

House Health & Human Services

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HB24-1019 Crisis Resolution Team Program

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Tyler Beavers For themselves	As a social work graduate student, I have a deep understanding of the importance of providing adequate mental health care and support services for those facing behavioral health struggles. Children are already a vulnerable class, and when they are also dealing with mental and behavioral health concerns, it is crucial to approach them with a sense of understanding and compassion, not criminalization. The STAR Program in Denver was an incredible step in the right direction to providing compassionate care to people experiencing mental and behavioral health crises, and the success of this program should persuade Senators and Representatives to vote in favor of HB24-1019 to provide similar services to children in need. As someone who will be looking to join the mental and behavioral health workforce in just a few short months, I would be very excited about the prospect of being able to be a part of one of the teams put in place through the passage of this bill.