

MHEART



MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE TEAM

The Mental Health Emergency Assessment and Response Team (**MHEART**) is a collaborative team of licensed mental health clinicians and University of Maryland police who respond to mental health crises on and around the University of Maryland, College Park campus. We believe involving well-trained, culturally-responsive mental health clinicians in crisis response is the most comprehensive approach to addressing mental health crises and emergencies experienced by our students. MHEART strives to place the physical and emotional safety and health of the student as its priority by providing the least invasive and most efficacious interventions. MHEART will engage the UMD community through outreach and provide mental health related training to the UMD police.

Quick Facts

- University of Maryland, College Park is one of the first few public universities in the nation to establish a mental health emergency co-responder program
- MHEART is comprised of both the Counseling Center clinician and the UMPD police officer who, together, respond to mental health emergencies on campus
- MHEART developed out of the need to ensure that mental health emergencies and emergencies requiring mental health support were managed in the most trauma informed, humane, and nuanced ways possible
- Once fully staffed, the MHEART team will provide substantive coverage for mental health emergencies during and after business hours