



What is a Youth Behavioral Health Liaison (YBHL)?

A YBHL is a **behavioral health** professional who forms local **community partnerships** with various youth-serving organizations to address specific behavioral health needs of vulnerable **children and youth**. YBHLs function as service connectors for youth with **co-occurring** severe mental illness, substance use, and/or developmental disability to **link** the youth and their families to **services** available through community partnerships.

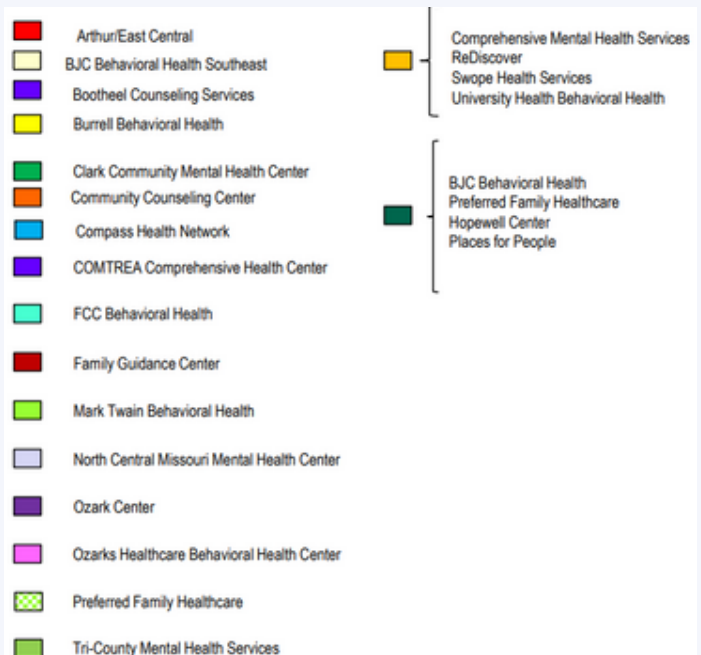
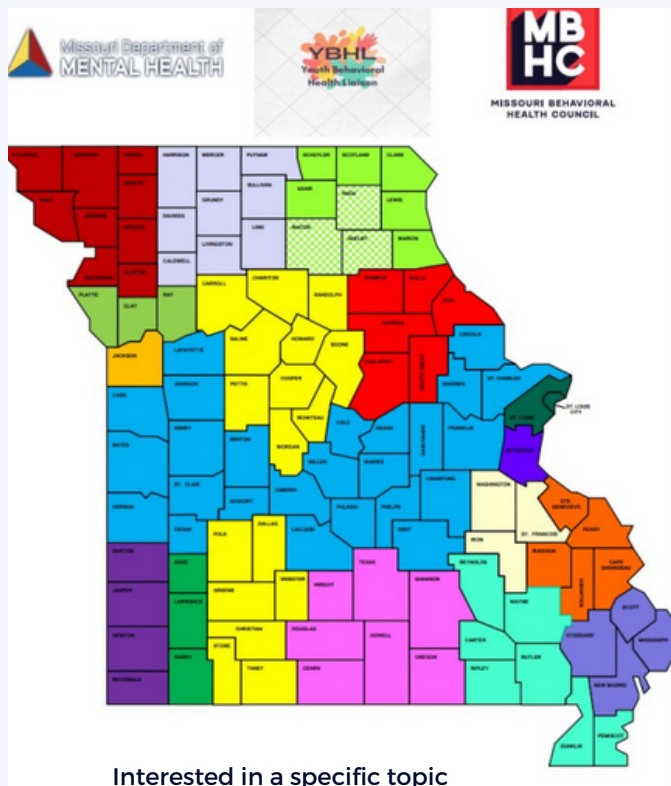


How can a YBHL help?

A YBHL will work to engage youth, build relationships with natural supports and to divert youth from inpatient hospitalization and out-of-home placements such as residential treatment centers, juvenile detention, and jail, while supporting youth in natural family and/or community based setting.

Who can make a referral?

- Schools
- Juvenile Office
- Children's Division
- Law Enforcement
- Courts
- Hospitals
- Developmental Disability Regional Office
- Developmental Disability Providers



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