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MEDIA ADVISORY: MONDAY IN HARRISBURG – Shapiro Administration Highlights Work to Invest in Life-Saving Behavioral Health Care at New Emergency Behavioral Health Crisis Walk-In Center

Harrisburg, PA – On Monday, **Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Dr. Val Arkoosh and Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Secretary Dr. Latika Davis-Jones** will tour a new emergency behavioral health crisis walk-in center alongside county officials and staff to highlight how the Shapiro Administration is working with local governments to help Pennsylvanians with behavioral health needs, especially those in crisis.

Since day one, **Governor Josh Shapiro** has prioritized increasing funding for behavioral health services throughout the Commonwealth, securing major bipartisan investments in behavioral health programs that save lives. The [2024-25 bipartisan budget](#) built on the previous year's budget investments by providing an additional \$20 million for county mental health programs, \$5 million for crisis stabilization walk-in centers – with a focus on geographic areas that may not have a center – and continues the \$100 million investment in mental health funding for K-12 schools.

WHO:

Department of Human Services Secretary Dr. Val Arkoosh
Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Secretary Dr. Latika Davis-Jones
Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry County Commissioners
County Mental Health Administrators

WHEN:

MONDAY, January 13, 2025, at 1:00 PM

WHERE:

Connections Emergency Behavioral Health Crisis Walk-in Center
1100 S. Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17104

MEDIA RSVP:

Press interested in attending must RSVP with the name of photographer/reporter to ra-pwdhspressoffice@pa.gov.

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