



ICSH & 988 in Idaho

Health & Welfare Committees – February 27, 2024

988 & the National Network

National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020

- Went live July 16, 2022 = universal mental health & suicide prevention crisis number
- Mental health equivalent of 911
- Help people get mental health and suicide prevention support
- Reduce burden on law enforcement response



988 call centers in every state



The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. We're committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness.

ABOUT THE LIFELINE



988 Options

"You have reached the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline"

Options:

- Press 2 for the Spanish line
- Press 1 for the Veteran's Crisis Line
- Press 3 for specialized support for LGBTQ

OR

"Stay on the line to be routed to the nearest crisis center in our network."

Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline



What We Do

- 24/7 support
- Crisis intervention
- Accredited –
 International Council of Helplines
- 85%+ of callers are de-escalated and kept safe
- Some need higher level of care

More than a Hotline

- An entry-point into behavioral health system
- Follow-up support for those leaving hospitals & crisis centers
- Support to residents in county jails & Idaho Dept. of Correction prison facilities
- Free 24/7 crisis referral and support for healthcare providers







Idaho – 2023 Contacts

- 22,591 combined calls, texts & chats
- **3,380** people called for assistance for someone else
- 987 referrals to regional mobile crisis teams
- 1,197 referrals to community crisis centers
- 7,398 safety plans created or reviewed
- 1,977 follow-up calls provided
- 44 counties served



Reasons for Contact - 2023

- Suicidal ideation (39%) (thinking about, considering, or planning suicide)
- Mental health concerns (36%)
- Relationship difficulties (9%)
- Financial stress (4%)
- Addiction/substance use (2%)
- Physical health concerns (2%)
- Recent psychiatric hospitalization (2%)



Thank you for your support.







There is hope.





For more information

Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline

Lee Flinn, MBA, Director

Email: Iflinn@idahocrisis.org

Phone: (208) 258-6991