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#### **Executive Summary**

**Note:** As of January 2023, Mobile Crisis providers are available for a mobile response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Prior to January 2023, a mobile response was only available Monday – Friday 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM on weekends. Unless stated otherwise, the data in this report reflects calls during all 24 hours. Select charts continue to break out data by old and new hours to highlight any differences during the expanded hours.

Call and Episode Volume: In December 2024, 2-1-1 and Mobile Crisis received 1,207 calls including 839 calls (69.5%) handled by Mobile Crisis providers and 368 calls (30.5%) handled by 2-1-1 only (e.g., calls for other information or resources, calls transferred to 9-1-1. This month showed a 4.1% decrease in call volume from December 2024 (n=1,259). Call volume remains 13.5% lower than the same month in 2019 (n=1,396), prior to the start of the pandemic. Of the total calls and episodes, Mobile Crisis and 2-1-1 received 104 calls during the expanded overnight and weekend hours. This included 52 (50.0%) calls handled by Mobile Crisis providers and 52 (50.0%) calls handled by 2-1-1 only. The overnight and weekend call volume in December 2024 was lower than last month (120), and lower than December 2023 (119).

Among the **839 episodes of care** this month, episode volume ranged from 97 episodes (Eastern) to 206 episodes (Hartford). The statewide average service reach per 1,000 children this month was 1.1, with service area rates ranging from 0.6 (Southwestern) to 1.5 (Central) relative to their specific child populations. Additionally, the number of episodes generated relative to the number of children in poverty in each service area yielded a statewide average poverty service reach rate of 2.3 per 1,000 children in poverty, with service area rates ranging from 0.9 (Southwestern) to 6.6 (Central). During the expanded overnight and weekend hours, there were 52 episodes of care with episode volume ranging from 5 episodes (Eastern & Southwestern) to 14 episodes (Hartford & Western). The overnight and weekend episodes in December 2024 decreased 37.3%, compared to last month (83, November 2024).

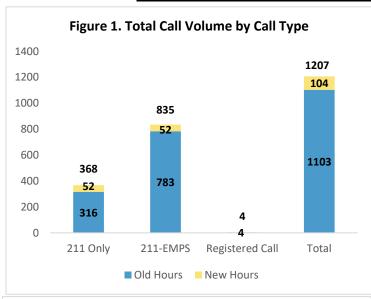
Mobility: Statewide mobility was 95.9% this month, which is similar to the rate in December 2023 (95.8%). All six service areas surpassed the 90% benchmark this month, with performance ranging from 92.3% (New Haven) to 97.0% (Hartford). Mobility for individual providers ranged from 89.7% (CHR: Middlesex) to 100% (Wheeler: Meriden and CFGC: Norwalk). Thirteen (13) of the fourteen (14) individual providers met or exceeded the 90% mobility rate benchmark. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, both video telehealth and in-person responses are reflected within the report as "mobile" responses. Beginning in FY2022, the number of video telehealth episodes can be found in Figure 9. There were no telehealth responses this month. The statewide mobility rate during the new hours was 94.6%, with five regions exceeding the 90% benchmark. Performance ranged from 80.0% (Hartford) to 100.0% (Central, Eastern, New Haven, Southwestern, & Western). The mobility rate during the traditional Mobile Crisis hours was 96.0%, slightly higher than the overall rate of 95.9%. During the new hours, 46.2% of episodes requested a mobile response, 30.8% requested a deferred mobile response, and 23.1% requested a non-mobile response; in the traditional hours, 69.3% of episodes requested a mobile response, 20.4% requested a deferred mobile response, and 10.2% requested a non-mobile response. As seen in the mobility rate, the vast majority of callers requesting a mobile or deferred mobile response receive it.

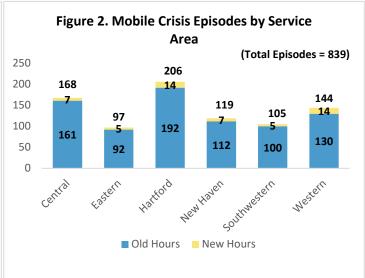
Response Time: Statewide, this month 87.3% of mobile episodes received a face-to-face response in 45 minutes or less, which is slightly higher than the rate in December 2023 (86.5%). Five of the six service areas were at or above the benchmark of 80% of mobile responses provided in 45 minutes or less, with performance ranging from 78.6% (Hartford) to 94.3% (Eastern). Eleven (11) of the fourteen (14) sites met the 80% benchmark. The statewide median mobile response time was 30.0 minutes. The rate of episodes meeting response time during the traditional hours (87.8%) is slightly higher than the overall rate of 87.3%. During the expanded hours 77.8% of mobile episodes received a response within 45 minutes during these new hours, with performance ranging from 20.0% (Hartford) to 100% (Central, Eastern,

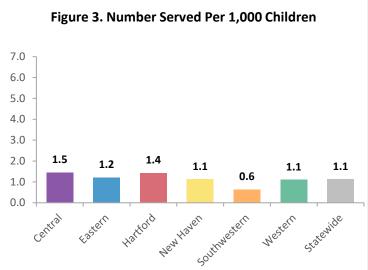
New Haven, & Southwestern). When looking at these rates, it is important to keep in mind that the number of overnight episodes is very low, and the number receiving a Mobile response is even lower.

