COMMUNITY CORNER

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.

Hawai‘i
A recent study explored the Hawai‘i State Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division’s history of SAMHSA system of care (SOC) awards and identified themes, lessons learned, and future funding recommendations. Read: 30 Years of Youth System of Care Lessons Learned – A Qualitative Study of Hawai‘i’s Partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Research Square)

Indiana
A recent study found that Indiana and Kentucky rank comparably high in number of substance abuse treatment patients. Read: 285 per 100,000 Indiana residents receive substance abuse treatment (MSN)

New Jersey
A SAMHSA grant has enabled Jersey Community Hospital (JCH) to upgrade their fleet with a new Advanced Life Support Non-Transport Vehicle (ALSV), purchase Emergency Services equipment, and provide training, empowering emergency medical professionals to provide more comprehensive crisis care. Read: SAMHSA Grant Funds Upgrade of Advanced Life Support Non-Transport Vehicle at Jersey Community Hospital (RiverBender.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly “3C” Session
Third Tuesdays
2:00 – 3:00pm ET
Next session: April 16

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.
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 **World Health Organization** issued a new report titled, “*Fair share for health and care: gender and the undervaluation of health and care work.*” The report highlights how gender disparities in health and care employment negatively affect women, health systems, and outcomes. It emphasizes that underinvestment in health systems perpetuates a cycle of unpaid care work, reducing women’s involvement in paid labor and hindering gender equality. With women comprising the majority of both paid and unpaid health and care workers, the report underscores the need to improve working conditions, ensure equal pay, and invest in robust public health systems to address this issue. It calls for gender-equitable investments to reset the value of health and care work and foster fairer, more inclusive economies.

The President issued a “*Proclamation on Women’s History,*” where he proclaimed March 2024 as Women’s History Month and called on Americans to celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8, 2024. See a variety of issues discussed in the proclamation to promote the health and wellness of women in America and address the system inequities in healthcare that women face.

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**NEW RESOURCE**

**National Survey of MCTs**

This National Survey of MCTs (Mobile Crisis Teams) is the most comprehensive national survey of MCTs to date. This survey was intended to describe the national landscape of MCTs to inform the development of local, state, and federal roadmaps for crisis care systems. By describing a baseline of MCT characteristics and identifying gaps, crisis system administrators will be better equipped to develop policies, refine funding priorities, and optimize implementation planning. This survey further aims to serve as a steppingstone to a national platform that can be used to identify and contact MCTs by referring agencies such as 988 contact centers, behavioral health providers, first responders, and others.

The full survey summary report (PDF) is available on the TTAC section of the SAMHSA website.

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