



Allen Brown, CEO  
Adult & Child Health  
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Dear Mr. Brown,

The mission of Mental Health America of Indianapolis is to encourage the collaboration of the strengths and assets of Indianapolis based organizations to work towards solutions that will support communities. MHA of Indianapolis recently announced the 2023 recipients of the Vitality Grant. The Vitality Grant program offers Indianapolis-based organizations the opportunity to request necessary funding for projects and programs focused on Juvenile Justice and Mental Health System Reform.

Adult and Child Health (A&C) was one of the recipients of the Vitality Grant, providing funding to staff their crisis receiving and stabilization unit set to open in February of 2024. Throughout the term of this grant, A&C will develop a crisis receiving and stabilization service that provides short term care with the capacity for diagnosis, initial management, observation, crisis stabilization, and follow up referral services in a living room model, with the goal of expanding to a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) over time. Individuals utilizing this program will have access to the full care continuum of services at A&C. These services will be available from referrals that include walk-in/self-referral, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) unit, mobile crisis team, emergency rooms, or additional law enforcement partners. With this funding, A&C can add to the crisis continuum of services available to residents of Marion Co. and surrounding counties.

MHA of Indianapolis has organized and is hosting a crisis response focus group that includes Adult and Child Health, along with other crisis providing agencies. The purpose is to start bringing agencies together to discuss available crisis services in Marion County and explore how these crisis service providers work together. The focus is on communication gaps, sharing the amazing work being provided in Indianapolis, and discussing ongoing needs in the community.

MHA of Indianapolis is also focusing on postvention services including the development of a LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Providers). A LOSS team is an active model of postvention services that involves two or more trained volunteers who go to the scene of a suicide to provide immediate support to those left behind. Mental Health America of Indianapolis is working diligently in hopes of creating a LOSS Team for Marion County and



we have invited A&C to assist in providing resources/partnership along with other agencies to support the development of a LOSS team in Marion Co.

Mental Health America of Indianapolis is aware of Indiana's plan to expand the CCBHC model and the importance of crisis services and postvention services. As a federally funded CCBHC project, we believe A&C is well positioned for the next step in this demonstration program with the state. We have confidence in their ability to serve the community. This letter expresses our full support for Adult & Child Health's application to be a part of Indiana's application for the state CCBHC Demonstration Program, and we are excited to support them through this endeavor. We support this application and A&C continuing their CCBHC journey by becoming a part of the demonstration for Indiana. As always, we look forward to our continued collaboration. Please contact us for any additional information you may have regarding our partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Hayden'.

Julie Hayden  
Executive Director  
Mental Health America of Indianapolis