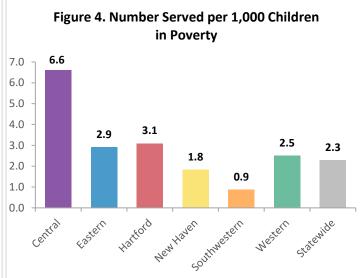
<u>Length of Stay (LOS)</u>: The statewide median LOS for episodes discharged this month with a crisis response of *plus stabilization follow-up* was 19.0 days. The regional median LOS ranged from 17.0 days (Hartford) to 42.0 days (Southwestern). Note: these calculations only include episodes that began during FY2025.

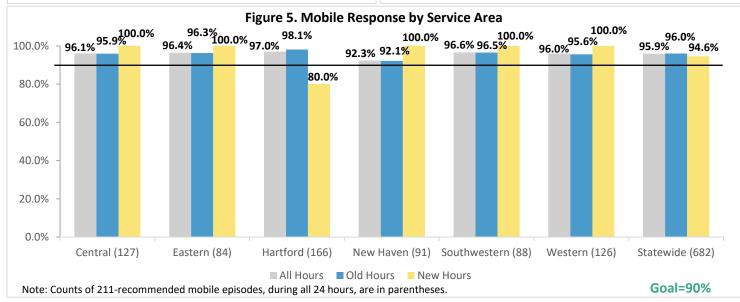
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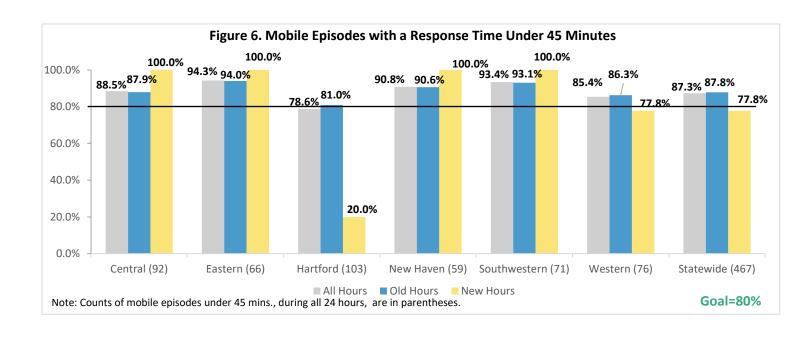




