

**FEBRUARY 2024** 

### **BRIDGE CENTER FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS**









19th JDC Veteran Treatment Court

**Region 2 Coalition Meeting** 

Empower225 - Parent Cafe

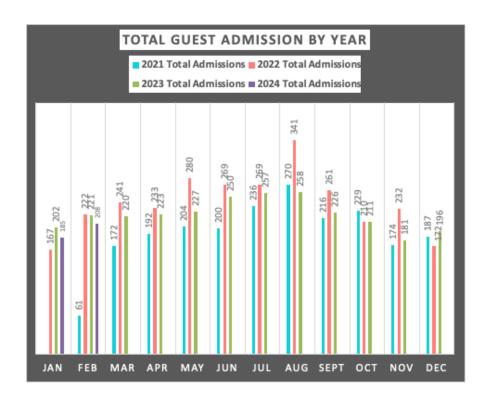
In 2024, The Bridge Center for Hope is continuing our campaign on increasing awareness about mental health and substance use disorders. Each month, the Bridge Center collaborates with community partners to provide resources that will educate the community on crisis services. In February, the Bridge Center had the privilege of participating in several community events designed to provide information and resources. These events provided a platform to showcase the Bridge Center's services and engage in meaningful conversations about mental health, substance use treatment and prevention.

In February, the facility received 214 guest presentations, with 208 admissions. There were 173 unique guests, with a monthly readmission rate of 15%. (If served within 30 days of discharge, guests are considered readmitted.)

There have been 8,518 guest presentations since the facility's opening, with 8,103 admissions.

Below is a comparison of admissions by month and year.







### **February Demographics**

In February, 180 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish received treatment, with an additional 28 individuals coming from outside the parish. Since the facility's opening, a combined total of 6,782 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish and 1,305 individuals from outside the parish have received services.

The Bridge Center accepts payments in all forms. In February, 71% of guests were insured through Medicaid, while 26% were covered by the Bridge Center for Hope. Medicare and private insurers covered the remaining 3%.

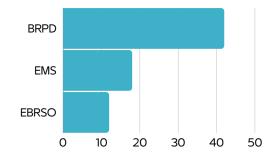
(Parish funding only applies to residents of East Baton Rouge Parish.)

In February, 74% of the guests were male, while the remaining 26% were female. Furthermore, the data revealed that 58% of the guests identified as black, 37% 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 February, there were 163 direct entries, 45 of which were escorted by first responders. The average response time for first responders remains consistently below 5 minutes, specifically at 2.20 minutes for February.

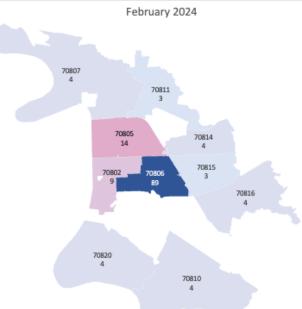
The graphic below shows the top three stats of first responders escorted by the department.





### **Area Demographics**

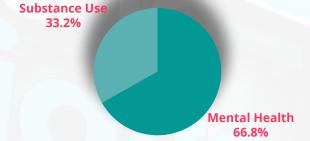
The map represents the top zip codes served for February 2024 in East Baton Rouge Parish.



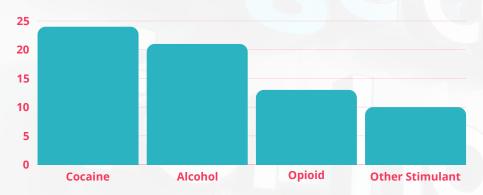


#### A Summary of Guests Seeking Treatment in October

Out of the total guests (208 individuals) who sought treatment in February, 66% required mental health care, whereas 33% received treatment for substance use. Furthermore, over half of the guests seeking treatment (50%) 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.

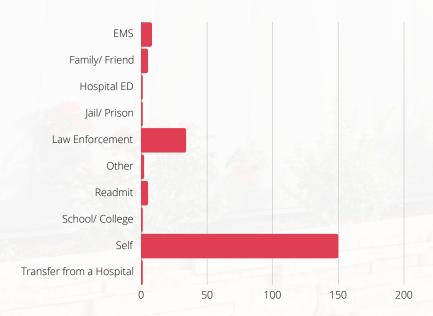


In February, the four substances that were most commonly treated were cocaine (35%), alcohol (31%), opioids (19%) and stimulants (15%).



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 February '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	<mark>49%</mark>
2	Transfer to Substance Use Facility	27%
3	Homeless Shelter	8%
4	Home	5%
5	Ag <mark>ain</mark> st Medical Advice	5%

Top Dispositions	Crisis Stabilization Unit (ALOS 3.05 Days)	Percentage
1	Home	30%
2	Substance Use Treatment Ctr	26%
2	Homeless Shelter	13%
4	Group Home	11%
5	Transfered to another treatment facility	8%

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