Program Objectives:

- Increase early access to services for youth and families experiencing a behavioral health crisis
  - that present in the local emergency department, or
  - are identified at risk for a behavioral health crisis in the community.

- Provide daily assessment and re-assessment of youth in the emergency department on a 5150/5585 hold in an effort to reduce wait times in the emergency department.

- Provide short term behavioral health treatment interventions, develop Safety Plans and/or transition youth back to the community if appropriate.

- Improve care coordination between youth and local care providers. Link patients to after care treatment, the SAFTY program and additional outreach services within 24 hours and up to 7 days a week.

What is the Program?

A grant funded program designed to address the gaps in crisis services for youth primarily in the local Hospital Emergency Departments (ED).

Coverage area:

- Marian Medical Center Emergency Department
- Lompoc Valley Medical Emergency Department

North County Crisis Services
Children’s Crisis/Triage Program

Children’s Crisis/Triage Services

Responsible for all Emergency Department crisis contacts as well as those in other regions of the hospital including the main medical surgical floors, Critical Care Unit and Telemetry.

Our team works in collaboration with SAFTY and Behavioral Wellness Adult Mobile Crisis & Triage Services to serve all emergency contacts ages 21 and under.
It's time for my child to go home! What can I expect at time of discharge?

- A discharge plan with patient instructions, possible medications and a follow up appointment with an outpatient clinic.
- Parents are an important part of the discharge planning process so stay in communication.

My child DID NOT meet the criteria for a psychiatric hospitalization.

Now What?

- We will send you home with a Safety Plan
- We will help you link to a community Mental Health provider and additional support services
- Both the Children's Crisis/Triage Program and the SAFETY Program will be checking in soon with your family