Crisis services and stabilizing treatment individualized to meet patient needs, will include:

- 23-hour treatment and observation stay for individuals in our 30-bed Receiving Center
- Short-term, rapid stabilization inpatient treatment in our 24-bed acute care unit
- Medication-assisted treatment clinic for individuals with opiate use disorders
- Intensive outpatient treatment for adults needing support for substance use disorders
- Mental health day treatment for adults that need more help than traditional outpatient care

In partnership with dozens of community stakeholders, an entire building floor will be dedicated to supporting services including:

- Free law clinic to remove legal barriers that disrupt many families with a mental health crisis
- Primary care and dental care clinics
- Intensive case management
- Connections to existing community resources
- Opportunities for enrollment in benefit programs like Medicaid, housing, employment

The design and operations are an ongoing collaborative process between Huntsman Mental Health Institute and the University of Utah with dozens of community partners, state and government leaders, researchers, and trainees across many disciplines.
When the doors of the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Crisis Care Center open in 2024, it will be a welcoming place for all adults. The Center will help individuals de-escalate, stabilize, and connect to community resources catered to their individual mental health needs. The Center will help people facing a psychiatric crisis get on the path to mental wellness by unifying critical crisis services and many community resources in one easy-to-access location. The building design and operations will ensure patients and their families feel welcome, respected, and secure throughout every step of their care.

Researchers will work alongside clinicians, patients and their families to develop evidence-based best practices for treatment and care and develop new approaches for helping people. It will also be a site for training future generations of crisis care professionals including social workers, nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, and many more.

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