


A Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Center

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Our Commitment

- History of being the leaders in mental health
- We opened Peoria's first inpatient mental health unit in 1954
- Have helped thousands of kids since our child and adolescent unit opened over 30 years ago
- In 2002, when Zeller and St. Francis closed their units, we doubled down by expanding our adult services and sustained our commitment to area kids needing our services
- In 2019 we formed UnityPlace, bringing together Human Service Center, UnityPoint Health, and Tazwood Mental Health to provide a national model for a coordinated/comprehensive approach to mental health, addiction, prevention, and education services
- We have stepped up time and again, we will continue to carry on to fill this need. We see it as our responsibility.




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The Issue – Kids Are in Crisis

- Methodist has the only inpatient beds in Central Illinois for kids suffering from mental illness
- We average 60 admissions per month
- Over the past 5 years, nearly 2,600 kids have been turned away due to lack of available beds
- **In a recent Community Health Needs Survey of 10th- grade students from the Tri-County Area:**
 - Over 31% indicated that in the past 12 months, they felt sadness or hopelessness almost every day for at least 2 weeks, causing them to stop participating in some of their usual activities
 - 17% of 10th graders indicated they seriously considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months




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The Need

- New Space – BUT Goes Beyond a Capacity Issue:
 - The unit has an institutional feel and lacks natural lighting
 - No outdoor green space
- Kids should stay near loved ones, transferring them is heartbreaking:
 - Sending to distant communities is hard on everyone
 - Delays treatment
 - Results in long boarding times in the ED
- A safe, welcoming, trusted space for providers to collaborate
- Adequate reimbursements




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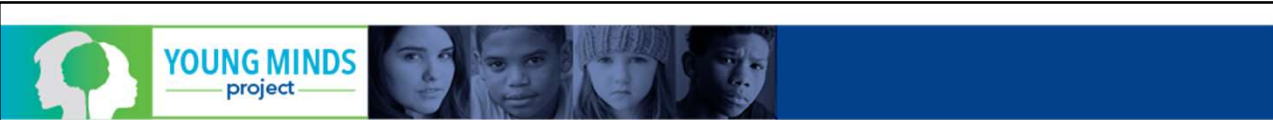
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Meeting the Challenge

- We are prepared to bring forward a State-of-the-Art center where children and their families can receive affordable, convenient, trusted, quality support, assistance, and treatment services
- Not just inpatient – The Center will provide a continuum of care in a familiar setting for outpatient, therapy, and family educational tools
- Grow the workforce by creating an attractive destination point for the most talented providers from across the nation. This will assist our economy by bringing head of household jobs to the region
- Initiate innovation and research
- Increase inpatient and outpatient capacity




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Other Key Features

- Integrate all Child and Adolescent Behavioral Services
 - Inpatient beds
 - Outpatient services, including physician offices
 - 24/7 assessment center
- Increase up to 44 future beds from the current 23
- Improve quality, safety, and experience of care
 - Experiential therapy for music therapy, art therapy, a gym, and a specialized sensory room
 - Separate neighborhoods for children and adolescents




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Status of Project

- Purchase of facility complete
- Certificate of Need approved
- Re-zoning approval from the City of West Peoria
- Schematic design phase nearly complete
- Construction to start early 2023
- Opening late 2023



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