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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.

Colorado

Bee the Vibe, the latest project of the Butler Institute for Families, a part of the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work, is an innovative harm reduction program for drag performers. The program aims to promote and offer safer solutions to sexual health, wellness, and harm reduction through free programming, resources, and testing through a SAMHSA grant.

[Nails, Hair, Hips, Heels—and Harm Reduction](#)
(University of Denver)

Iowa

Knoxville Raceway announced a new partnership with 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. This partnership will rebrand the weekly race as the "988 Lifeline 410 Sprint Cars." As part of this collaboration, race fans will receive messages highlighting the importance of seeking help in various challenging situations.

[Knoxville Raceway Unveils New Partnership with 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#) (KNIA-RLS)

Maryland

On May 13, the SAMHSA kicked off National Prevention Week by announcing the winners of the FentAlert Challenge. This annual event celebrates the potential of prevention science and provides a platform to highlight substance use prevention efforts nationwide. Among the top six winners were the QAC Drug Free Student Ambassadors, who proposed using an Escape Room as an engaging way to disseminate information.

[QA Ambassadors Open Educational Escape Room](#)
(Kent Island Bay Times & Record Observer)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Monthly "3C" Session](#)

Third Tuesdays

2:00 – 3:00pm ET

Next: **July 16**

988/911 Collaboration Webinars

1:00 – 2:00 pm ET

[Session 6](#)

July 25

Past events are archived at
[SAMHSA CSR TTAC](#)



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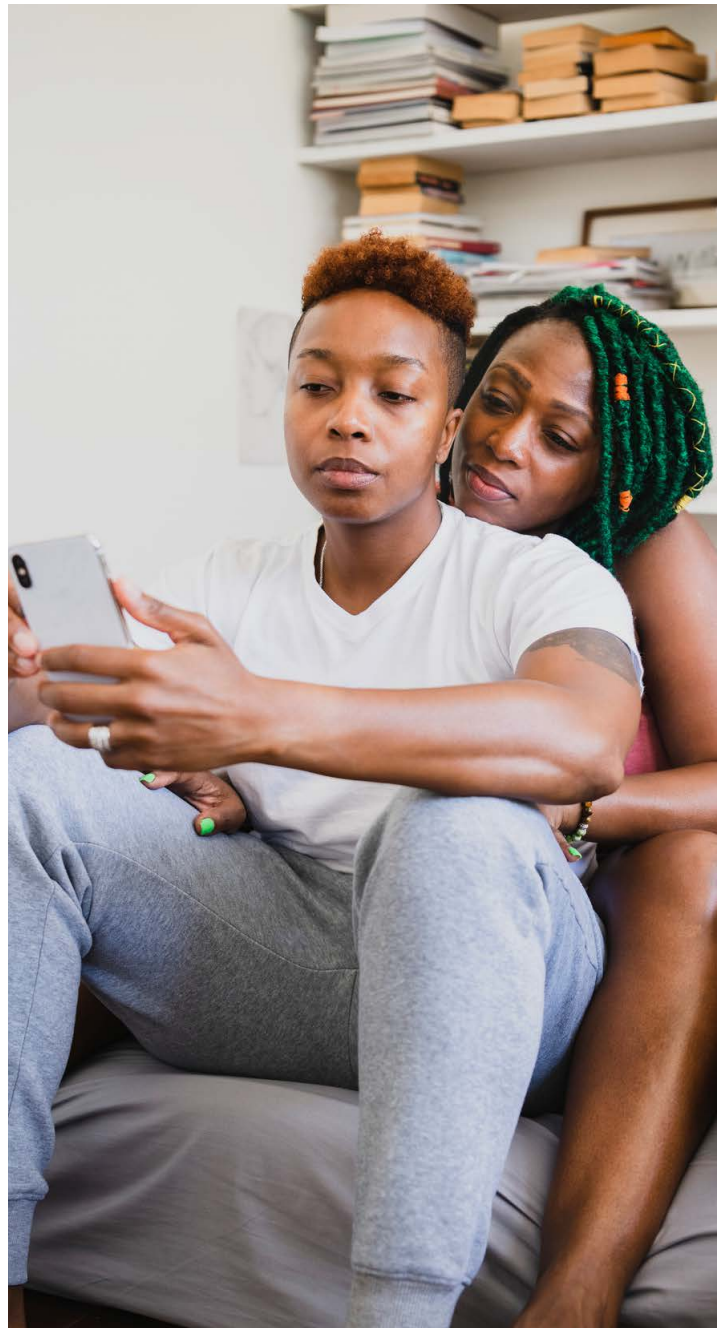
June marks Pride Month, a time dedicated to honoring the vibrant spirit and resilience of the LGBTQI+ community. SAMHSA is actively addressing the mental health challenges facing LGBTQI+ youth and young adults through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

The 988 Lifeline offers round-the-clock access to trained crisis counselors via text, call, or chat. Individuals can reach compassionate counselors who are ready to listen and support by texting “Pride” to 988, selecting option 3 when calling 988, or using the chat feature on 988lifeline.org. These counselors are equipped with the expertise to address the unique needs of LGBTQI+ individuals, offering inclusive and non-judgmental support.

BEST PRACTICE RESOURCE



Communities across the country are designing and implementing their own 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline communications plans. The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services has rolled out a creative tool to empower Ohioans with tailored 988 materials. The Ohio988 Materials Generator provides key messages, graphics, and designs based on the audience and medium selected by the user. The content is professionally presented and guided by research and experience so that all Ohioans can spread the word about 988! [Test out the tool.](#)



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