

Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment

For too long, our country has funded health care above the neck differently than health care below the neck. Senator Stabenow's leadership is transforming the way we deliver comprehensive behavioral health services in our communities. For the first time, we are funding behavioral health services the same way we fund physical health services. As the need for mental health and addiction services has become more urgent in this pandemic, her Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are helping people in Michigan and across the country get the care they need.

Services Available at Certified Clinics

- 24/7/365 crisis services
- Outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Immediate screening, risk assessment, and diagnosis
- Primary health care services
- Care coordination with community partners

Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act

In 2014, Senator Stabenow authored and passed her bipartisan Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act with Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO). It is the biggest step forward in expanding community mental health and addiction services in decades. Her legislation created high-quality standards for services and a nationwide demonstration program that is setting the standard for care and permanently closing the gap in funding between physical and behavioral health care in communities around the country. With Senator Stabenow's leadership and support, Michigan joined this demonstration program in 2020.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

The Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act established quality standards and a new provider type in Medicaid called Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. These new clinics receive reimbursement through Medicaid for the full cost of services they provide at higher, more competitive rates than community mental health centers currently receive.

There are now more than 435 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in 42 states, plus Washington D.C. and Guam, and that number continues to grow.

Better Care, Better Outcomes

[A report](#) by the National Council for Behavioral Health shows that Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are helping more people receive better mental health and addiction treatment. For example, in the first year of operations, 93% of clinics provided staff training in suicide prevention and response, 87% reported an increased number of people served, and 94% reported an increase in the number of people treated for addiction.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, people who received services at Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics:

- Had 63.2% fewer emergency department visits for behavioral health
- Spent 60.3% less time in jails
- Saw a 40.7% decrease in homelessness

Michigan Clinics

Since 2018, Michigan has received \$135 million in grant funding for 33 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, and that number is growing:

Allegan County Community Mental Health Services – Allegan

Alternative Community Living, Inc. – Pontiac

Barry County Community Mental Health Authority – Hastings

Berrien Mental Health Authority – Benton Harbor

Branch County Community Mental Health Authority – Coldwater

Calhoun County Community Mental Health Authority – Battle Creek

Community Care Services – Lincoln Park

Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton & Ingham Counties – Lansing

Community Mental Health Services of Muskegon County – Muskegon

Community Network Services, Inc. – Novi

County of Washtenaw – Ypsilanti

Detroit Recovery Project, Inc. – Detroit

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries – Detroit

Development Centers, Inc. – Detroit

Easter Seals-Michigan, Inc. – Auburn Hills

Elmhurst Home, Inc. – Detroit

Faith Hope and Love Outreach Center – Detroit

Genesee Health System – Flint

Guidance Center – Southgate

Hegira Programs, Inc. – Livonia

Integrated Services of Kalamazoo – Kalamazoo

Judson Center, Inc. – Royal Oak

Lifeways – Jackson

Macomb County Community Mental Health – Clinton Township

Neighborhood Service Organization – Detroit

Network180 – Grand Rapids

Northeast Guidance Center – Detroit

Ottawa County Community Health – Holland

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority – Saginaw

Saint Clair County Community Mental Health Authority – Port Huron

Southwest Counseling Solutions, Inc. – Detroit

Team Mental Health Services – Dearborn

West Michigan Community Mental Health System – Ludington