8% improvement in insurance status

From 2018 to 2023, the ERE program in Missouri has:

- Saved an estimated **$57,686,608** in unnecessary hospitalizations
- Saved an estimated **$113,587,752** in unnecessary emergency department visits

ERE Client Statement | *"It's helped me all around making me feel like a human that I have self-worth."*

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