



# ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS

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## Mental Health Care




U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) provides for the **health, safety, and welfare** of a diverse and fluid population of noncitizens in custody. ICE's detention facilities are governed by one of several sets of detention standards, including National Detention Standards and Performance-Based National Detention Standards.


Appropriate housing placement and mental health services for noncitizens help mitigate mental health decline and hospitalization. The **ICE Health Service Corps** (IHSC) uses nationally recognized standards to provide direct care and oversight of those in custody.

Those in ICE custody receive a **comprehensive health assessment** which includes a mental health screening and medication therapy as appropriate. Behavioral health referrals for mental health conditions and problem-focused care are also included.


### Benefits of ICE's Mental Health Programming



Improves detainee mental health and well-being



Decreases frequency of inpatient hospitalization and overall length of stay in detention



Reduces use of, and length of stay in, Special Management Units \*



Increases detainees' participation in the legal process and immigration court proceedings



Ensures the safety and care of the detained population

\* Special Management Units are facilities that protect detainees, staff, and the community from harm by segregating certain detainees from the general population.

### Mental Health Care by the Numbers

**69,985** noncitizens required intervention and further mental health services in FY 20

**180** unique nationalities received health care while in ICE custody in FY 20.

**1,691** health care professionals within IHSC oversee quality health care of those in ICE custody.



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ICE currently has two detention locations with dedicated mental health units to accommodate unique mental health needs of noncitizen detainees: the Krome Behavioral Health Unit (KBHU) and the Adelanto ICE Processing Center. ICE's goal is to provide **transitional mental health care** for eligible detainees while promoting greater security and accountability.

## Mental Health Units: Program Highlights



**Comprehensive Care Continuum:** The behavioral health spectrum encompasses high-quality clinical services including psychoeducation, screening and assessment, collaborative treatment planning, individual and group psychotherapy, case management, psychopharmacological consultation and management, and higher level of care referrals as indicated.



**Multi-Disciplinary Approach:** Psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, psychiatric advanced practice providers, behavioral health technicians, and other care extenders work collaboratively to ensure an individualized, culturally oriented care experience to promote emotional health and wellness.



**Enhanced Care:** Specialized programming includes the Modified Therapeutic Community, social and life skills development, peer support, art and music therapy, and a variety of other evidence-based interventions.

### Mental Health Units: Performance Highlights



In February 2021, ICE formalized dedicated mental health staffing and programming within the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in Adelanto, CA. This action established enhanced mental health programming for the facility population.



In January 2019, ICE opened the KBHU in Miami, FL. This is an all-male, 18 and over, 30-bed behavioral health housing unit that provides subacute patient care for detainees who exhibit debilitating symptoms of psychological distress/disorders. In FY 20 noncitizens receiving treatment at KBHU successfully participated in over 100 scheduled immigration court appearances.