

## Mobile Crisis Teams: Progress Report 2023

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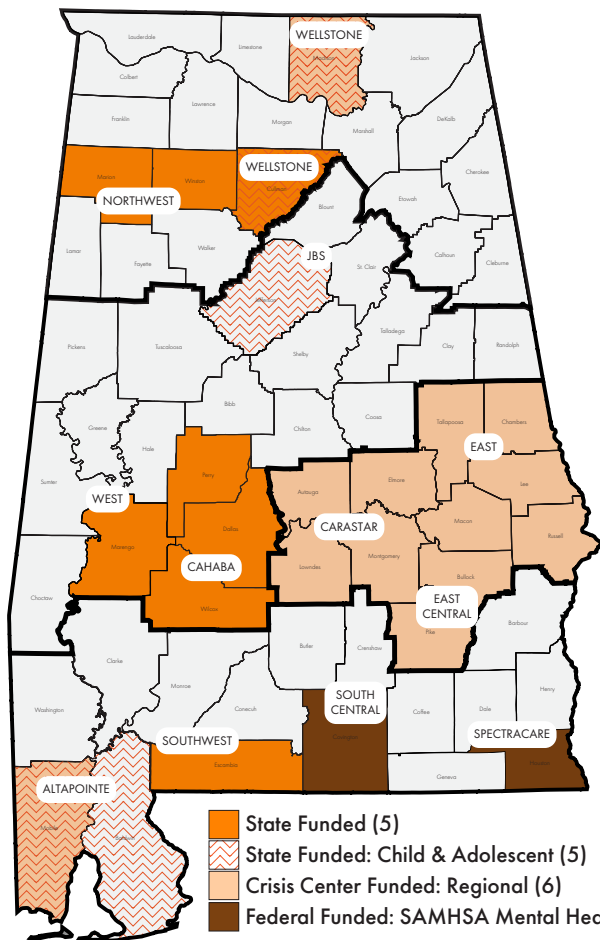
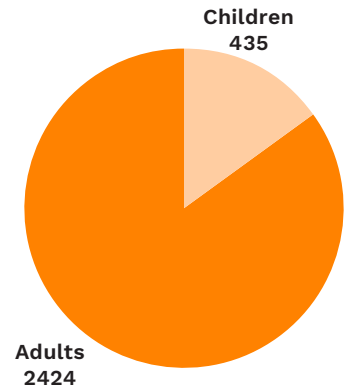
Alabama’s Crisis System of Care provides all individuals with someone to call, someone to respond, somewhere to go in times of crisis. Mobile Crisis Teams are “someone to respond,” and are essential for accessing mental health services in the state’s rural counties.

Mobile Crisis Teams offer community-based intervention to individuals in need wherever they are: home, work, or in the community. Teams are trained to provide triage, assessment, de-escalation, peer support, coordination with medical services, supportive counseling, crisis planning, and follow-up. Teams can work independently or as co-responders with law enforcement.

Mobile Crisis Teams decrease hospital emergency visits and arrests for individuals in crisis. Teams coordinate with 988 and Crisis Centers for crisis services.

## NUMBER SERVED

All Teams



Beginning in FY21, the Alabama Legislature funded the state’s first Mobile Crisis Teams:

1. Cahaba – all counties in catchment area
2. Northwest – Marion & Winston counties
3. Southwest – Escambia County
4. WellStone – Cullman County
5. West – Marengo County

Two additional Teams were awarded funds through federal ARPA and Block Grant:

1. South Central – Covington County
2. SpectraCare – Houston County

Three state-funded Crisis Centers operate 6 Teams:

1. AltaPointe – Mobile County
2. Carastar (in partnership with East Central & East) – all counties in catchment areas
3. WellStone – Madison County

Three CMHCs received state funding for 5 Child & Adolescent Teams, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Human Resources:

1. AltaPointe – Baldwin & Mobile counties
2. JBS – Jefferson County
3. WellStone – all counties in catchment area