

MAY 2022

BRIDGE CENTER FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

The Bridge Center for Hope held its second annual Bridging the Gap Community fair in May. The free community fair showcased the agencies and organizations that provide critical services addressing mental and behavioral health needs in our community. Participants mingled and learned about the numerous programs and services available to residents of East Baton Rouge Parish. The event helped to bridge the gap and provide mental health and substance use services to those in need. There were over thirty participating vendors providing vital community resources.









In May, the guest presentations to the facility were 291, with 280 admits. Two hundred and thirty were unduplicated guests with an 18% monthly readmission rate. (Guests are considered readmitted if served within 30 days or less after discharge.)

The total number of guest presentations for 2022 is 1,175 and 1,143 for admissions. The Bridge Center has helped over 3,461 individuals since the facility's opening.

Below is a comparison chart for admissions by year and month.





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Two hundred and thirty-two were East Baton Rouge Parish residents, and 48 were out-ofparish residents. The total number of East Baton Rouge Parish residents to receive services for 2022 is 957. The Bridge Center accepts all forms of payment: 80% of guests are covered by Medicaid, 18% utilized parish funding through the Bridge Center, and 2% are covered by Medicare and private insurers. Parish funding only covers East Baton Rouge Parish residents.

In May, 73% of the guest population is male and 27% female. In addition, 54% are black, 36% white, 1% Asian, and 1% other, with the remaining reported as no-entry.

Direct entry (walk-ins) continues to be the main source of entrance type amongst guests, accounting for 207 and 73 first responder escorts for May. The average response time for first responders was 3.01 minutes and a yearly average of 3.38 minutes.

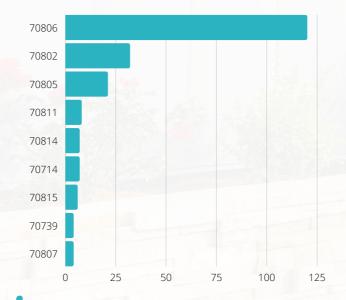
First responder escorts continue to fluctuate. As a result, the Bridge Center, in collaboration with RI International, will hold refresher training workshops for BRPD and EBRSO agencies to remind law enforcement officers on how to access the Bridge Center.

The graphic below breaks down the number of first responders escorted by the department.



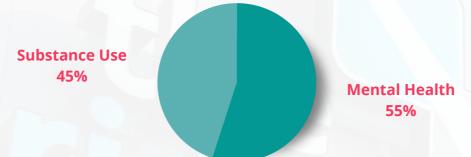
Area Demographics

The Bridge Center services residents from all over East Baton Rouge Parish. Below are the top ten zip codes served in May 2022.

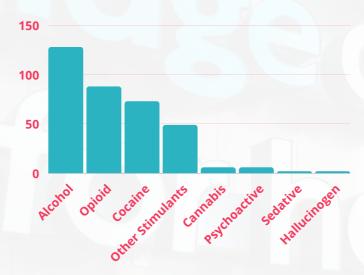




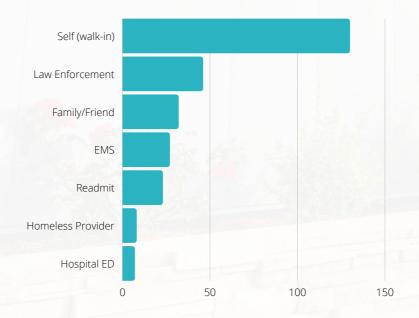
In the month of May, 136 guests sought mental health services, and 130 were treated for substance use services.



The graph above depicts, treatment by substance type, the treatment obtained for substance use during the month of April.



Regardless of entrance type, the Bridge Center welcomes anyone seeking help due to its no wrong door policy. The top admission sources for May are listed below.





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The top 3-4 dispositions (discharges) among units are listed below.

Top 3 Dispositions	23-Hour Observation Unit (ALOS 22.17 hrs)	Percentage
1	Transfer to Medical Detoxification Unit	39%
2	Transfer to Short-Term Psych Unit	34%
3	Against Medical Advice	16%
4	Home	5%

Top 4 Dispositions	Short-Term Psych Unit (ALOS 3.35 Days)	Percentage
1	Home	30%
2	Homeless Shelter	22%
3	Group Home	18%
4	Substance Use Treatment Center	14%

Top 3 Dispositions	Medical Detoxification Unit (ALOS 2.73 Days)	Percentage
1	Substance Use Treatment Center	43%
2	Against Medical Leave	35%
3	Home	14%
4	Halfway House	7%