



CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

**Community Mental Health Centers &
Behavioral Health Services Organizations**

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CMHCs & BHSOs

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCs)

Regional boards (14) established pursuant to KRS Chapter 210

Regulated by 902 KAR 20:091

All non-profit 501 c 3 entities

Required to serve specified regional counties

Collectively serve 120 counties

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (BHSOs)

Licensure category for behavioral health providers

Regulated by 902 KAR 20:430

For profit and non-profit entities

May select county or counties to serve

Locations in 41 counties

CMHC & BHSO – Who They Serve

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCs) – Required to Serve:

Adults with mental illness, including individuals with serious mental illness (SMI)

Children with mental illness, including those with severe emotional disability (SED)

Adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)

Adults and children with a substance use disorder (SUD)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (BHSOs) – May select one or more

Adults and/or children with a mental health (MH) disorder

Adults and/or children with MH disorder and co-occurring SUD

Note: CMHCs are required to serve all regardless of ability to pay.

CMHC & BHSO – Services

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCs) Statutorily Required to Provide:

Inpatient services (directly or contracted)

Outpatient services

Partial hospitalization or psychosocial
rehabilitation services

Emergency services

Consultation and education services

Services for individuals with an intellectual
disability

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (BHSOs) Shall Provide:

One or more of services included in 902 KAR
20:430

No statutory requirements

BHSO services are outpatient only

DBHDID Contracting

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCs)

KRS 210.410 authorizes the cabinet to make grants and funding allocations

All 14 hold contracts as subrecipients

Funds are allocated primarily by formula

Funds also allocated through notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs)

All are Medicaid providers

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (BHSOs)

KRS 45A outlines procedures for contracting with 501 c 3 entities

Fund five (5) – directly or subcontract

Directly fund one (1) for housing and related services for SMI

Funds also allocated through notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs)

Nearly all are Medicaid providers

CMHC – Other Requirements

Contractually required to provide 24/7 behavioral health crisis services

Operators of the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Statutorily required to conduct 202A and KRS 645 evaluations for involuntary hospitalizations

Collaborate with state hospitals to ensure continuity of care for patients upon discharge

Required to provide Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services to transition persons with SMI into the community and prevent future admissions to congregate settings

CMHC – Other Requirements

Required to provide community-based services to individuals with I/DD

Statutorily required to maintain a telephonic behavioral health jail triage system (KRS 210.365)

Primary partners in implementation of the assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) pilot program

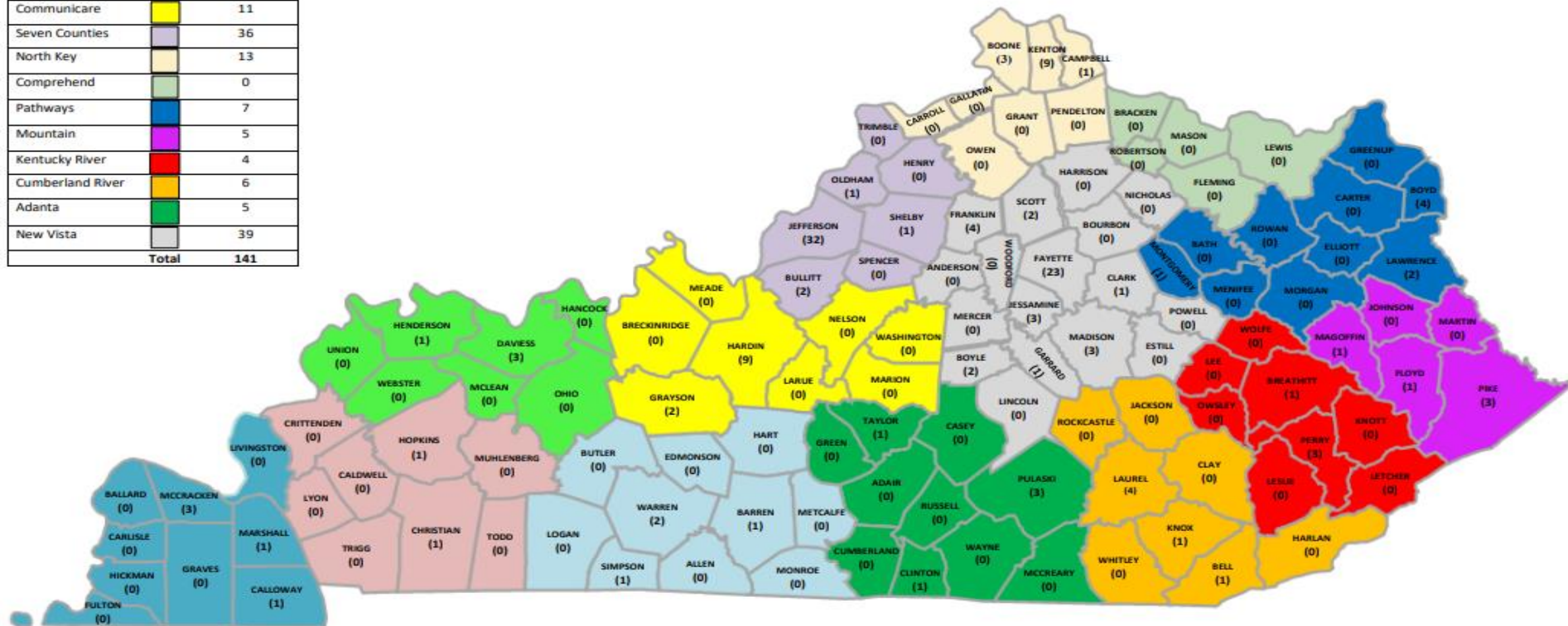
Designate staff to serve as the point person for services members, veterans, and their families

Serve as an official voter registration site

Provide primary prevention services

CMHC and BHSO Map

CMHC Region	Color	# of BHSOs in Region
Four Rivers	Blue	5
Pennyroyal	Pink	2
River Valley	Light Green	4
Lifeskills	Light Blue	4
Communicare	Yellow	11
Seven Counties	Purple	36
North Key	Orange	13
Comprehend	Light Green	0
Pathways	Dark Blue	7
Mountain	Magenta	5
Kentucky River	Red	4
Cumberland River	Orange	6
Adanta	Dark Green	5
New Vista	Gray	39
Total		141



Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration

- Key elements of a CCBHC:
 - **Stringent certification criteria** to ensure quality
 - **Ensures access** to a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services and integrated primary health care screening and monitoring
 - **Alternative payment model** supporting real costs



Must directly provide (or contract with designated collaborating organizations) to deliver 9 types of services

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration

Kentucky is one of 10 states participating in a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CCBHC demonstration

Launched 2-year demonstration in January 2022 with 4 CMHCs becoming certified as CCBHCs

- New Vista
- NorthKey
- Pathways
- Seven Counties

Safer Communities Act extended Kentucky's demonstration period with enhanced match to January 2028

Demonstration results will inform Kentucky's decision regarding incorporation of CCBHC into the Medicaid State Plan

6 CMHCs have received CCBHC expansion grants from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to increase their readiness for certification & others have applied

Thank you!!!