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A partnership between behavioral health treatment providers and Boulder County law enforcement agencies

What is the purpose of Project EDGE?

Project EDGE aims to **divert** individuals who have behavioral health issues from the criminal justice system, and instead **engage** them in the **treatment** that is the **best fit** for them.

EDGE **creates a resource** for law enforcement officers for cases that can be **better served by behavioral health treatment** than by involvement in the criminal justice system.

Participation in EDGE is voluntary. If a person chooses to participate, no criminal charges are filed and the person agrees to engage in behavioral health treatment.

What can EDGE clinicians do?

EDGE clinicians provide **on-scene crisis de-escalation and behavioral health resources**.

They **refer individuals to behavioral health treatment**, including mental health and substance use treatment providers in our community.

EDGE **Peer Support Specialists** follow up with clients to provide support and guidance.

The EDGE team can also help connect agencies with **training opportunities**, including Crisis Intervention Team and Mental Health First Aid.

Who are the EDGE clinicians?

EDGE clinicians are **mental health professionals** who specialize in emergency psychiatric services, including crisis de-escalation and motivational interviewing.

These clinicians are funded through a partnership between Mental Health Partners and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office.

EDGE clinicians are dispatched by law enforcement personnel to **accompany officers to a scene**, or they provide emergency services for individuals taken to Mental Health Partners' 24/7 Walk-In Center.

Who can call Project EDGE for help?

Partner law enforcement agencies in Boulder County request an EDGE worker via dispatch. Current EDGE partner agencies are:

- Boulder County Sheriff's Office
- Longmont Police Department
- Boulder Police Department

If you or a loved one are in behavioral health crisis and need law enforcement response, contact law enforcement and ask for EDGE.

Another option to turn to if you or a loved one are in crisis is **Mental Health Partners' Crisis Line at 303-447-1665** and the **Walk-In Center located at 1000 Alpine Ave.**

Questions?

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