



## **Announcement: Youth Mobile Crisis Intervention, Southwest Washington**

Beacon Health Options (Beacon) is excited to announce that Catholic Community Services (CCS) will be providing Youth Mobile Crisis Intervention in Clark County, Southwest Washington in the summer of 2017. Youth Mobile Crisis Intervention services will provide a short-term service that is a mobile, on-site, face-to-face therapeutic response to a youth experiencing a behavioral health crisis for the purpose of identifying, assessing, treating, and stabilizing the situation and reducing immediate risk of danger to the youth or others. Initial hours of operation will be 10 am-10 pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Staffing will include Master's degree clinicians and Family Partners who have lived experience as a primary caretaker of a child with Serious Emotional Disturbance who will work in a braided fashion to ensure crisis resolution and successful linkage.

The primary objectives of Youth Mobile Crisis Intervention services include:

- Early intervention in behavioral health crises with family preservation and community-tenure serving as highly valued priorities
- Delivery of a comprehensive crisis treatment service focused on the child and family that includes a crisis assessment, a course of resolution-focused, harm-reducing intervention, stabilization of crisis, creation of a risk management/safety plan, and linkage as needed to other services
- Support of and consultation to parents, guardians and other caregivers; intended to offer relief, information, acknowledgement of the complex care and parenting needs of their children. Teams offer strength-based engagement and empowerment, viewing and engaging parents as fundamentally credible, capable, intuitive and able to collaborate in the intervention and in decision making.
- Referral to least restrictive and least intensive treatment services consistent with medical necessity, personal and community safety, and family preference that serve to divert unnecessary deep-end services or interventions such as inpatient hospitalization, as well as residential treatment services or detention to the extent that utilization results from the youth's behavioral health condition
- Front-door management of admissions to child Community Crisis Stabilization (CCS)
- Ensuring family connection with the services, which are chosen with the family to meet the child's and family's needs, that will promote recovery, family skill-building, and natural family and community support

### **ABOUT CCS**

CCS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is committed to serving those individuals, children, families and communities struggling with poverty and the effects of intolerance and racism, and to actively joining with others to work for justice. Beacon's mission is helping people live life to the fullest potential. The two organizations are well suited to partner together to bring Youth Mobile Crisis to Clark County. Together, Beacon and CCS will collaborate together in implementation planning and meetings with MCO's and community providers on providing Youth Mobile Crisis Intervention in the community.

### **About Beacon**

Beacon Health Options is a health improvement company that serves 48 million individuals across all 50 states and the United Kingdom. On April 1, 2016, Beacon Health Options began providing services to residents of Clark and Skamania counties. As the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) for Southwest Washington, Beacon is responsible for behavioral health crisis services for all individuals in these two counties regardless of their insurance status or income level. Beacon is also responsible for additional non-crisis services for low-income individuals who lack insurance coverage. The BH-ASO structure is part of the Washington Health Care Authority's Fully Integrated Managed Care (FIMC) model, which seeks to bring whole-person, integrated care to Washington's Medicaid population.