Health Care for Maine

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Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)



Kennebec Behavioral Health (KBH)

Providing effective, innovative mental health and substance use disorder services in Maine since 1960



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What is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)?

- CCBHCs provide integrated, evidence-based, trauma-informed, recovery-oriented and person and family-centered care
- CCBHCs offer a full range of mental health care, substance use disorder, and primary care screening services
- CCBHCs build collaborative relationships with other providers and health care systems to ensure coordination of care









Outpatient Mental Health & Substance Use Services

Screening, Diagnosis & Risk Assessment /



Person- & Family-centered Treatment Planning

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services



CCBHCs
Provide Nine Core
Services Directly
or Through Formal
Partnerships



Communitybased Mental Health Care for Veterans

Outpatient Primary Care Screening & Monitoring



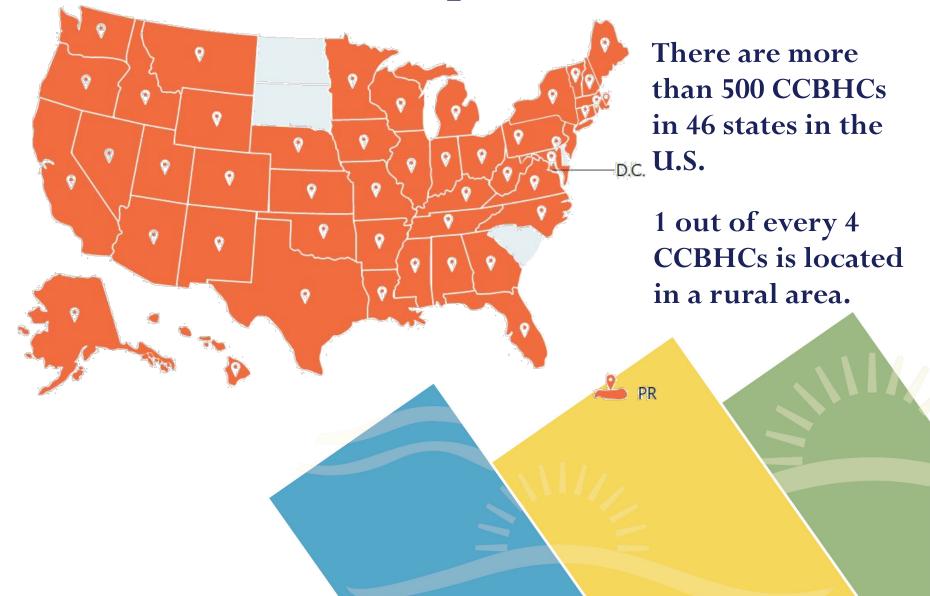
Targeted Case Management





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CCBHCs Serve More than 3 Million People in the U.S.!



Federal & State CCBHC Actions Across the Country



Active CCBHC demonstration states

5 States*

CCBHC Model approved under an independent Medicaid pathway

15 States^*

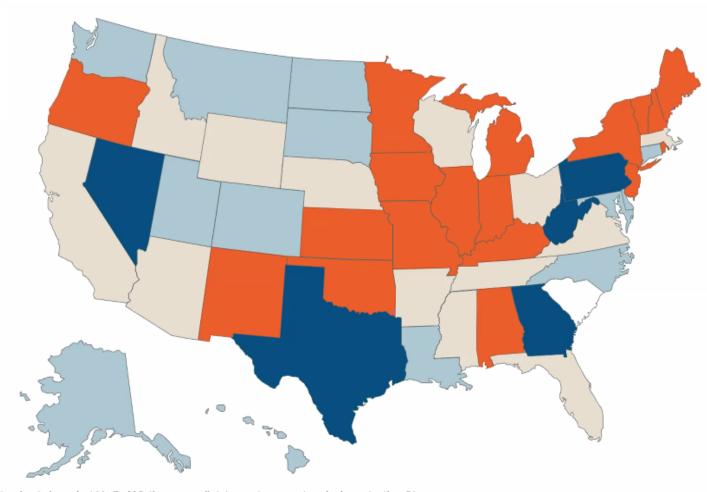
2025 State Planning Grant Recipient^A

13 States

At least 1 Clinic-level SAMHSA CCBHC Grantee

1 State

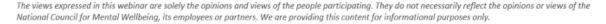
No State Certified or CCBHC Grantees



Notes:

