
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to
2 improve mental health crisis intervention for at-risk youths in
3 the community by expanding existing crisis response services to
4 provide trauma-informed engagement within the system and
5 individual training in trauma-informed care. These expanded
6 services may reduce the risk of harm to youths; promote safety
7 for youths in home, school, and community settings; reduce the
8 use of emergency facilities, acute psychiatric hospitals, and
9 other out-of-home placements for youths; increase supports
10 available to youths and families to maintain placement and
11 improve quality of life; and provide trauma-informed care and
12 ongoing support to youths and families in the community.

13 The purpose of this Act is to establish, and appropriate
14 funds for, a child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team
15 pilot program on Oahu to provide additional support and
16 expansion of services for existing crisis response services.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a child and
2 adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot program within the
3 child and adolescent mental health division of the department of
4 health to expand and support existing crisis response services
5 and programs for at-risk youths on Oahu. The crisis mobile
6 outreach team pilot program shall begin on January 1, 2024.

7 (b) The crisis mobile outreach team pilot program shall
8 provide the following services:

- 9 (1) Crisis prevention with community collaboration and
10 community program development;
- 11 (2) Face-to-face intervention within one hour of a request
12 for intervention;
- 13 (3) Crisis de-escalation and assessment; and
- 14 (4) Stabilization of up to eight weeks including:
 - 15 (A) Connecting youths to community supports and
16 services;
 - 17 (B) In-home clinical support for youths and families;
 - 18 (C) Connection with higher level support if
19 determined necessary; and
 - 20 (D) Collaboration with community partners and other
21 state agencies.



1 (c) The child and adolescent mental health division of the
2 department of health shall submit a report to the legislature,
3 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
4 session of 2025, with findings and recommendations arising from
5 the child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot
6 program, including any proposed legislation and a recommendation
7 as to whether the pilot program should be extended.

8 (d) The child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team
9 pilot program shall end on December 31, 2025.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,780,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
13 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
14 2024-2025 to establish a crisis mobile outreach team pilot
15 program to expand existing crisis response services and for the
16 hiring and training of mental health professionals with trauma-
17 informed training and experience working with youth.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
19 of health for the purposes of this Act.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

Crisis Mobile Outreach Team Pilot Program; Children and Adolescents; At-Risk Youth; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a two-year child and adolescent crisis mobile outreach team pilot program on Oahu to expand existing crisis response services. Appropriates funds.

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