

Stepping Up Alabama: Progress Report May 2019 - September 2023

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BY THE NUMBERS

45,194

Screened for Serious Mental Illness/Substance Use: **Jail**

822

Screened for Serious Mental Illness/Substance Use: **Hospital**

377

Screened for Serious Mental Illness/Substance Use: **Court**

3,859

Referred to Stepping Up Services

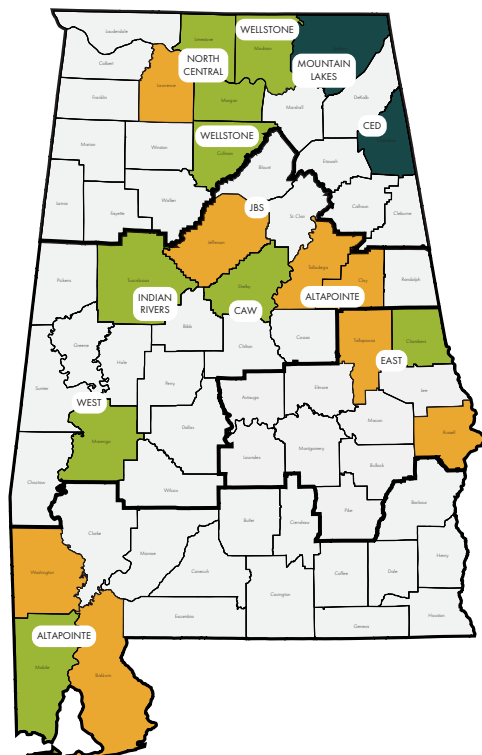
The Stepping Up Initiative's goal to reduce the number of individuals in jails with mental illness. As of September 2023, 27 of Alabama's 67 counties have passed Stepping Up resolutions or proclamations, joining over 566 counties in the United States.

Community Mental Health Centers partner with law enforcement, local governmental entities, elected officials, mental health and medical providers, courts, and other community groups.

The Alabama Department of Mental Health has spearheaded the unique implementation of Stepping Up serving populations in jails, emergency rooms, and courts. Stepping Up includes: supported intensive case management services to assess individuals, develop a plan for and link clients to appropriate; necessary mental health and social services; and increase community outreach to mobilize community support.

With the Stepping Up Initiative, communities benefit from:

- Increased treatment for individuals experiencing with mental illness
- More efficient use of public funds
- Decreased reliance on jails, courts, and law enforcement
- Strengthened community safety and well-being
- Healthier community members
- Greater prosperity for the entire community



Stepping Up sites:

AltaPointe – Baldwin, Clay, Mobile, Talladega, Washington counties
 Central Alabama Wellness – Shelby County
 Cherokee, Etowah, DeKalb – Cherokee County
 East – Chambers, Russell, Tallapoosa counties
 Indian Rivers – Tuscaloosa County
 JBS – Jefferson County
 Mountain Lakes – Jackson County
 North Central – Lawrence, Limestone, Morgan counties
 WellStone – Cullman & Madison counties
 West – Marengo County