



## Law Enforcement CBHL



### WHO WE ARE

The Community Behavioral Health Liaison (CBHL) program was established in 2013 as part of the Strengthening Mental Health Initiative by the Missouri Department of Mental Health.

The primary objective of this initiative is to build strong community partnerships between Community Mental Health Centers, law enforcement, courts, and jails. This collaboration aims to make the most of existing resources, improve access to behavioral health services and supports, and prevent unnecessary jail, prison, and hospital stays, ultimately enhancing the outcomes for individuals with behavioral health needs.

### LE CBHL TASKS

The CBHLs dedicated to law enforcement and first responders in Missouri will assist with residency and wellness checks as needed or requested by officers, screen individuals with behavioral health needs to coordinate services (particularly those with frequent contact with first responders), and follow up after initial contact with the individual. The CBHL will be actively involved in the local CIT Council, assisting with council meetings and training sessions for all first responders and community stakeholders. CBHLs may also serve to connect officers and first responders to critical wellness resources and services.

### LE CBHL REFERRALS

Stakeholders may vary in each jurisdiction, but the following law enforcement and first responder partners may send referrals to the LE CBHL for connection to services and resources:

- County Sheriffs and Deputies
- Municipal Police
- Dispatchers
- Co-Responders
- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- EMS/Paramedics
- Departments of Public Safety
- College/University Public Safety
- Park Rangers and Conservation
- Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists

### Benefits of the LE CBHL include:

- Coordinate with all local crisis response resources to assist first responders
- Provide support and behavioral health training to law enforcement and first responder personnel regarding behavioral health
- No wrong door access to the behavioral health system!

### CRISIS RESOURCES

Explore the Missouri Crisis Resources Contact Directory map to find local resources or liaisons by scanning this QR code or visiting

[mbhc21.wixsite.com/website-3](https://mbhc21.wixsite.com/website-3)

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