



# GBRICS PARTNERSHIP

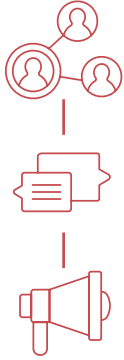
GREATER BALTIMORE REGIONAL INTEGRATED CRISIS SYSTEM

The GBRICS Partnership is a new project that will help people experiencing serious mental health or substance use challenges get the care they need when and where they want it. Serious challenges could include suicidal thoughts, other difficult emotions, panic attacks, or be related to substance use.

These challenges are usually best addressed in the community by trained counselors but instead often end up with a stay in the hospital or a visit by the police. The new services funded by GBRICS will connect people quickly to support in their community so fewer people need to involve police or go to Emergency Department.

**GBRICS AIMS TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SYSTEM BY INVESTING IN SERVICES ACROSS BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, HOWARD COUNTY, AND CARROLL COUNTY.**

**The partnership will:**



- Create a regional behavioral health crisis call center, accessed by dialing 988.
- Fund more mobile crisis teams so that timely response is available in the community 24/7 across the region.
- Provide same-day virtual and in-person appointments for counseling, psychiatry, substance use treatment and other supports directly from the hotline.
- Work with communities to increase awareness and use of 988 and other behavioral health services.

**HELP CREATE A BETTER SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP WITH A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

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