



Allen Brown, CEO  
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Dear Mr. Brown,

As you know, the Stepping Stones Therapy Center is deeply committed to promoting collaborative efforts to create and sustain more effective interactions among law enforcement, first responders, and mental health providers when individuals and families are experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis. Through our mission and vision, we seek to provide an additional resource to crisis response services in Marion County and Indianapolis to help reduce the number of persons unnecessarily incarcerated or taken to hospital emergency rooms. As an organization working towards systemic change in Marion County, we understand the need for mental health reform and innovative services to improve the lives of underserved populations. We are interested in developing resources that help persons in crisis safely and appropriately remain in the community so they can engage in treatment and begin the path toward recovery. For that reason, we have developed a Clinician Led Community Response Team. Our goal is to reduce the number of incarcerations and hospital admissions by stabilizing persons experiencing mental health or substance use and helping them access vital supports and services that will be readily available in the community.

Given the immense need for safe, effective crisis response and stabilization programs, our Mobile Response Team is seeking partner agencies to collaborate with when we assess families and individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. As we work to de-escalate situations, we will need collaborating organizations so that persons seamlessly transition into supportive, medically appropriate services when applicable. Our Mobile Response Team is seeking enhanced connection and partnership with organizations to allow options for individuals to have a place to be if they are unable to return home or be with natural support. We look to partner with agencies that can provide personal space for further de-escalation and initiate plans to link individuals to needed community support and programs.

We have been in several discussions with Adult and Child Health regarding their upcoming Crisis Stabilization Program at their 8320 Madison Avenue clinic in Indianapolis. We have seen the strides A&C has made in developing their crisis continuum services. In addition to the crisis services they currently offer, Adult and Child Health provides psychiatry, counseling, addiction medicine, primary care services, homeless outreach, and supportive housing, regardless of the person's ability to pay. Their CSU program will be an important resource for Stepping Stones as

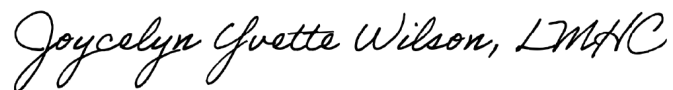
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we work to rapidly stabilize individuals at risk of returning to the streets and/or becoming incarcerated if services are not readily available post-assessment.

We are excited to partner with A&C as they open their crisis stabilization and receiving services. We look forward to collaborating closely with Adult and Child Health when their program becomes a reality. A&C and the Stepping Stones Therapy Center are currently partnering with other crisis response providers and MHA as part of a crisis focus group. The purpose is to bring agencies together to discuss available crisis services in Marion County and explore how these crisis service providers work together to eliminate communication gaps. Identifying needs and sharing the fantastic work being provided in Indianapolis. Additionally, Stepping Stones has been working with A&C on gaining access to their full continuum of services utilizing referrals to their primary care and CMHC.

We are aware of Indiana's plan to expand the CCBHC model. As a SAMHSA funded CCBHC grantee, 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. As always, we look forward to our continued collaboration. If you have any questions regarding our current partnership and plans for enhanced coordination between our organizations, please get in touch with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joycelyn Yvette Wilson, LMHC". The script is fluid and cursive.

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