



March 12, 2026

The Honorable Susan R. Donovan, Chair  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: H7630 SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Donovan and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families (RICCF), I write to express our strong support for H7630, legislation relating to acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services (MRSS) for children and youth.

RICCF represents organizations across Rhode Island that provide critical services to children, youth, and families, including behavioral health care, crisis intervention, and community-based supports. Our members work on the front lines every day with young people experiencing significant mental health challenges and family crises. We have seen firsthand the profound importance of rapid, community-based behavioral health response services when a child or youth is experiencing an acute crisis.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services are an essential component of a modern children's behavioral health system. These services provide immediate, on-site intervention and de-escalation, helping stabilize situations that might otherwise lead to emergency department visits, inpatient hospitalization, or involvement with law enforcement. MRSS allows trained behavioral health professionals to respond quickly, assess the situation, support families, and connect youth with appropriate follow-up care.

Importantly, MRSS services help keep children safe in their homes, schools, and communities, while also reducing strain on hospital emergency departments and other crisis systems. When properly supported and reimbursed, these programs represent both better outcomes for families and a more efficient use of healthcare resources.

H7630 helps ensure that insurers appropriately recognize and support these services within the healthcare system. By strengthening the framework for MRSS coverage, this legislation supports a coordinated, accessible crisis response system for children and youth across Rhode Island.

At a time when youth mental health needs are at historic levels, Rhode Island must continue to build and sustain the community-based systems that families rely on in moments of crisis. H7630 represents an important step toward ensuring that these services remain available and financially sustainable for providers serving children and families.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation and for your continued commitment to the well-being of Rhode Island's children and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tanja Kubas Meyer".

Tanja Kubas Meyer  
Executive Director  
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