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Melissa Eckstein, President, Unity Center for Behavioral Health

Unity Center is a 24-hour behavioral health service that offers immediate psychiatric care and pathways to stabilization for adults and adolescents in crisis. Unity has the only licensed Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) in the state, which is subject to the federal Emergency Medical Transfer and Active Labor Act. We are a partnership between Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health and OHSU. Unity Center provides care navigation, counseling and therapy, crisis counseling, intervention, stabilization, family support, inpatient care, medication management, nursing care, peer support, social work and spiritual care.

Unity Center by the Numbers

24,000 Number of unique individuals served since opening in 2017

1,000 Monthly average of patients receiving care in PES

85% Individuals stabilized and discharged from PES

15% Patients transferred from PES to inpatient care

75% Patients covered by government-funded healthcare (Medicaid & Medicare)

70% Patients have substance use in addition to mental health concern

60% Percentage of patients are experiencing unstable housing

84% Patients are voluntary; average length of inpatient stay = 9 days or **46%** of capacity

16% Patients are civilly committed; average length of inpatient stay = 60 days or **54%** of capacity