

SD TII: Transforming Youth Crisis Response Services 2025

Summary

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health applied for and was awarded the Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and its Center for Mental Health Services to allow states to improve and expand upon their crisis care system, including prevention and follow-up strategies.

The following six unique subtopics encourage creativity, flexibility, collaboration, and coalition opportunities: (1) Community-based service approaches for justice involved individuals with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, (2) Community crisis system mapping and implementation: building intra and inter-systems bridges for coordinated crisis care, (3) Crisis care and suicide prevention for underserved youth, (4) Crisis workforce wellness, and resilience and prevention of burnout, (5) Training and professional development of the non-clinical workforce; and (6) Treatment and supports for children with high acuity and/or complex needs at risk of out of home placements.

Funding

\$250,000 awarded beginning November 2024 through December 2025 and centered around crisis care for adolescents.



Activities

South Dakota's area of focus will be the implementation and expansion of crisis services for children with high acuity and/or complex needs and who are at risk of out of home placements.

Activities include the following:

- Training and other educational materials for staff to support youth with high acuity needs.
- Workforce recruitment activities.
- Implementation of cultural awareness training specifically working with tribal youth.

Partners

The Division will collaborate and partner with a planning stakeholder coalition. To learn more, visit: <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/default.aspx>