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Highlights

EMS Joins Regional Crisis Hub

EMS is now partnered with RBHA as a regional crisis services partner

Implementation of New Evidence Based Practices

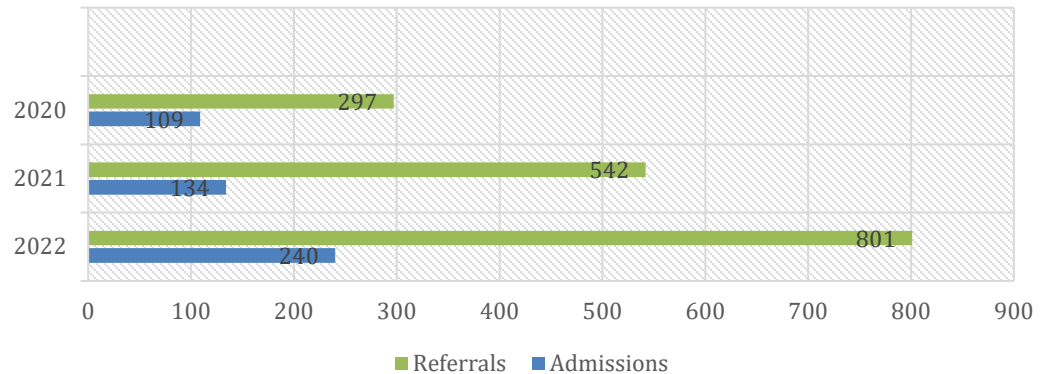
EMS of Virginia fully incorporated two new, evidence-based screening tools into our assessment protocols in 2022

New Community Partner

Check out one of our 2022 new community partners!



Referrals and Admissions Year by Year



In 2022, EMS had another *record-setting year* for referrals and admissions, with a 79% increase in admissions!

EMS Joins Region 4 Crisis Hub

With the expansion of Comprehensive Crisis Services within Virginia in 2021-22, EMS of Virginia is proud to announce we are now partnered as a provider for Community Stabilization Services with the Region 4 Crisis Hub, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA). This centralized "hub" model statewide will ensure clients have greater and more equitable access to mental health crisis services across Richmond and the Commonwealth.



Our Clients Say it Best!

"Mental Health Skill Building has helped me tremendously." ~Skill Building client

"She has gone above and beyond for my daughter." ~ Intensive In-Home parent

Check Out One of Our New Community Partners!

EMS of Virginia is honored to count many agencies and organizations as community partners and will continue to support them and their clients as we work through a post-pandemic world. Please read more below for our spotlight partner, The Bair Foundation.

Bair Foundation: The Bair Foundation supports children and families through foster care, adoption, and family support services across 9 states. Locally in Richmond, the Bair Foundation provides training and support to new and existing foster parents and helps place local or statewide foster children. We have provided Intensive In-Home Services to numerous Bair Foundation youth and foster families to help provide support and stability to their homes. To learn more about the Bair Foundation, please visit: [The Bair Foundation | Christian-Based Foster Care & Adoption Services](#)

Implementing Evidence-Based Assessment Tools

As you may recall from our 2021 Performance Report, EMS of Virginia was awarded a grant in 2021 to train staff for implementation of the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) substance abuse protocol. This screening tool helps identify risk levels of alcohol and/or other drug use within adults. We have incorporated the SBIRT screening into our assessment protocol for all adults in our Mental Health Skill Building services to ensure we are treating the client holistically and can link clients to appropriate substance use treatments, if necessary. Two of our Clinical Supervisors are also master trainers to ensure continued implementation of the SBIRT screening for rapid identification and linkage to treatment for all of our Mental Health Skill Building Clients.

In an effort to prepare for and prevent suicidal behaviors in our clients, EMS also implemented a new screening tool for all clients ages 12 and older across all services, the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS). This set of questions uses easy to understand language to determine if clients have had suicidal thoughts, planning, or attempts in their lifetime and is appropriate for adolescents and adults. Since the suicide rate increased both locally and nationally in 2021, we are using this information to prevent suicidal thoughts and behaviors with our clients and their families by engaging in early awareness and safety planning.

A Sneak Peek into 2023...

EMS of Virginia hopes to continue its growth and expansion into 2023! Plans include expanding our child and adolescent services to include Intensive Care Coordination/High Fidelity Wrap Around services, which has been identified as a much needed service in Chesterfield. We will also seek funding to start a Multi-Systemic Therapy Team, another evidence-based service for children and families. We also plan to start Mobile Crisis Response in the greater Richmond area to better serve adults and children experiencing mental health crises.