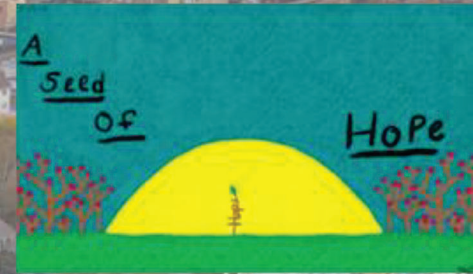


Wilmington Police Department Youth Response Unit



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Youth Response Unit

Services provided
by the Youth
Response Unit have
resulted in
**significant
reductions** in the
symptoms of
trauma in
Wilmington's youth.

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline with various buildings and lights, reflected in a body of water in the foreground. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light sources being the city lights and their reflections.

**After getting connected with
the Youth Response Unit...**

**✓ Many youth have successfully
returned to school and home
life.**

**✓ Many parents reported
feeling less stressed and more
hopeful about their child.**



**More than 60% of
Wilmington's youth have
experienced some form of
trauma. Almost 30 percent
of youth have experienced
trauma more than once.***

**From 2011-2016, 43% of
Wilmington's shooting
victims were between the
ages of 16 and 24.****

*CDC Community Advisory Council-Final Report, 2017

** Growing up Under Fire: Wilmington, DE leads U.S. in Teen Shootings, 2017

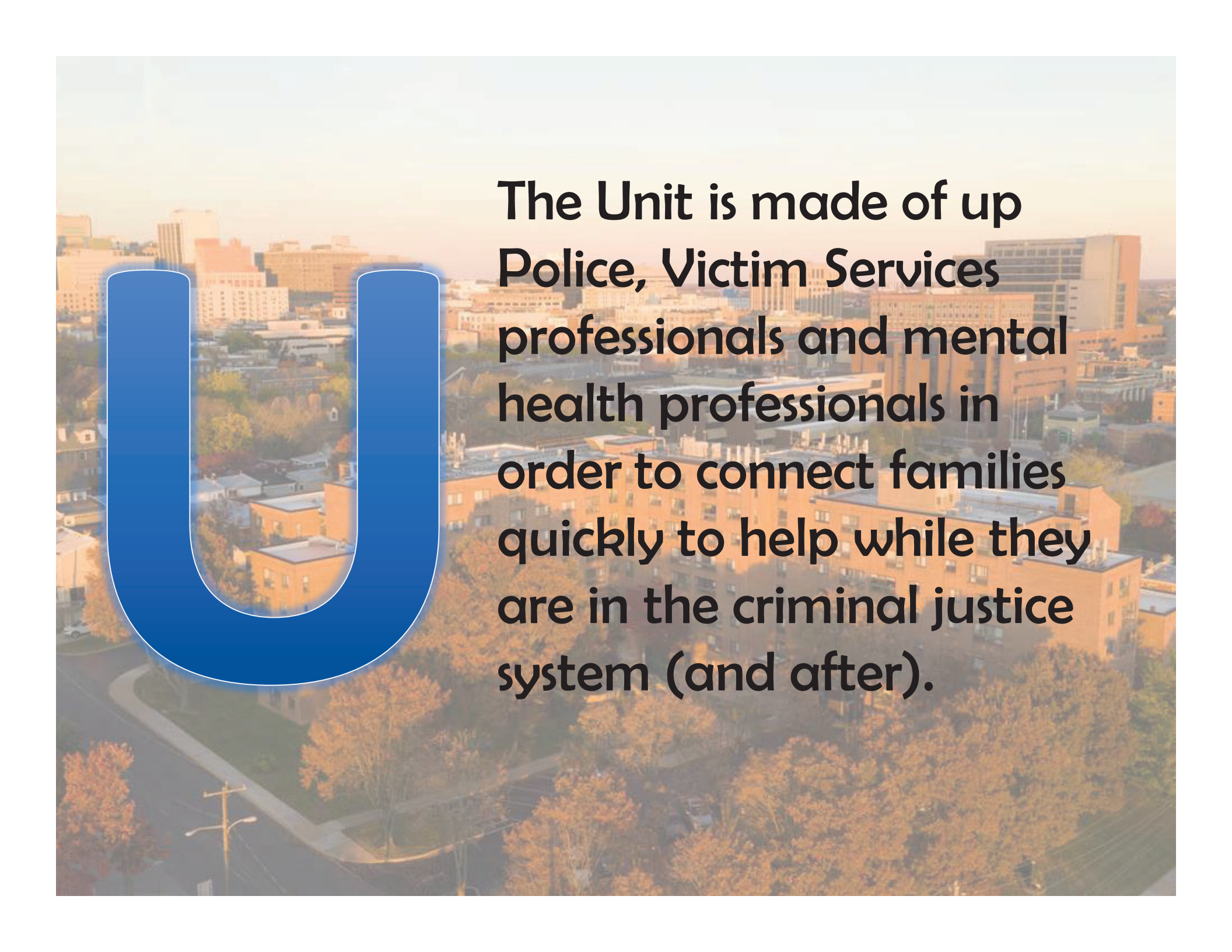
What to look for...

**Trauma in youth can look like:
“Acting out”, Anger outbursts, crying,
feeling sad or depressed, keeping to
themselves, bad dreams, flashbacks,
looking out for danger, bedwetting,
stomach aches, headaches, anxiety,
difficulty in school, being clingy with
parents.**



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- **The Youth Response Unit of the Wilmington Police Department provides the right response to the wrong situations.**
- Mental health professionals team up with Police and Victim Services to respond with immediate support and follow-up care for youth victims of trauma.
- The Unit can provide services in the youth's home, community, and school.

An aerial photograph of a city with various buildings and trees. A large, blue, stylized letter 'U' is overlaid on the left side of the image. The text is positioned to the right of the 'U'.

**The Unit is made of up
Police, Victim Services
professionals and mental
health professionals in
order to connect families
quickly to help while they
are in the criminal justice
system (and after).**

**THE YOUTH RESPONSE UNIT
WORKS. CALL US TODAY.
SERVICES ARE FREE OF
CHARGE.**

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The Youth Response Unit is a partnership with the City of Wilmington, Wilmington Police Department, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health and A Seed of Hope Counseling.

