



The Florida Behavioral Health Collaborative Pediatric Hotline

Offers a coaching experience between child and adolescent psychiatrists and pediatric primary care providers

1-866-487-9507

Consultations are available to all providers regardless of insurance carrier caring for children/youth up to 21 years old.



Pediatricians are increasingly providing behavioral health care to children. To help with this reality, the Florida Behavioral Health Collaborative Pediatric Hotline aims to connect pediatricians with board certified child and adolescent psychiatrists and care coordinators to discuss the presentation of symptoms and choose a treatment option that best suits the needs of the child. The psychiatrists provide a co-management experience designed to augment pediatricians' skills in treating behavioral health issues encountered in the primary care setting.

The hotline is a free resource available on non-holiday weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Calls will be returned within 24 hours.

The goals of the Hotline are to:

- ◆ Help pediatricians meet the behavioral health needs of children and adolescents
- ◆ Provide supportive consultation and guidance to pediatricians treating the most common behavioral health conditions
- ◆ Facilitate a referral to a child psychiatrist or psychiatric APRN, when possible
- ◆ Promote a collaborative relationship between primary care clinicians and child psychiatrists.

When accessing the Hotline, pediatricians can expect assistance with:

- ◆ Assessing symptom severity/crisis management
- ◆ Scheduling of telepsychiatry consultations within 24 hours
- ◆ Pharmacological and non-pharmacological management options
- ◆ Discussion of appropriate screening tools, including social determinants of health
- ◆ Strategies to engage parents/guardians in treatment

The Hotline is an ongoing Program of the Florida Center for Behavioral Health Improvements and Solutions

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