What is the Psychiatric Intake Response Center (PIRC) Bridge Clinic?

Some children do not meet the standards for admission to an inpatient mental health unit, but still need help getting mental health care. The PIRC Bridge Clinic can help your child get care while you wait for outpatient care to start.

Bridge Clinic Services:

**Care Coordination Phone Call**
A team member will call the phone number you give us. They will talk with you to:
- Help you find mental healthcare in your community
- Help you understand the mental health system
- Help figure out your child’s needs and support you and your child through this crisis

**Crisis Appointment**
A therapist will meet with you and your child to make a plan to manage your child’s crisis. This crisis appointment will help you and your child to:
- Figure out the problem(s) and what led to this crisis
- Make a plan to manage this crisis and help your child stay safe while they wait to connect with a new therapist
- Come up with coping skills and resources to help

**Medication Evaluation**
A psychiatric provider may meet with you and your child to talk with you about the need for medication. If your child needs to take medicine, the psychiatric provider may:
- Check with your child’s primary care provider to see if they can manage their medicine, or
- Refer your child to a psychiatric provider in the community who can manage their medicine
Next Steps

**Referred for Care Coordination Call**
You will get a phone call within 48 hours. If you do not get a phone call, please call 636-4124 option #, # and ask for a Bridge Team member.

**Referred for Bridge Crisis Appointment**
If a Bridge Clinic appointment was not scheduled when you were discharged from the ED, a referral was placed for your child. You will get a phone call the next day to make an appointment. Please call 636-4124 option #, # if you do not get a phone call.

Please call the mental health care phone numbers you were given as soon as possible. This will help your child get mental health services faster. Do not wait until after your Bridge Clinic appointment.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need to cancel or reschedule the appointment call 636-4124 option #, #.

If you do not believe you can keep your child and others safe, call 911 or go to your nearest Emergency Room.

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**Date**

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**Time**

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**Provider**

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**Location**

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If you are late or do not come to the appointment, it is likely that your child will not be seen in this clinic or given another appointment.

If you have any questions or would like to talk to the Bridge Clinic staff, please call 513-636-4124.