

Pulaski County Crisis Stabilization Unit Policies and Procedures for Law Enforcement

- The Pulaski County Regional Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is a 24/7 short-stay behavioral health/chemical dependency unit. It's like a hospital, but smaller and less expensive! We help stabilize urgent needs and crisis for people with behavioral health and substance use problems and provide an option other than jail. The CSU was created by Arkansas Act 423 to provide law enforcement (LE) with a place to deflect people from the justice system. The unit is, by law, required to get you in and out quickly.
- **Call anytime, 24/7, to ask questions.** We have a trained RN at all times who can help you determine the best approach for anyone you are dealing with. The unit **is a resource for you.**
- To make a referral, simply call the unit with the person's name, date of birth, and a brief description of what is going on. The staff will advise you to transport the person to the unit if appropriate.
- **MAIN NUMBER IS 501-340-6646 (24/7) Address: 3001 W. Roosevelt, Little Rock, AR** (in the Juvenile Court Complex, on the West end, we have our own entrance)

- **Important things to know:**
 - **Any LE officer can refer** (does NOT have to be CIT officer)
 - CSU is tobacco free, nicotine patches are available.
 - **18** and over only
 - Limited medical services
 - Can provide detox/substance abuse services
 - Can provide treatment for persons who are **passively** suicidal
 - We are an **unlocked** unit
 - Person **CAN'T BE** "fall down drunk"
 - Person must agree to come
 - Can take persons on court-orders (if has a pick up order, must go to Arkansas State Hospital)

- **Once arriving at the unit:**
 - Place weapons in gun locker
 - Enter unit with guest
 - RN will perform a quick assessment within 15 minutes
 - RN will discuss their decision with you
 - If guest is staying – you are on your way!
 - If guest is not staying – RN will advise as to the medically recommended course of action
 - No forms required

- **Common issues:**
 - Transportation – We will only ask LE to pick up a guest upon dismissal as a last resort
 - Medical complexities – ex. out of control diabetes, out of control blood pressure
 - Guest refusal to stay – we will work together to encourage guests to stay for care
 - Warrants - make certain your jurisdiction allows you to bring someone with a warrant

BOTTOM LINE – JUST CALL! We will help walk you through it.