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CRISIS SYSTEMS RESPONSE

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As 988 continues to be a greater part of communities around the country, it is important for jurisdictions to understand the actions States are taking to further embed 988 and strengthen their crisis care systems. In this section, find information and updates from various States detailing their plans and progress towards advancing 988 and improving crisis care within their borders.

New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Human Services has issued \$13.6 million in grants to establish a response system for adults in non-life-threatening situations who have contacted the 988 Lifeline. [DHS issues \\$13.6M to establish 988 response network](#) (NJ Biz)

Colorado

Two Colorado bills are under consideration to address a growing need for rural mental health treatment, especially among ranchers and farmworkers. [Colorado Moves to Connect Agricultural Workers with Mental Health Resources](#) (KFF Health News)

Missouri

The newly published *The Missouri Suicide Prevention Plan* is now available to help Missourians prevent and lower the risk of suicide in their families and communities. [Governor's Suicide Prevention Plan encourages public to take online training to deal with the rising self-harm risk](#) (KY3 News)



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Monthly "3C" Session](#)

Third Tuesdays

2:00 – 3:00pm ET

Next session: **March 26**

[Connecting to Serve: Promising Practices for 988 & 911](#)

[Collaboration Webinar Series](#)

["Session 4"](#)

Thursday, April 18

1:00 – 3:00pm ET

Past events are archived on the [SAMHSA CSR TTAC](#) page.

[988 suicide hotline announces pivot to full mental health crisis resource](#) (The Pitch, Kansas City)

West Virginia

[Calls to 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline have doubled in West Virginia over last year](#), largely due to the expansion of service formats and accessibility efforts. (WSAZ News Channel 3)

North Carolina

The Executive Director of North Carolina's REAL Crisis Center shares the center's secrets to success. [NC 988 Lifeline staff make crucial connections for callers in crisis](#) (NC Health News)

Minnesota

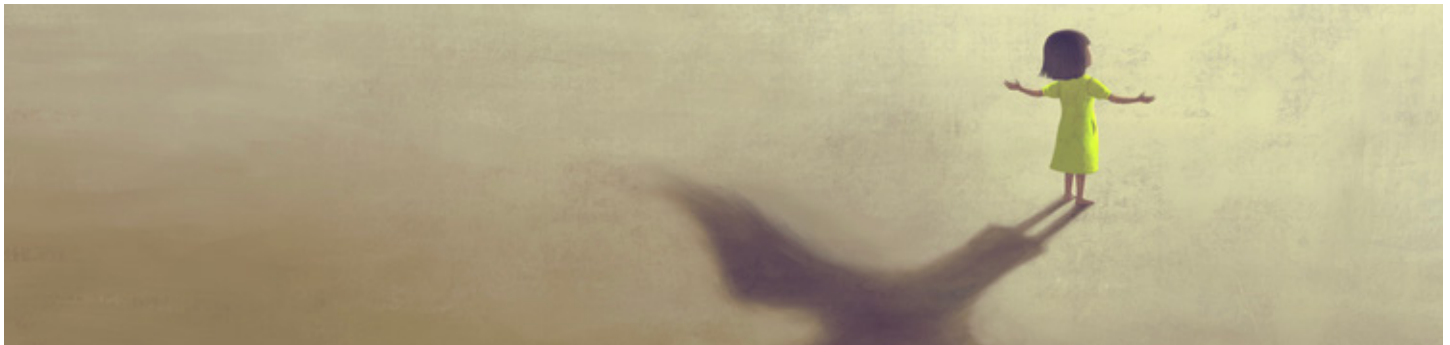
The Minnesota Department of Health is partnering with Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth and a coalition of local governments to better address the well-being of Black youth in the Minneapolis suburbs. [As mental health worries rise for Black Minnesotans, focus shifts to strengthening kids, caregivers](#) (MPR)

EYE ON EQUITY



We are all working together to embed equity at all levels of crisis response from the Federal and State levels to local communities and organizations. In this section, we provide information about different actions we can all take to embed equity in crisis systems in big ways and even small—anything and everything we can do to improve crisis care!

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention released a new educational program in February to support mental health equity for Black and African American communities. This free presentation is created by Black people for Black people and is designed to reduce cultural stigma, foster conversations about mental health, and raise awareness of suicide prevention in the Black community. The [L.E.T.S. \(Listening, Empathy, Trust, Support\) Save Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention for Black and African American Communities](#) program is grounded in research and is intended to create conversations in Black communities around mental health and encourage help-seeking to prevent suicide and suicide attempts.



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