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# SalusCare eliminates wait for outpatient psychiatric services

*Residential treatment for ages 13-17 for substance use  
diagnosis also immediately available*

FORT MYERS, Fla. January 27, 2022 – SalusCare's Outpatient Psychiatry team has worked through issues caused by damage from Hurricane Ian to now provide services without wait times.

Here is how to get help:

- WALK-IN psychiatric services for children and adults are

available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Evans Avenue Campus, 3763 Evans Ave., Fort Myers. Individuals coming during walk-in times can expect to receive an initial no-cost screening by a qualified staff member. If services are needed, a same-day appointment will be made with a provider. Some days do reach capacity, so arrive early. If this happens, SalusCare will assist in scheduling an appointment.

- CALL 239-275-3222 to schedule a 30-minute phone screening appointment and then be scheduled with an experienced, qualified and compassionate provider within a few days.

In addition, residential treatment for substance use diagnosis is immediately available at the Vince Smith Center for teens ages 13 to 17. The therapeutic environment provides 24-hour supervision, with education provided by the Lee County School District in-house and GED options.

“Providing the mental and behavioral healthcare needed for our community has been our highest priority since Hurricane Ian damaged some of our facilities,” said Stacey Cook, CEO of SalusCare. “We have worked very hard to streamline access to our services and shorten the amount of time to engage in services.”

For information, visit [saluscareflorida.org](https://saluscareflorida.org) or call 239-275-3222.

## **ABOUT SALUSCARE**

SalusCare is a Fort Myers-based, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse service provider incorporated in 2013 after the merger of Lee Mental Health Center and Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) to ultimately improve care for children and adults by utilizing one seamless system of care. “Salus” means health, prosperity and safety, reflecting the focus of the organization. SalusCare has six locations

with more than 350 employees throughout Southwest Florida, bringing hope and recovery to nearly 16,000 adults and children each year. All substance abuse programs and most mental health services are accredited by CARF International, an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. For information, visit [saluscareflorida.org](http://saluscareflorida.org) or call 239-275-3222.

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