

Dix Crisis Intervention Center opens in Jacksonville

ONslow COUNTY, Jacksonville —

A crisis center has opened in Onslow County for anyone who struggles with addiction or mental health.

The work to get this center opened has taken about three years, but it is finally operational for people who may need the services. The center was made possible through a partnership between RI International, Onslow, Craven, and Carteret Counties, local hospitals, the city of Jacksonville, and Trillium Health Services.

The crisis center is a 16-bed facility that primarily serves adults with mental health and/or substance use disorders and those in need of non-hospital medical detoxification.

Dix Crisis and Intervention Center wants those who come to visit to have a chance to a fresh start, starting with fresh clothing. Earlier this month, the center held a clothing drive to collect clothes for individuals who stay with them.

The individual gets a hot shower, a meal, we wash their clothes," says site director Grace Dolfi, "And they really just kind of settle in and start their recovery process.

The facility resulted from state senate bill 257, passed in 2017, which provided up to \$2 million to renovate and furnish the building.

Referrals for an individual to stay at the facility can come from friends, family, law enforcement, and people can also self-refer.

