



Background

MHMRA of Harris County provides behavioral, intellectual & developmental and crisis health care services and supports to Harris County residents. It serves more than 45,000 people each year by offering a full range of community-based programs for people who do not require long-term institutional care.

The Agency was established by the Harris County Commissioners Court following the passage of the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1965. The Act provided for the creation of local boards of trustees to develop and implement community-based mental health and intellectual & developmental disability services. MHMRA contracts with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide behavioral health services and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and the Texas Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to offer intellectual and developmental disability services for those residents meeting eligibility criteria. Services and supports are also provided to those who meet federal, state and local eligibility criteria.

MHMRA is a separate governmental entity from Harris County under state law and is governed by an independent Board of Trustees whose members are appointed by the Harris County Commissioners Court. Many of its board members are well-known community advocates who are active in the mental health and intellectual & developmental disability communities.

The administrative offices of MHMRA are located at 7011 Southwest Freeway, 12 miles southwest of downtown Houston, Texas. MHMRA has 23 offices in Harris County, including a comprehensive emergency psychiatric clinic in the Texas Medical Center.