

BAKER ACT AND CRISIS SERVICES

Involuntary examination and emergency crisis services.

Florida Department of Children and Families

is the single state authority on mental health and substance use disorder, and responsible for the oversight of a statewide system of care for the prevention, treatment, and recovery of children and adults through a community-based provider network.



Baker Act

focuses on crisis services for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, much like an emergency department is for individuals experiencing a medical emergency. Florida's 120 designated receiving facilities aim to evaluate, stabilize, and connect individuals to appropriate outpatient resources.

Crisis Services

offer individuals **someone to talk to, someone to respond, and somewhere to go**. The Florida 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 for call, text, or chat for individuals who are struggling or in crisis. Mobile Response Teams provide in-person response to a mental health crisis and an array of crisis intervention services. Baker Act Receiving Facilities provide emergency mental health stabilization and short-term treatment.

Who initiates a Baker Act?



53%

Law
Enforcement



45%

Professional
Certificate



2%

Ex Parte Court
Order

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

170,048

Baker Acts

in Fiscal Year 2021-2022,

marking a **13%**
decrease from the previous year.

5,880

Baker Act
receiving facility
beds statewide
as of December 2023.



95%

Florida 988 Suicide
and Crisis Lifeline
calls resolved
without need for
higher-level
intervention
in Fiscal Year 2022-2023.



82%

of **individuals** using
Mobile Response Teams
were **diverted** from
hospitals, jails, or other
crisis settings
in Fiscal Year 2022-2023.



In Fiscal Year 2022-2023,
Mobile Response Teams expanded to

51,

resulting in
a **21-minute** decrease in
response time to individuals
in crisis.

For answers to frequently asked questions about Baker Act crisis services, scan the QR code.



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