Children, Youth & Families Department

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Attention: All Behavioral Health Service Providers:

The New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) Children's Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) Division is seeking behavioral health providers interested in implementing Mobile Response & Stabilization Services (MRSS) for children, youth and families across New Mexico.

MRSS serves Children and youth ages 0-21 and their families experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services in detail
MRSS is a community-based behavioral health crisis intervention and stabilization service model specifically designed for children, youth, and families. MRSS provides rapid, in-person intervention to help de-escalate and stabilize a behavioral health crisis as defined by the child, youth or family, preventing further escalation or harm. Additionally. MRSS provides ongoing stabilization support to address immediate needs, strengthen family capacity, and reduce the likelihood of future crises.

Core Components
- Rapid in person response and de-escalation,
- Extended stabilization up to 56 days (8 weeks),
- Direct support to children, youth, and caregivers, and connections with natural supports and community resources.

Provider Expectation
Providers interested in implementing MRSS should be prepared to participate in required training, establish an organizational implementation team, and work with UConn to align their policies, procedures, and service delivery practices with the MRSS model. UConn will provide training, ongoing coaching, technical assistance, and support for fidelity monitoring throughout implementation.

Expected Outcomes
- Crisis stabilization in the home and community
- Reduced risk of future crisis and potential harm
- Connection to ongoing behavioral health services and community resources
- Reduced unnecessary out of home placements and placement disruptions
- Strengthened family and caregiver capacity to support children and youth

Interested behavioral health providers are required to submit an application to CYFD-CBHS for review, and approved providers will be notified by CYFD-CBHS with information on moving forward.

Please contact us at bhsinquiries@cyfd.nm.gov if you are interested in learning more about MRSS.

Thank you!