

APRIL 2024

BRIDGE CENTER FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS







Each month, the Bridge Center for Hope participates in community events designed to advocate for mental health and substance use and help reduce the stigma. We partner with various community organizations to highlight the various community events throughout the Parish.

In April, the Bridge Center participated in the following events:

Ellevate Day at the Capitol

BCBSLA National Minority Health Month Panel and Information Fair 3rd Annual Listen and Learn - The Opioid Epidemic (LDH)

In April, the facility received 256 guest presentations, with 244 admissions. There were 201 unique guests, with a monthly readmission rate of 14%. (If served within 30 days of discharge, guests are considered readmitted.)

There have been 8,986 guest presentations since the facility's opening, with 8,549 admissions.

nter REPORT: Presentation and Admits

Below is a comparison of admissions by month and year.







April Demographics

In April, 198 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish received treatment, with an additional 46 individuals coming from outside the parish. Since the facility's opening, a combined total of 7,136 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish and 1,413 individuals from outside the parish have received services.

The Bridge Center accepts payments in all forms. In April, 66% of guests were insured through Medicaid, while 32% were covered by the Bridge Center for Hope. Medicare and private insurers covered the remaining 2%.

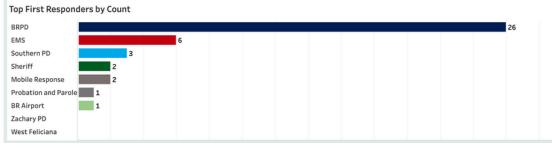
(Parish funding only applies to residents of East Baton Rouge Parish.)

In April, 77% of the guests were male, while the remaining 23% were female. Furthermore, the data revealed that 63% of the guests identified as black, 30% identified as white, and the remaining 7% were categorized as other.

Walk-ins remain the most common method of admission for guests, providing direct access. In April, there were 203 direct entries, 41 of which were escorted by first responders. The average response time for first responders remains consistently below 5 minutes, specifically at 2.30 minutes for April.

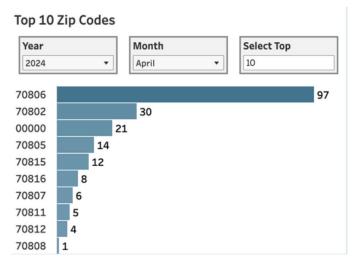


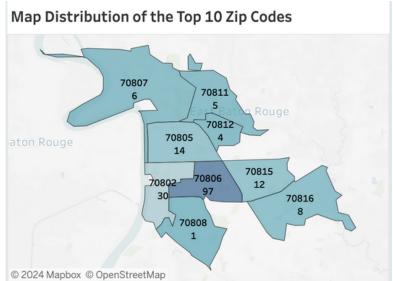
The graphic below shows the top three stats of first responders escorted by the department.



Area Demographics

The map represents the top zip codes served for April 2024 in East Baton Rouge Parish.

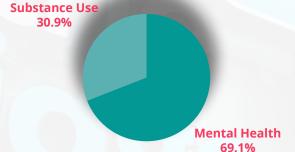




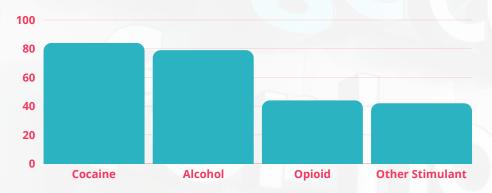


A Summary of Guests Seeking Treatment in October

Out of the total guests (244 individuals) who sought treatment in April, 69% required mental health care, whereas 29% received treatment for substance use. Furthermore, over half of the guests seeking treatment (51%) had a dual diagnosis. Please refer to the accompanying pie chart for a detailed breakdown of the mental health and substance use services received in 2024.

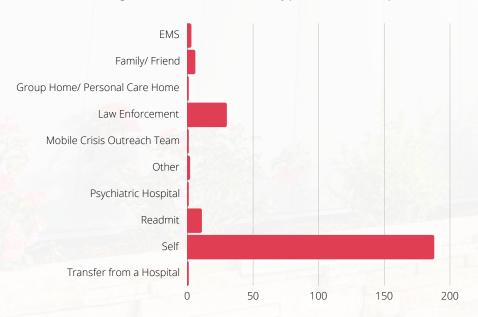


In April, the four substances that were most commonly treated were alcohol (34%), cocaine (27%), stimulants (21%), and opioids (14%).



The chart depicts treatment by substance type and the treatment obtained for substance use during 2024.

Due to Bridge Center's no-wrong-door policy, everyone over the age of 18 is welcome to seek assistance, regardless of entrance type. Below is April 's admittance sources.





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

Top Dispositions	23-Hour Observation Unit (ALOS 19.90 hrs)	Percentage
1	Transfer to Inpatient	39%
2	Transfer to Substance Use Facility	25%
3	Against Medical Advice	9%
4	Home	7%
5	Homeless Shelter	8%

Top Dispositions	Crisis Stabilization Unit (ALOS 3.05 Days)	Percentage
1	Home	32%
2	Substance Use Treatment Ctr	30%
2	Homeless Shelter	15%
4	Group Home	8%
5	Other	5%

All guests are discharged with a behavioral and physical health appointment.