

# Observations

- While the adult system and the children's system are not the same, crisis response should not be developed in 2 vacuums.
- The crisis response system should be integrated at the front end for families.
- Adult needs and children's needs are commonly different, and are served by different providers using different skills.
- We should aim to serve children and families in their homes and communities. Other states are able to serve high percentages of crisis in the home.
- Kids who are in "the system" – Medicaid and CHIP – are typically better served than those who are not.
- There is a crisis of funding for some families in this regard – which in turn creates a crisis for communities, hospitals, and the state.
- We do have the ability in the division to work with many of the key players – mental health providers, hospitals, etc – and we should take advantage of that synergy.
- I wish you luck!