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Seneca Family of Agencies Expands Crisis Services for Youth in Monterey County

Salinas, California, April 17, 2025 – Seneca Family of Agencies is proud to announce the expansion of critical mental health services in Monterey County with the opening of its Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP). These programs will provide immediate, short-term support for youth experiencing acute mental health crises, ensuring they receive timely care close to home.

The Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) offers rapid assessment and intervention for youth in crisis, helping to stabilize them and connect families to ongoing support. As part of Seneca's comprehensive continuum of care, the CSU works in coordination with mobile response teams, partial hospitalization programs, and residential therapeutic services to provide wraparound mental health support.

Similarly, the Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP) offers a safe, structured environment where youth can receive intensive therapeutic support during a mental health crisis. This program serves as an alternative to hospitalization, providing short-term residential care that prioritizes stabilization, skill-building, and family reintegration. The CCRP operates as part of Seneca's broader network of crisis intervention services, including mobile response teams and partial hospitalization programs.

For years, Monterey County youth in crisis had to travel long distances for emergency mental health care. The launch of these programs brings 24/7, trauma-informed crisis intervention directly to the community, reducing the need for hospitalization while ensuring youth and families receive high-quality, compassionate care.

JOIN THE TEAM

Seneca is actively hiring for several key positions, including:

- Nurses (RNs + Nurse Manager)
- Clinicians / Therapists
- Youth Stabilization Specialists (entry-level with training provided)
- Program Leadership roles

New staff will participate in a two-week New Employee Orientation (NEO) and receive continued training and supervision within a collaborative, trauma-informed environment.

Interested applicants can explore current openings here.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD: MEDIA TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

To support the successful rollout of these programs, Seneca has developed a Digital Media Toolkit for partners, supporters, and community members who want to help amplify the launch. The toolkit includes:

- Shareable graphics and captions for Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn
- Printable flyers and outreach materials
- Email templates and a sample press release
- Messaging to promote the new programs and hiring efforts

Download the toolkit here!



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