

**2019 Crisis Academy: Building on Our Strengths”
Summary Report**

The 2019 Crisis Academy convened on October 28, 2019. The academy included teams from all 50 ADAMH Boards that included a diverse group of community partners. Building on the strengths of Ohio’s crisis continuum experts from Arizona presented innovative approaches to developing crisis systems, and local counties highlighted community partnerships. To continue supporting community planning strategies a survey was disseminated. Through the Crisis Academy survey, the Department asked Boards to prioritize the Crisis Academy topics where they felt additional training or funding would be most beneficial to their Board area. Respondents were asked to rank topics 1 to 8, with 1 as the highest priority.

All participants provided feedback through the survey. Based upon the results, the development of residential treatment and crisis stabilization/aftercare units such as the Adam Amanda Center were of top priority to those in attendance ($\mu = 2.60$). Mobile crisis teams ($\mu = 3.32$) were also viewed as highly important to the trainees. The middle-ranked options were all close in average. Specifically, enhancing existing hospital solutions and emergency referral programs ($\mu = 3.87$), developing Crisis programs specific to children ($\mu = 3.91$) and focusing upon those within rural or low-population areas ($\mu = 3.96$) were closely ranked. Placing peers within the crisis continuum workforce ($\mu = 5.13$) was also viewed as important. While the alternatives of technological call centers ($\mu = 6.13$) and veteran-specific programs ($\mu = 6.62$) were acknowledged, they were not viewed as priority by many respondents, potentially due to existing programs or population need.

Respondents were also asked to identify crisis models which they would implement in their local system to enhance their crisis continuum. The top five themes to this qualitative question are listed below:

Theme	Number of Responses
Mobile Crisis teams	22
Build capacity	16
Crisis response for kids / juveniles	14
23-hr observation	8
Peers added to crisis continuum	8

Finally, participants were asked to identify their team’s next steps toward enhancing their crisis continuum. Most participants identified needs assessment and strategic planning as their next step. In addition, collaboration between providers and infrastructure development were seen as priority. The top six themes to this qualitative question are listed below:

Theme	Number of Responses
Needs assessment / strategic planning	24
Integrate services / Collaborate with other providers	22
Seek further training	9
Determine Cost efficiency / Feasibility	9
Collect / analyze Data	9
Develop improvements to current system or Launch new program	8