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## COMPREHENSIVE SUICIDE RELATED CARE

### Mobile Emergency Response Team for Youth (MERTY)

#### Santa Cruz County

The Mobile Emergency Response Team for Youth (MERTY) provides community and field-based crisis intervention services to youth age 21 and younger. Funded by grants from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA), the program includes two mobile clinics (for North County and South County) staffed by a bilingual clinician and bilingual family support partner. The program provides culturally responsive and clinically appropriate services in the community and responds quickly with urgent crisis services to help stabilize youth, support families and provide linkages to additional services. The program expands the County's community-based crisis services with a focus on removing barriers and providing easily accessible, high-quality care. MERTY reduces the need for transportation or office space by providing field-based urgent response coupled with a confidential meeting space inside the behavioral health mobile office.



**MOBILE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
FOR YOUTH**

- \*CRISIS EVALUATION SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY
- \*BILINGUAL SUPPORT FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES
- \*SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH AGE 21 AND YOUNGER

**PLEASE CALL 1-800-952-2335 FOR SERVICES**

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ Behavioral Health Services FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS CONDADO DEL SANTA CRUZ Salud Mental y Tratamiento del Uso de Sustancias PARA NIÑOS Y ADULTOS



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