

Crisis Stabilization Unit

SF Community Behavioral Health Services
2014

Why We Are Here?

- To request your approval to allow Edgewood's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) to be designated as a 5151 facility for children in psychiatric crisis
 - Edgewood's CSU is already operating as a 23-hour child and family-friendly facility for youth experiencing psychiatric distress
 - This program was facilitated by a grant from the State
- A 5151 designation will allow San Francisco youth in psychiatric crisis to be taken directly to a specialized youth-oriented provider

What does the CSU do?

Provides Stabilization and Psychiatric Care in a youth and family friendly setting:

- Provide clinical interventions including individual, family, group and psychiatric care
- Linkage and Case Management to ensure helpful follow up services
- Behavioral stabilization to avoid Emergency Room and Psychiatric Emergency Services for children, youth and families

Who is being served in the CSU?

Children Experiencing Psychiatric Distress
Including:

- Traumatized children and families
- Families trying to keep their child safe
- Children experiencing depression
- Children experiencing anxiety
- Approximately 200 individuals annually

What will 5151 designation add?

- Eliminate children and families being re-traumatized in adult settings
- Relieve SFPD by accepting children efficiently
- Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations by providing family focused, immediate care and follow up

How Will This Improve Care For Children

Current System

Proposed System

Youth admitted to PES or ER

Youth seen at family-friendly unit

Youth hospitalized out-of-county

SF-based stabilization unit

Unnecessary hospitalizations

Family focused interventions

Limited referral systems

Easier access to immediate follow-up

Community Outreach

- Worked with community in accordance with Prop I
 - 2 community meetings with over a hundred people in attendance
 - Interpretation provided
 - Flyers distributed 2 weeks prior to all meetings including community meetings, Health Commission
 - Flyers distributed 1 week prior to today's Neighborhood Services & Safety Committee hearing
- Health Commission voted to unanimously approve the 5151 designation for Edgewood

Community Response

- Many neighbors expressed support
 - Good neighbors for over 100 years
 - Appreciated the service they provide to the children and families.
- Some neighbors expressed concern about noise and safety
 - Edgewood created a dedicated 24/7 phone line for neighbors
 - “No Siren” policy will be continued
 - 28th Ave entrance being remodeled to add security

Thanks

Together, we can help San Francisco families remain hopeful, safe and happy.