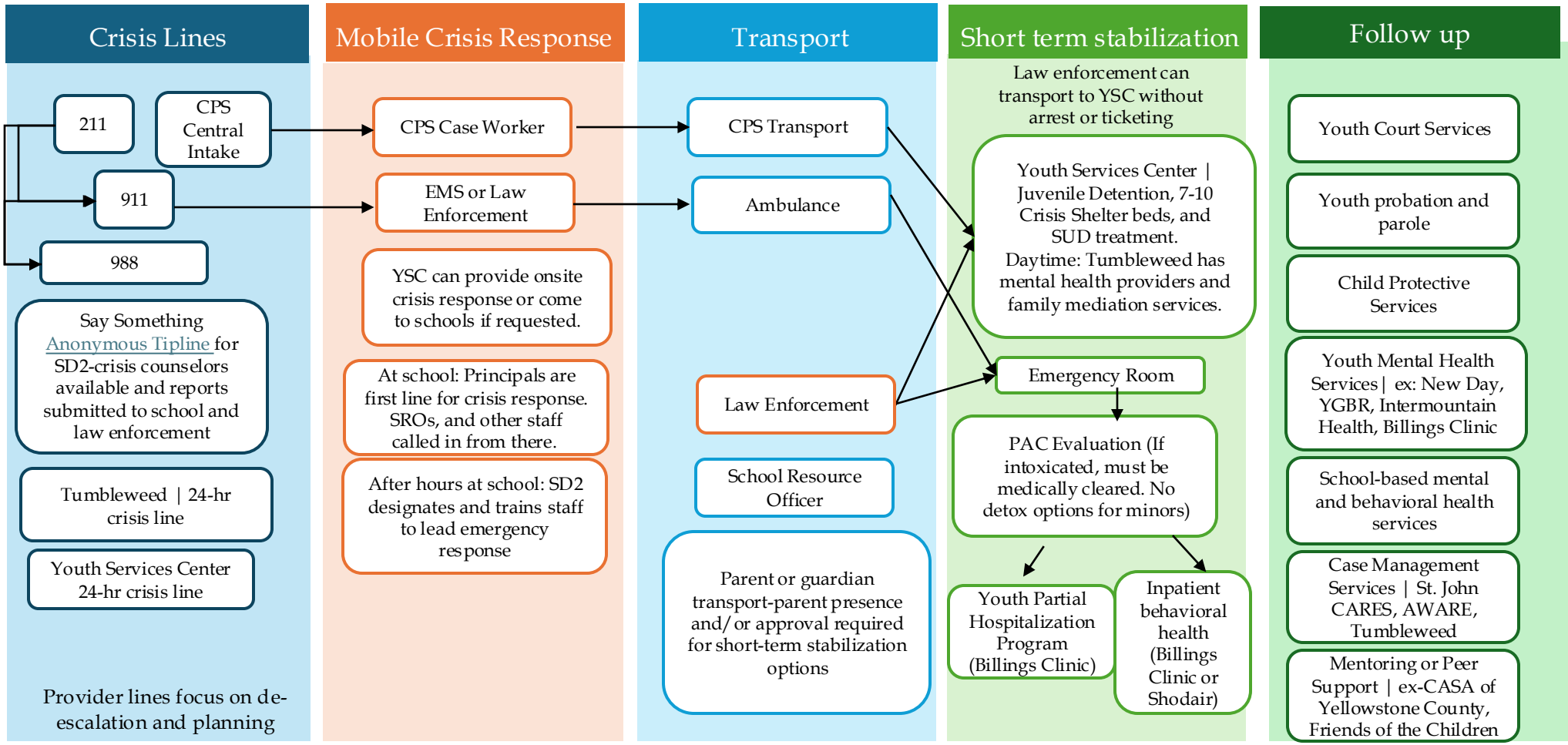
Billings Youth Crisis Services Map | March 2026



Strengths of the Current System

-Strong leadership in public schools and commitment to supporting kids.
-Schools provide a hub for identifying students for intervention early.
-Pathway is diversionary for youth
-Law Enforcement has understanding / generally supportive of diverting youth from justice system.
-Immediate access to crisis lines and family mediation services

Weaknesses of the Current System

-Challenge to find placement for youth in crisis
-Lack of Medicaid limits access to crisis services
-Few services for youth under age 12
- Lack of drug treatment options for youth with substance use disorder
-System falls short when school is not in session
-Lack of aftercare after discharge from inpatient. Families are given listed referrals but are on their own to access services. Lack of care transition coordination.
-Guardians are told of recommendations but not helped to access services
-Major loss of services in the last few years—especially group home closures

Community Youth Resources Pre-Crisis

School-Based Supports

- HOPE Squad : Peer-to-peer mentoring School Resource Officers: Wellness checks, behavioral crisis response; PREPARE training
- School-Based Health Services : RiverStone school-based clinics; mental health/behavioral health specialists; school-based mental health (CHS, formerlyCSET)
- MTSS System: Multi-Tiered System of Supports in elementary schools (also in Lockwood Schools)
- SD2 Family Resource Center: Identifies students in need (including homeless families); provides referrals, food, and other supports
- Indian Education for All Team: Identifies and refers students; provides culturally relevant supports and programming
- INDEPTH at RiverStone Health: Detention alternative for youth cited for tobacco; prevention-focused with referrals to additional resources
- reACT Clubs

Alternative Education Pathways

- Career Center, Montana Youth Challenge, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, Job Corps, Lincoln Center Adult Education

Afterschool/Community Programming

- Tumbleweed, Scouts, Parks & Rec, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Friendship House, Billings Public Library, Youth Volunteer Corps, faith communities

Early Intervention

- Head Start and KinderREADY
- WIC and Nutrition Education at RiverStone Health
- Family Health Services at RiverStone Health (Parents as Teachers, Nurse Family Partnership, Resource Navigation and Care Management)
- Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness: Community Baby Showers, well-child visits, parenting classes

Mentoring & Relationship-Based Programs

- Friends of the Children, CASA of Yellowstone County, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Housing & Basic Needs Navigation

- United Way's Community Housing Navigation Program for Homeless Families: HomeFront, HRDC7, Family Promise, Off the Streets
- Tumbleweed: Case Management and Housing Support for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (16-24)

Population-Specific Prevention:

- Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness, 406 Pride, Rainbow Coffee House at Grace United Methodist (LGBTQ+ youth), RAZA at Lincoln Center (latino youth), Luteran Family Services (refugees)