

Craighead County Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit Policy & Procedure for Law Enforcement

Who can refer? Law Enforcement (LE) with 40-hour CIT training; new officers with ALETA 16-hour CIT training; and, veteran officers with 9-hour online CIT course. LE must be employed with a LE agency within the Craighead County Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) catchment area to make a referral.

- **Number to call.** Craighead County Regional CSU **870-393-5335**
- **Call first**, say you want to make a referral.
- Who does LE ask for? **Ask for the CSU Nurse**
- The CSU is accepting referrals from all CIT officers employed by a LE agency in our 20 county catchment area at this time **with/without agreement in place.**
- **Address: 837 Willett Road, Jonesboro** (on the grounds of the Craighead County Jail)

Who are good candidates for referral?

- Individuals 18 and older with a mental health impairment that want help or are willing to receive help (mental health impairment is defined in Act 423 as a substantial impairment of emotional processes, the ability to exercise conscious control of one's actions, or the ability to perceive reality or to reason, when the impairment is manifested by instances of extremely abnormal behavior or extremely faulty perceptions that interfere with one (1) or more activities of daily living.)
- Individuals experiencing trauma (crime victims, crime witnesses, severe distress and unable to cope safely at home).
- Those experiencing severe distress due to significant loss or traumatic life events (death, losing custody of children, etc)
- Those impacted by other trauma events or displaying severe emotional shock and needing emergency mental health care
- Individuals experiencing hopelessness, contemplating suicidal thoughts or homicidal thoughts, experiencing agitation, hallucinations, delusions, and with arbitrary levels of drugs/alcohol.
- **If any LE officer is not sure, please call for a referral and we can help!!!**

What conditions are exclusionary?

- Behavior that is solely due to intoxication
- Individuals actively trying and intending to hurt themselves/others
- Destructive individuals requiring restraint (the CSU has no ability to use any form of restraint of an individual)
- Individuals unable to care for their basic needs (feeding self/showering)
- Involuntary commitments, poorly controlled epilepsy, individuals with emergency medical needs.

Answers to Other Frequently Asked Questions?

- Do you do **detox**? If so, observational only or full? The CSU accepts these on a case by case basis with consultation with our medical provider.
- Under what circumstances will they have to pick up a client? As a last resort. The CSU will first turn to family members, friends, and/or other transportation.
- Does officer have to be CIT trained to pick up a client upon dismissal? NO

- Can they come from a jail? If so how? Referrals from jails will be based upon collaborations and approval of the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, and appropriate District or Circuit Judge, for such individual to be released from jail and transported to the CCRCSSU for treatment.
- How long will the drop off take? Our goal is a no more than a 20 minute wait.
- Does the officer stay on the premises during the intake? Officer stays and waits in the front, the staff break room, outside or in the LE vehicle until the nurse ensures a warm hand-off.
- Do they have to check their weapon at the door? No weapons are allowed inside the building.