- * Given that West Virginia has a planning grant and an Independent Medicaid Pathway, overall state count across categories is greater than 51.
- ^ Planning grant states also include West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Planning grants were awarded December 31, 2024, but for simplicity are referred to as 2025 Planning Grants given that they primarily cover the 2025 calendar year.







an estimated

CCBHCs serve 3 million people per year

People who most often enjoy expanded access to care with CCBHCs:

Medicaid CCBHCs increased the number of people they serve by an average of 33%

- Children & Youth
- People without a prior source of outpatient care
- People who are uninsured

A New Standard of Care



https://youtu.be/Uu-fF9hyYJ8



Increased Access to Substance Use Disorder Services

People age 12 or older who need treatment for substance use disorders do not receive it

CCBHCs serve more than 373,000 people with an SUD diagnosis

of CCBHCs hired staff with a substance use focus

87% of CCBHCs offer MAT for Opioid Use Disorder

Better integration with primary care

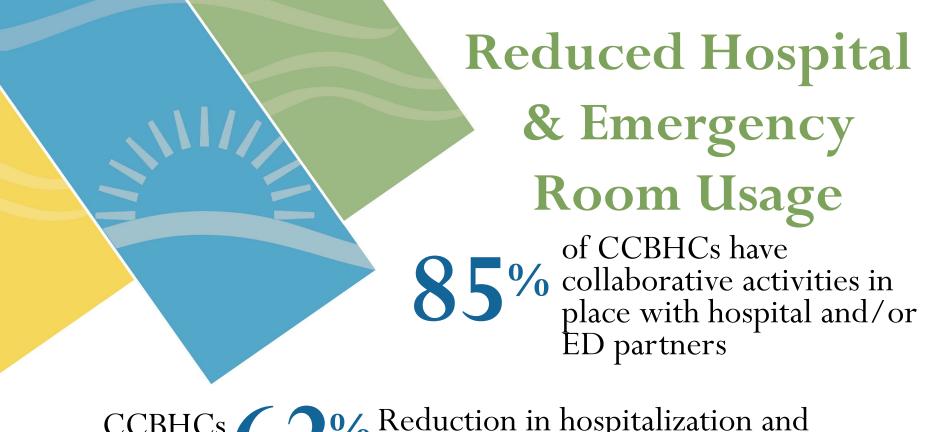
76% of CCBHCs have increased their referrals to primary care

30% of CCBHCs increased their referrals by 20% or more

94% of CCBHCs help clients set and attend referral appointments

79% of CCBHCs track clients' follow-through on referrals

68% of CCBHCs provide health education & promotion



CCBHCs 62% Reduction in hospitalization and report a 62% emergency room visits

34% of CCBHCs have staff co-located in a hospital/ED to deliver support

Better Collaboration with Criminal Justice Agencies

70%
of CCBHCs
provide services
or take referrals
in partnership
with court

of CCBHCs increase outreach to individuals with justice system involvement

of CCBHCs provide reentry support services for people being released from jails and prisons

Addressing Social Determinants of Health

81% of CCBHCs increase outreach to individuals who have historically been underserved

81% of CCBHCs increase screening for unmet social needs that affect health

91% of CCBHCs assist clients with finding or maintaining stable housing

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in Maine



KBH is one of 5 CCBHCs in Maine. These agencies have been designated by the Maine Department of Health & Human Services to provide a full range of mental health & substance use disorder services under an integrated care model.

CCBHC Services at KBH

Kennebec and Somerset County

- ➤ Medication Clinic Services
- Outpatient
- Case Management/Behavioral Health Home (BHH)
- > Opioid Health Home (OHH)
- ➤ Multi-System Therapy (MST)
- School-Based Services
- ➤ Peer Support Services
- Recovery Coaching

Crisis Services are a required element in CCBHC but the cost is currently covered through state contracting.

