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### The Impact of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in Missouri

*Recognizing the patient health outcomes and behavioral healthcare system enhancements with CCBHCs operating in Missouri since 2017.*

Jefferson City, MO. June 18, 2024 – The Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) proudly celebrates the 20 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) diligently serving our communities since 2017. These clinics, operating statewide and available to every Missourian, have coordinated primary care gaps, avoided unnecessary jail and emergency department visits, responded to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, and transformed mental health and addiction services, providing access to quality care.

#### Making an Impact

Since their inception, CCBHCs have made a profound impact on the lives of Missourians. Here are some remarkable outcomes:

1. **Improved Access:** CCBHCs offer crisis services 24/7, ensuring that anyone seeking mental health or substance use care receives timely assistance, regardless of their ability to pay. CCBHCs saw an **83% increase** in patients served since 2017.
2. **Post-Hospitalization Follow-Up:** In 2022, CCBHCs **achieved an 82% rate** of 30-day post-hospitalization follow-up for adults hospitalized with mental illness and reduced the number of emergency room encounters by **36%** and hospital encounters by **35%**.
3. **Opioid Crisis Response:** These clinics play a pivotal role in curbing the opioid crisis, providing comprehensive, evidence-based services, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Missouri CCBHCs have increased access to medication-assisted treatment by **268%**.
4. **Justice System Collaboration:** CCBHCs actively collaborate with justice entities, training law enforcement officers, supporting pre-release initiatives, and expanding outreach to individuals involved in the justice system. CCBHCs have partnered with local law enforcement agencies to receive referrals of those needing behavioral health services and followed up on almost **23,000** adult referrals and **over 4,000** youth referrals.

Missouri has been innovative and transparent regarding data reporting and outcomes for CCBHCs and the programs they provide. Additional data can be viewed on the latest [Missouri Year 6 CCBHC Impact Report](#). In addition, the Missouri Behavioral Health Council and CLIVE Solutions have developed the [Missouri CCBHC Impact Dashboard](#) to provide the public with access to the patient demographics, measures, and client satisfaction reported for each CCBHC in Missouri.



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Brent McGinty, President and CEO of Missouri Behavioral Health Council, reflects on this journey:

“I remember very early in the CCBHC demonstration our champion, Senator Roy Blunt, saying, ‘Brent, Senator Stabenow and I are going to need the data.’ Our member agencies embraced this concept, and we’ve been rigorously collecting annual performance data and building out actionable population health tools to give our front-line staff the data they need to improve outcomes. Partnerships with innovators like Netsmart and AWS have been invaluable in driving this system improvement. We look forward to positioning Missouri at every opportunity at the leading edge of this national CCBHC movement.”

### Video Highlight of Missouri CCBHCs

To showcase the impactful work of our CCBHCs, we invite you to watch our video highlighting their dedication and commitment to transforming the behavioral health system. [Hear from Missouri trailblazers in this video to provide an inside look at how these clinics transform lives and promote mental well-being.](#)

Technology partner for CCBHCs and other state programs, Netsmart Technologies, has worked with Missouri since 2015.

“Netsmart is proud to work alongside our partners at MBHC and their member agencies to help transform care delivery for individuals across Missouri. Their commitment to embrace the use of data and technology to share best practices, measure care, and drive improvements is inspiring. The team at MBHC constantly challenges us to keep innovating within our solutions to create efficiencies and better outcomes. We look forward to continuing our partnership in support of CCBHC to ensure providers across Missouri have the technology needed.” said Scott Green SVP Population Health.

### A Bright Future

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening behavioral health services for all Missourians. The Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act, championed by Senators Debbie Stabenow and former Missouri Senator Roy Blunt, continues bridging the funding gap between physical and behavioral health care, ensuring no one is left behind.

“Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics have significantly improved behavioral health treatment in our country, and today’s announcement will dramatically expand and improve access to equitable, quality care for Americans with serious mental health and substance use treatment needs,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra.<sup>1</sup>

Missouri congratulates the ten states—Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Vermont—[recently announced by SAMHSA to participate in the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration program.](#) This continued expansion and commitment to the CCBHC model on a national, state, and community level will further enhance access to quality behavioral healthcare around the country.



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### About CCBHCs

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) provide essential mental health and substance use services, ensuring that every individual receives coordinated and compassionate care. These clinics represent a beacon of hope, transforming lives and fostering resilience within our communities.

For more information about Missouri CCBHCs, visit the **Missouri Department of Mental Health**: <https://dmh.mo.gov/certified-community-behavioral-health>

For more information about CCBHCs nationally, visit the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**: <https://www.samhsa.gov/certified-community-behavioral-health-clinics>

### About Missouri Behavioral Health Council

The Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC), founded in 1978, represents Missouri's not-for-profit certified community behavioral health clinics, substance use treatment agencies, affiliated community psychiatric rehabilitation service providers, and a clinical call center. Over thirty member agencies employing more than 14,000 caring and qualified staff provide treatment and support services to more than 300,000 patients annually. The Council actively leads the development and implementation of programs, systems, and resources that unify and support the statewide providers, improving access to appropriate behavioral healthcare for all Missourians. [www.mobhc.org](http://www.mobhc.org)

### About CLIVE Solutions

CLIVE Solutions was established as a subsidiary of MBHC to create efficiencies in data reporting and opportunities to advance and support behavioral health services and a value-based healthcare environment for Missouri and beyond. CLIVE Solutions deploys leading experts who have on-the-ground experience implementing Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) and have developed a health information landscape that promotes value-based care. [www.clivesolutions.org](http://www.clivesolutions.org)

### About Netsmart

Netsmart is an industry-leading healthcare technology organization empowering providers to deliver value-based care to the individuals and communities they serve. The Netsmart [CareFabric®](#) platform serves as a unified, connected framework of solutions and services for the human services, post-acute, payers, and public sector communities. Together with our clients and Marketplace vendors, we develop and deliver innovative technology, including electronic health records (EHRs), interoperability, analytics, augmented intelligence (AI), population health management, and telehealth solutions and services that assist organizations in transforming the care they deliver. The result has helped make an impact on the lives of more than 143 million individuals for the better. [www.ntst.com](http://www.ntst.com)