

**Shared Vision**  
**CATS – Commercial Carrier Steering Committee**  
**Adopted 1/16/19**

**Vision:**

- Every Oregon child or youth and their family in need of immediate crisis services will have access to responsive and effective community-based, rapidly-accessible mental health crisis care and transitional supports.
- Reliable and equitable funding from public and private payers will ensure the ongoing viability of Crisis and Transition Services.

**Expectations for Care:**

- Families and youth accessing these services will have available to them:
  - rapid access to care coordination;
  - intensive mental health supports;
  - family peer support; and
  - connection to ongoing supports.
- Families and youth will leave CATS services with:
  - a copy and understanding of their treatment and safety needs and plans;
  - connectivity and scheduled appointments with community providers and supports;
  - acquired skills and information to effectively address barriers to care; and
  - acquired skills and information for safe crisis management and de-escalation.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- CATS participants will experience:
  - a decrease in repeat ED visits, including reduced trauma associated with ED boarding;
  - decreased suicidality, including increased skills to manage suicidal thoughts and increased pro-living behaviors;
  - increased safety and confidence in managing crises; and
  - increased access and connectivity to behavioral health care including longer term or ongoing supports and services.
- Our system of care, including providers and payers, will experience:
  - a decrease in emergency department boarding;
  - decreased lengths of stay on medical floors
  - an increase in youth and families successfully diverted from higher levels of care to effective and safe care at lower levels; and
  - decreased overall costs associated with more effective and efficient use of lower levels of care.