Current System vs. CCBHCs

Outcomes	Current System	CCBHCs
Requires stopgap funding measures	/	X
Doesn't reimburse providers for all services delivered to clients	/	X
Has led to chronic underfunding and a workforce crisis	/	X
Enables providers to forecast community needs	X	~
Expands access to care for everyone, including veterans — regardless of their ability to pay	X	~
Unlocks millions in federal funding	X	~
Ensures new clients can access outpatient appointments within 10 days	X	/
Makes crisis servcies available 24/7 and delivered within 3 hours	X	~
Allows providers to hire and retain staff needed to keep pace with growing demand for care	X	~
Requires comprehensive outcomes reporting, giving WA population-level data	×	~
Mirrors the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) model	X	~
Funds preventive and engagement services proven to reduce risk of suicide, mental health crises	×	~
Supports crucial investments in quality and tech infrastructure	X	/

Quality Measures



To measure the performance of health care providers, health care systems, or



To inform quality improvement initiatives in health care settings



To compare performance of providers over time or performance across

Maine CCBHCs are required to report on a standard set of Quality Measures connected to the screenings and follow-up they provide for children and adults.

Quality Measures







SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT



DEPRESSION
REMISSION -6 MOS





CCBHC Values

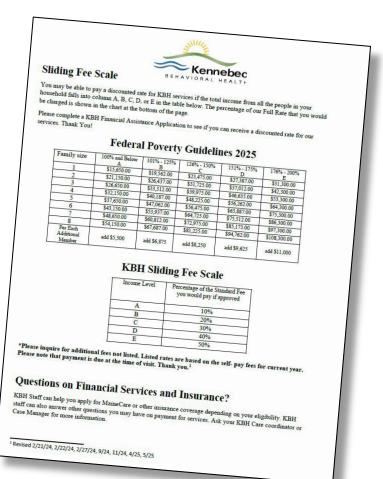
- Whole-Person, Recovery, and Resilience focus
- Serving people regardless of ability to pay
- Warm and meaningful connections that really support engagement
- Effective transitions of care
- Proactive, responsive, and close collaboration within KBH and with community partners
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Integrated Care
- Other partnerships (Primary care, medical specialists, schools, VA, justice system, etc.)



Improving Access to Care



CCBHCs must ensure that individuals receive services regardless of their ability to pay. People who receive CCBHC services at KBH can qualify for reduced fees based on their household income if they do not have insurance, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent access to services.



The Role of Care Coordination



Care Coordination provides support and regular connection



Care Coordination helps clients identify areas where they most need support for their recovery



Care Coordination
helps clients get medical
appointments and find
community resources



Care Coordination at KBH

- Care Coordination is an activity rather than a stand-alone service/level of care.
- Assigned right after the Comprehensive Assessment
- Helping clients get "set up" for services (gathering ROIs and records, addressing barriers, providing check-ins, etc.)
- Monitoring client's risk level and facilitating Crisis services when needed
- Provide referrals and connect to community resources
- Warm handoff to program staff

Evidence-Based Practices

- Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
- Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (P-CIT)
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)
- Attachment Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC)
- Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA)
- Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)
- Peer Recovery:
 - WRAP (Wellness & Recovery Action Plan)
 - WHAM (Whole Health Action Management)



Military & Veterans Liaison

KBH has a Military & Veterans Liaison who can help active service members, veterans, and military family members who are receiving CCBHC Services access VA benefits and navigate their care. Our Liaison is also available to consult with KBH staff to support treatment needs for clients.



What Does CCBHC Mean for KBH Clients?

- > Will be easier for clients to get care
- Will provide better quality care
- Will provide expanded services
- Provides access to 24/7 Crisis Care
- Provides Care Coordination support
- Clients can keep seeing the same KBH team they know and trust
- Enhanced services such as Employment Services & Peer Support will be available



"The only thing that CCBHC changes is everything".