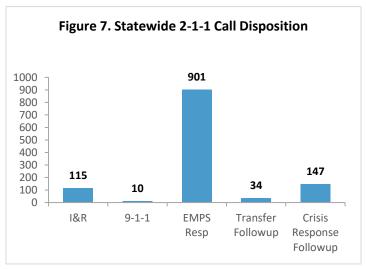


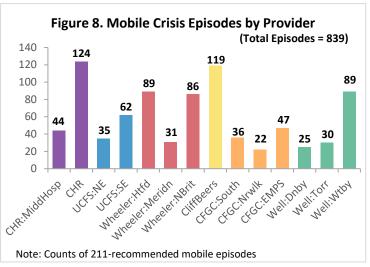


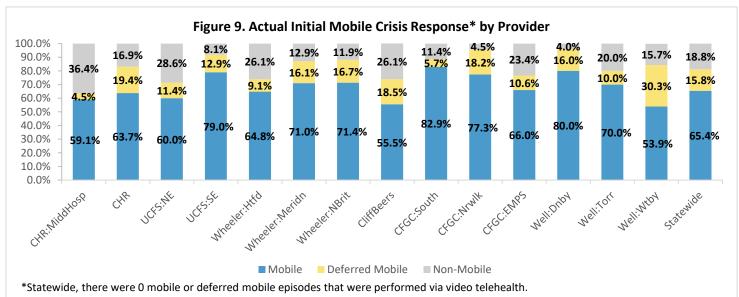


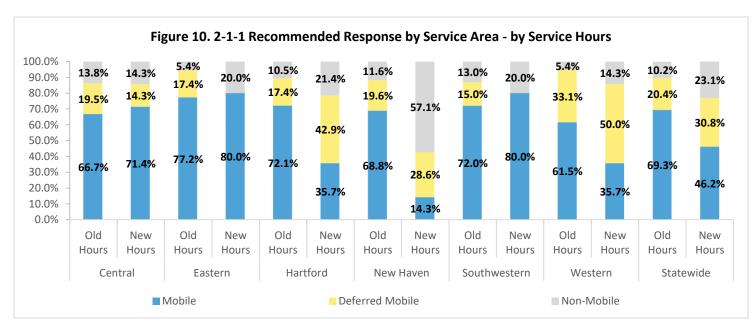


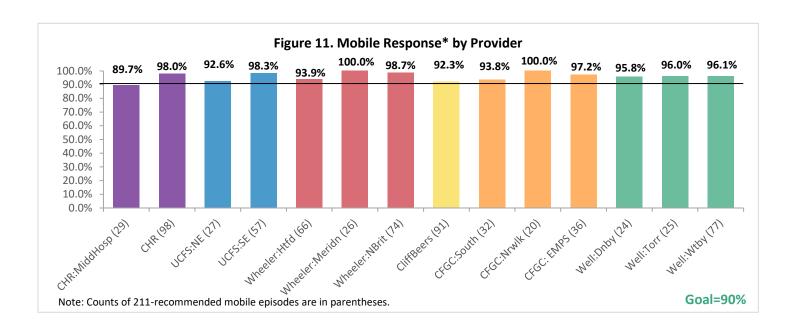
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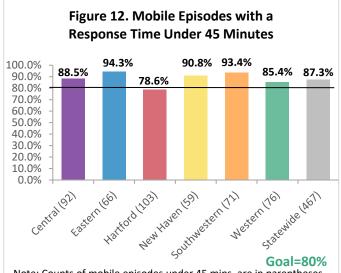


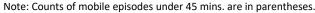


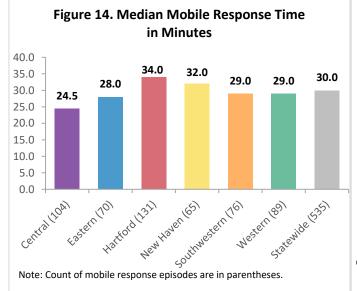


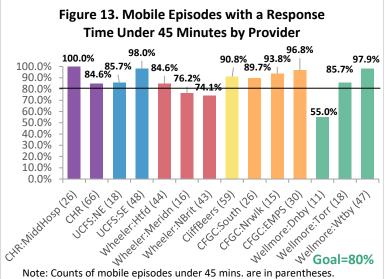


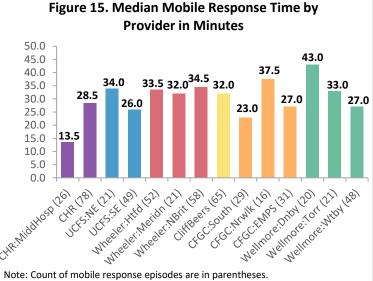
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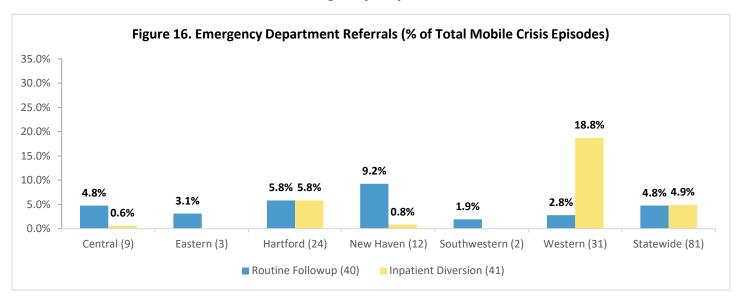


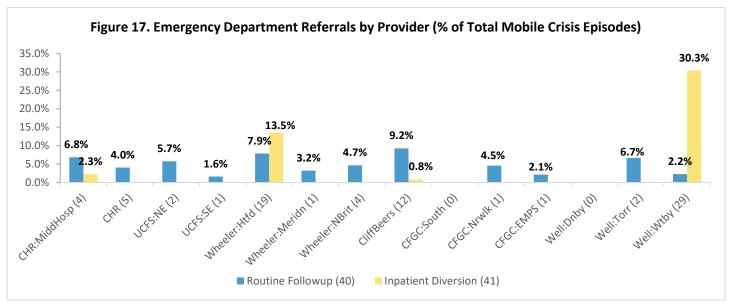






#### **Section IV: Emergency Department Referrals**





# Section V: Length of Stay (LOS)

Table 1. LOS for <u>Discharged Episodes\*</u> with a Crisis Response Plus Stabilization Follow-up

	Discharged Episodes with a Crisis Response of Plus Stabilization Follow-up				
	Number of	Mean LOS	Median LOS	Percent Exceeding	
	Episodes	(in days)	(in days)	45 Days	
STATEWIDE	454	20.9	19.0	3.1% (n = 14)	
Central	155	21.0	21.0	2.6% (n = 4)	
Eastern	19	28.2	28.0	10.5% (n = 2)	
Hartford	153	18.4	17.0	0.0% (n = 0)	
New Haven	14	34.0	28.0	21.4% (n = 3)	
Southwestern	15	42.4	42.0	20.0% (n = 3)	
Western	98	17.9	17.5	2.0% (n = 2)	

<sup>\*</sup>Only episodes that had both a start and a discharge date within FY2025 are included in this chart