The Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC or center) is in the Division of Student Affairs and assists University of Texas at Austin students in coping effectively with aspects of their personal, social and psychological well-being and growth, so they may realize their full academic potential. CMHC programs address problems that can affect day-to-day living; respond to student crises; support student mental health, well-being and safety; and prepare the student to respond more effectively to the challenges of university life. The center also provides support to the University community by consulting with faculty, staff and administrators and by responding to traumatic events affecting university students.

CMHC services include brief assessment for referral to the most appropriate CMHC or community service; short-term individual counseling; group counseling; support and skills development workshops; psychiatric evaluation and medication, if indicated; and prevention and education programs designed to support student safety, growth and development. Crisis counseling is provided during business hours, and a 24-hour crisis line is available at (512) 471-CALL (471-2255). CMHC also offers TimelyCare, a virtual mental health and well-being platform for currently enrolled students. Through the mobile app or desktop, students receive 24/7 access to virtual care through phone or secure video visits. Scheduled Counseling and Psychiatry visits are available to students anywhere in the United States and additional services such as TalkNow, Health Coaching, Self-Care Content and Peer Communities can be accessed anywhere in the world. TimelyCare providers offer support in over 240 languages.

The Counselors in Academic Residence (CARE) program provides convenient and easily-accessible counseling for students in most colleges and schools as well as consultation for their faculty and staff. The Integrated Health Program, a collaboration with University Health Services (UHS), offers mental health services, self-help MindBody Labs for stress reduction and biofeedback and classes on stress management and mindfulness. The Voices Against Violence Program provides clinical services for survivors of interpersonal violence including crisis, individual and group counseling. The Mindful Eating Program provides treatment options for students with disordered eating or body image concerns. The Substance Use Support Team provides assessment, support services and short-term counseling for students with alcohol and other drug use/abuse issues. While CMHC clinicians and staff are trained in and committed to working with students from all backgrounds, Counseling and Community Outreach Specialists are clinical experts on the mental health of specific student populations and have a unique role in specializing services to meet the needs of marginalized and underserved groups with the aim of reducing risk and improving outcomes.

CMHC clinical staff includes counseling and clinical psychologists, professional counselors, psychiatrists and social workers. It is approved by the American Psychological Association for internship training and cooperates with The University of Texas at Austin departments of clinical psychology, educational psychology and the Steve Hicks School of Social Work in training intern and practicum students. Additionally, CMHC cooperates with The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing in training psychiatric nurse practitioner students, The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy in training pharmacy residents and The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School Psychiatry Residency Program in training psychiatry residents.

The CMHC is located on the fifth floor of the Student Services Building, 100 West Dean Keeton Street, and is open weekdays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Services are available in-person and through telecounseling. The telephone number is (512) 471-3515.