

# Alaska's Behavioral Health Crisis Response Innovation Timeline

Key milestones in the implementation of a coordinated, connected system of behavioral health crisis care in Alaska.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<p>Federal approval (CMS) for SUD component of 1115 Medicaid Waiver</p> <p>Initial conversations about Crisis Now framework in Alaska</p> <p>Behavioral Health Improvement Project focuses on psychiatric boarding in emergency departments [Pub.A]</p>	<p>Forensic Psychiatric Hospital Feasibility Study completed [Pub.B]</p> <p>Federal approval (CMS) for behavioral health component of 1115 Medicaid Waiver</p> <p>RI International conducts Crisis Now implementation readiness assessment in Anchorage, Mat-Su and Fairbanks [Pub.C]</p> <p>Statewide convening on behavioral health crisis continuum</p> <p>First site visit to Arizona to see Crisis Now in action</p>	<p>Community planning workgroups convened in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Mat-Su</p> <p>Concept-level pro formas developed for crisis services</p> <p>SB 120 amends Title 47 to include crisis stabilization centers as locations for emergency detention</p> <p>Settlement agreement with Disability Law Center identifies Crisis Now as a systems improvement initiative</p>	<p>Crisis Now community coordinator positions funded in Fairbanks and Mat-Su</p> <p>Mobile crisis teams launch in Anchorage and Fairbanks</p>	<p>HB 172 signed into law</p> <p>988 goes live nationwide</p> <p>Mat-Su dispatch agency begins transferring behavioral health calls to Careline</p> <p>Ketchikan Crisis Now community coordinator position funded and community planning begins</p> <p>Five organizations across the state exploring 23-hour stabilization and/or short-term stabilization services</p> <p>Planning begins in Kotzebue, Juneau, Copper Basin and Unalaska</p> <p>Crisis Now Core Principles and Practices <a href="#">webinars</a> begin</p> <p>Child and Adolescent Behavioral Healthcare Improvement Project completed [Pub.D]</p> <p>US Department of Justice report on Alaska's behavioral health system for children released [Pub.E]</p>	<p>Careline launches law enforcement backline. Anchorage Police Department begins transferring calls</p> <p>Mobile crisis team launches in Mat-Su</p> <p>Ketchikan City Council approved positions for Mobile Integrated Healthcare program</p> <p>Juneau community planning workgroup begins</p> <p>Groundbreaking for Providence Crisis Stabilization Center</p> <p>State of Alaska hosts <a href="#">Behavioral Health Roadmap</a> meetings across the state</p> <p>HB 172 Psychiatric Patient Rights Report submitted to the State Legislature [Pub.F]</p>	<p>Groundbreaking for Southcentral Foundation Crisis Stabilization Center</p> <p>Bartlett Regional Hospital and Capital City Fire and Rescue partner to launch MCT in Juneau</p> <p>Trust hosts Crisis Now convening</p> <p>Alaska Behavioral Health launches Mobile Outreach for Children and Families program in Fairbanks</p> <p>Volunteers of America launches Rapid Response team</p> <p>Anchorage Fire Department MCT pilots 24/7 response and is codified as an essential service</p> <p>Milliman completes assessment of Alaska's behavioral health crisis continuum of care [Pub.G]</p> <p>Ketchikan launches Mobile Integrated Health program</p> <p>Central Peninsula Hospital begins mobile crisis response planning</p> <p>Fairbanks MCT begins response to calls when requested by Alaska State Troopers</p> <p>Department of Health begins Medicaid Rate Review project</p> <p>Mat-Su MCT expands their service area</p>

**Publications**

- A. [Behavioral Health Improvement Project](#)
- B. [Forensic Psychiatric Hospital Feasibility Study](#)
- C. [Crisis Now implementation readiness assessment](#)
- D. [Child and Adolescent Behavioral Healthcare Improvement Project](#)
- E. [US Department of Justice report on Alaska's behavioral health system for children](#)
- F. [HB 172 Psychiatric Patient Rights Report](#)
- G. [Assessment of Alaska's Behavioral Health Crisis Services Continuum of Care](#)

## Trust Investments: Calendar Years 2021–2025

 <b>Contact Center</b> Total investment: \$468,519	 <b>Mobile Response</b> Total investment: \$8,737,761	 <b>Place-Based Crisis Services</b> Total investment: \$7,608,913	 <b>Community Coordination</b> Total investment: \$2,116,303	 <b>System Support</b> Total investment: \$1,274,339
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Additionally, Trust funding supports Alaska partner participation in crisis system immersion trips to Arizona, with 15 trips supported between 2018-2024.