

SB624
Health – Mobile Response and Stabilization System
for Children and Families in Maryland – Study

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I urge you to pass SB 624.

I have an 11 year old son with PTSD, ADHD, Anxiety and Depression. His father completed suicide two years ago, and this has severely impacted my son's mental health.

Because of his mental health issues, my son has not been to school at all this year. We have been trying everything to get him the treatment that he needs, but he refuses to go and completely shuts down.

I have tried calling the mobile crisis team in Baltimore County multiple times, but they have not responded. I have been told that they can't come out, that no one is available.

So we have been to the emergency department seven times in the last 1½ years because of his going into crisis. Sometimes I have taken him there, most often I have called 911 and the police have taken him to the ED in handcuffs.

We have had horrible experiences in the ED. Lengthy waits while the staff tried to find an inpatient bed for him – usually there are none and we just have him discharged home. Plus I have to stay with him when he is in the ED, but I am a single mom with 2 other children. What am I supposed to do?

Mobile crisis teams designed for kids that come into the home and deal with the crisis there would be incredibly helpful to me and my children, as would in-home services after the acute crisis passes.

Please support SB 624.

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