

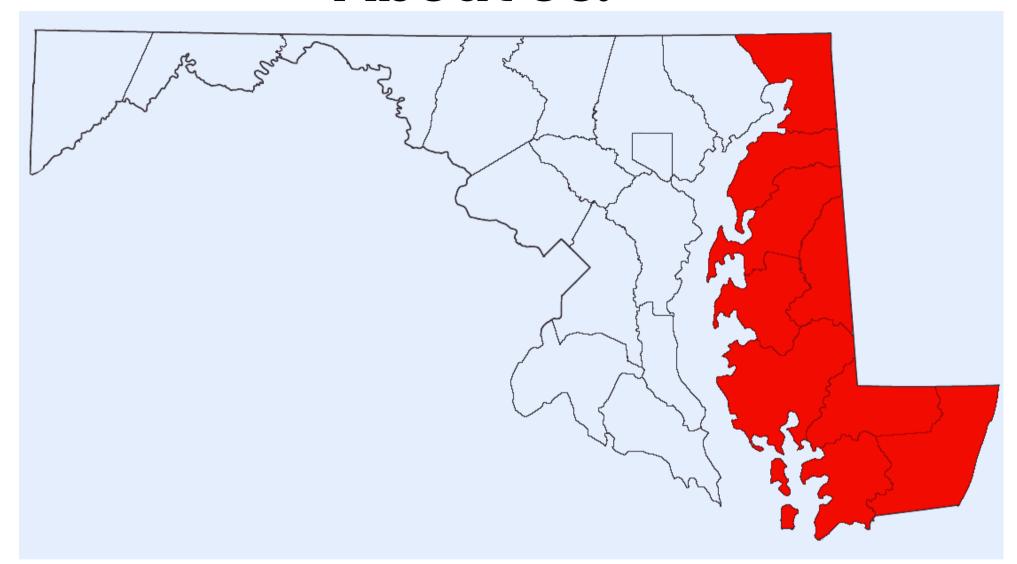
# Balancing Act Creating a Roadmap for Rural Crisis Services







## **About Us:**



Affiliated Sante Group's Eastern Shore Crisis Response Services (ESCRS) were established is 2010 as our first rural, regional crisis system. Our system supports 9 counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Maryland's Eastern Shore is a third of Maryland's land and has a population of 456,815. The main revenue sources are agriculture, fishing, and tourism.



# What Will Your System Look Like?



#### Plan

Do you have the plan of what your system will look like? Have you conducted a needs assessment? What goal do you plan to accomplish with your system? Have you gathered key stakeholders?



#### Structure Components

What will be your initial structure? How will you grow your system?



#### Success and Customer Satisfaction

How will you measure success?
What data will you collect?
What is the purpose of
collecting data? Who will you
serve? How will you measure
customer satisfaction?



#### **Funding**

How will you fund your system?
What funding resources are
available? Creativity is key in
rural areas!

### Who Will Be At the Table?

- It is important to establish who your partners will be.
  - Community providers, hospitals, law enforcement, educational systems, local businesses, government officials
- Collaborating before you start your system, know your partners, share your vision of what that collaboration will look like.
  - This was one of our initial mistakes, did not create partnerships before we were getting off the ground, so community players didn't know who we were or what we did.
- Consulting a needs assessment is critical to shaping the services to meet the needs.



# Sante Eastern Shore Crisis Response **Development Timeline**



#### Created Structure in 2010

Established region's first mobile crisis team.



#### Revised Structure in 2011

We amended the adminstrative structure and received funding for an additional team.



#### Expansion in 2013

Received additional funding to add 2 more teams. Received a specialized grant Health Enterprise Zone for additional teams for 2 additional teams.



#### Established CIT in 2014

Created a CIT program in 2014 to cover 5 mid-shore counties, then later expanded to part-time in Cecil County

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#### Established Regional Call Center in 2014

Created a Regional Call Center to cover all 9 counties and enabled the ability to dispatch Mobile Crisis Teams across the region.



# Established Hospital Evaluation Program in 2015 Received private funding to complete hospital evaluations



#### Accreditation in 2017

Obtained CARF Accreditation for Call Center and Mobile Crisis Services



#### 24/7 Services in 2019

Mobile Crisis and Call Center services went 24/7



#### Co-Responder Pilot in 2022

Partnered with Salisbury Police Department to pilot a clinician and officer Co-Responder team.



#### AAS Accreditation in 2023

Successfully obtained AAS Accreditation for Regional Call Center and Mobile Crisis Services.

# **System Evolution**

#### Partnership provided opportunities

Through our partnerships we were about to receive funding from community foundations.

#### Accreditation

We are CARF and AAS Accredited. Accreditation strengthens accountability and quality of services but maintaining standard practices.

#### State Funded Overnight Expansion

Maryland is committed to providing 24/7 Mobile crisis services to individuals in need, as such, we received funding to expand our Mobile Crisis Teams overnight to provide 24/7 system.



Peer Recovery Specialists are invaluable to our service provision. They serve as part of our two person Mobile Crisis Team and as call center phone counselors. Their connection to individuals experiencing a crisis is key to assisting in the recovery process.

#### Safe Station Establishment

In 2019, we established the region's first Safe Station in partnership with the Caroline County's Sheriff's Department.



In 2020, we were selected as one of 2 providers in the State of Maryland to pilot the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) youth focused mobile crisis services. These services are now expanding this services across the state of Maryland.

# Sante ESCRS Crisis Community Partners



# Sante Eastern Shore Crisis Response Services

NO WRONG DOOR Approach

24/7 Regional Call Center

> Utilize the Crisis Now Care Traffic Control (CTC) model

Certified Lifeline Call Center

Covers all 9 counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland

Utilize Behavioral Health Link software for direct dispatch of Mobile Crisis Teams

Staffed by specially trained crisis counselors Mobile Crisis Response Services

> 24/7 Immediate response with focus on hospital and jail diversion

Immediate On-scene or virtual crisis intervention

Staffed 2-person teams
•Clinical/Peer

•Clinician/Paraprofessional

All mobile crisis staff trained in Mobile Respoinse and Stabilization (MRSS) best practice model

Co-Responder Pilot program with Salisbury Police Department Child & Adolescent Crisis Services

> Serves 8 of 9 Eastern Shore Counties

School Intervention Services

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS)- best practice model

Mobile Crisis Stabilization Services (MCSS) Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

Provides 40-hour interactive training for first responders to teach additional skills such as de-escalation when working with indivivdual In behavioral health crisis.

> Training offered across all 9 counties of Eastern Shore, Maryland

Have trained over 200 law enforcement officers and other first responders since 2014

Provide community outreach and law enforcement referrals to Mobile Crisis services

Provide Critical Incident Stress Management services Safe Station

Parnership with Caroline County Sheriff's Department

Established through CIT Collaboration

Provide Peer Support services for individuals seeking recovery from substanuce use condition

Participate in peer/law enforcement community outreach and education events

## To Learn More About us



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# Thank You

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