

Unity Center for Behavioral Health

A partnership of Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health, OHSU in Northeast Portland



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The State of Oregon's only 24-hour behavioral health services center providing immediate psychiatric care and pathways to stabilization for adults and adolescents in crisis



1,000+

Patients receiving
care in Psychiatric
Emergency Service
(PES)/month

75%

Patients covered by
government-funded
health plan
(Medicaid & Medicare)

70%

Patients also
experiencing substance
use condition

Capacity Challenges

**Scarce community
discharge options**

**Lacking long-term care
for civilly committed**

**Limited housing
opportunities**

**Shrinking health
care workforce**



Opportunities



Historic funding investments



Strengthening community partnerships



Creating seamless behavioral health system





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