

Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (EMPS) for Children and Adolescents

An immediate response at a time of crisis.

About Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services:

Behavioral health and related crises don't happen at convenient times, but they are serious and may require prompt assistance and attention. Our Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (EMPS) offers an immediate response to children and youth, ages 3 - 17, or 18 if still enrolled in school, experiencing behavioral health emergencies in the home, school and other community or hospital settings. This response helps to maintain youth safely in the community and often eliminates unnecessary emergency department visits or subsequent inpatient admissions.

Our services:

- Immediate access by dialing 2-1-1 and pressing "1"
- In-home or community response from a Masters Level clinician on our EMPS team, usually within 45 minutes of the initial call
- Clinical assessment and crisis safety planning
- Stabilization of the immediate crisis in the child's home, school or other community locations
- Brief in-home or community-based stabilization services and linkage to treatment and other community resources
- Engagement of family members and caregivers in the treatment process
- Integration with other Wheeler Clinic services, including outpatient treatment, intensive family preservation, in-home treatment, specialized education, substance abuse treatment, sexual abuse treatment and parental training
- Ongoing collaboration with multiple community providers to ensure appropriate care

Service hours:

- The EMPS team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year long
- Mobile response hours are between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. (1 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekends and holidays)

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Your Starting Point

Call 2-1-1, then press "1."

Funding Source

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Presentations

If you would like a presentation, call Allison Baker at 860.793.4425.

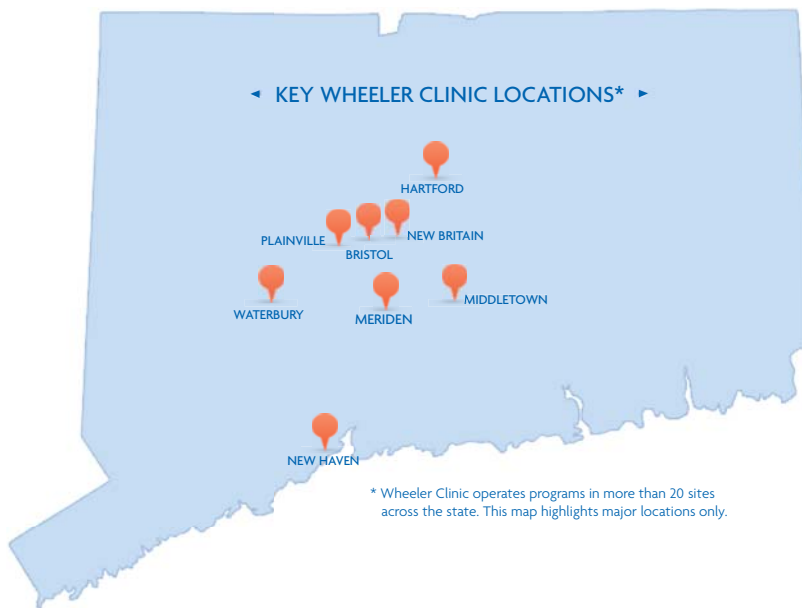
We serve youth and families in:

Avon, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Farmington, Hartford, Kensington, Meriden, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Plymouth/Terryville, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Southington, Wallingford, West Hartford and Wethersfield

Our outcomes:

During 2009-2010, Wheeler Clinic's Regional EMPS services:

- Achieved a mobile and rapid response time of less than 45 minutes
- Created a significant decrease in the need for emergency department visits or inpatient admission to local hospitals
- Engaged caregiver involvement in treatment planning



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