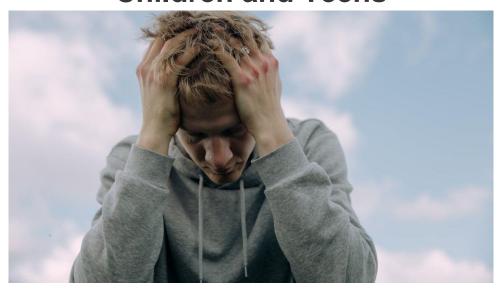




Mobile Crisis Team Provides Mental Support for Children and Teens



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<u>The VNS Health</u> Bronx Children's Mobile Crisis Team provides rapid in-home mental health support for children and teens (ages 0-21) who are experiencing or at risk of a mental health crisis. The program serves the entire borough of the Bronx and the team is made up of clinicians who meet families where they are-- at home, school, or a public space.

The team will assess the child's needs, create safety plans, teach coping strategies, and, when necessary, provide guidance and advocacy for hospital visits. They will also provide follow-ups to ensure families are connected to long-term care and other resources, helping them stabilize during tough times. Parents can reach the team through the 988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline- there is language support available.

The service is critical for families facing challenges like bullying, trauma, unsafe home situations, or cultural stigmas around mental health. Returning to school or other transitions can increase anxiety for some children and the crisis team's goal is to ensure families feel supported and not isolated. The Bronx clinic is currently accepting new referrals. <u>Learn more.</u>

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