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### House Bill 1107 Testimony

Jen Corbin, Director Anne Arundel County Crisis Response System

The unmet behavioral health needs of children can be seen through the increased demand for our Crisis Response System. The number of Warmline calls received and the number of Mobile Crisis Team Dispatches for child and adolescent concerns has steadily increased. Warmline calls increased 157% and Mobile Crisis Team Dispatches increased 69% from FY 19 to FY 22 for this population. This trend is continuing in FY 23 as well. Through HB 1107 families calling into the Crisis Response System will be provided support to connect their children to needed behavioral health services. Helping children in this way and getting them the care they need at the most critical times is often a diversion from emergency departments or other traumatic events.

Data:

	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	% Change FY 19 to FY 22
Warmline - Children	1,811	2,672	3,627	4,654	157%
MCT - Children	432	442	526	732	69%

Source: Anne Arundel County Crisis Response System

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