



The Bridge Center for Hope is Louisiana's first-ever crisis stabilization facility serving East Baton Rouge Parish residents 18 years and older. The Bridge Center for Hope opened Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 10:00 AM. The first guest to arrive at the facility was escorted by law enforcement at 10:50 AM.

During the first quarter (48 ½ days), the total number of guest presentations was 266, with 233 admits. Two hundred and fourteen (214) were East Baton Rouge Parish residents, and thirteen (13) were out-of-parish residents.

During the first quarter, 100 guests entered the facility independently, and first responders escorted 133. Fifty-five percent (55%) were treated for mental health issues, and forty-five percent (45%) were treated for substance use challenges.

The average response time for law enforcement is holding steady at 3.67 minutes exceeding the initial expectations of 5-7 minutes.

All units within the facility are fully operational and with the Mobile Response Unit soon to follow. Continued conversations with local area hospitals and provider agencies will increase the volume of guests admitted to the Respite unit in the upcoming months.

