

# CSR-TTAC Connections

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## 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 national sources as well as from various States detailing plans and progress towards advancing 988 and improving crisis care within their borders.

### Arkansas

OneCommunity, a nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of the growing Northwest Arkansas immigrant community, is offering the new classes with the help of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. [Springdale Nonprofit Providing Mental Health First Aid Classes in Spanish](#) (5newsonline.com)

### Minnesota

Olmsted County's new mobile crisis response process will enable response teams to take a more tailored approach to meeting the needs of the local community. [Olmsted County to Create New Mobile Crisis Response Process in 2025](#) (KTTC)

### Mississippi

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health released a 988 and Suicide Prevention Guide for Schools, which offers a toolkit to guide conversations about the topic and provide resources to help those impacted by suicide. [Mississippi Agency Releases 988 Toolkit for Schools](#) (AOL)

### Montana

A new set of military challenge coins, minted by the state of Montana and designed by a Montana State University student, are intended to aid in preventing suicide among veterans. [988+1 Veteran Coins Designed at Montana State to Prevent Suicide](#) (Havre Weekly Chronicle)

### Nevada

The Nevada Board of Examiners approved a \$49.7 million contract with Caredon Behavioral Health to open Nevada's second 988 call center. [Suicide, Crisis Hotline Call Center Coming to Southern Nevada](#) (Fox5 Vegas)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Addressing Behavioral Health Crisis in Aging Adults: Reducing Stigma and Enhancing Care](#)

2:00 pm ET

**December 12**

[Monthly "3C" Session](#)

**Third Tuesdays**

2:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Next: **January 21**

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

## LEARNING COLLABORATIVE



### Children, Youth, and Families Learning Collaborative

Building Inclusive Systems:  
Elevating Youth and Family Voices  
in Crisis Response

[Submit Applications Today!](#)

Due: **5:00pm ET, December 12**

This learning collaborative will focus on placing families and those with lived experience at the center of crisis care services design through supporting communities in the design of crisis care services for children, youth, and families, facilitating peer-to-peer learning and conducting tailored exercises.



## Elevating Underserved Communities— Spotlight on Georgia

States across the country have found creative ways to increase 988 awareness and accessibility for communities disproportionately impacted by suicide and mental health crises. Georgia elevates 988 through community partnerships.

### **86 The Stigma**

The “86 The Stigma” initiative on [988ga.org](https://988ga.org) partners with Georgia restaurants and bars to raise awareness of 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, addressing high overdose and suicide risks among food service workers. The program promotes sharing 988 resources, wearing 988 gear, and taking QPR suicide prevention training. It aims to support mental health in a high-risk industry through community outreach, training, and awareness. Visit [#86 the Stigma](https://988ga.org/86-the-stigma) for more information.

### **HBCU Outreach**

Georgia’s 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is extending vital mental health resources to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the state. Through targeted outreach campaigns, the initiative aims to equip students, faculty, and staff with information on mental health support, 988 services, and crisis intervention. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by HBCU communities, these campaigns encourage open dialogue around mental health, promote resilience, and foster well-being on campus. The campaign reflects 988’s commitment to accessible, culturally appropriate crisis support for all Georgians.

## **Farm Stress and Disaster Outreach**

The Georgia 988 Farm Stress Resource Center is addressing the mental health challenges in Georgia’s agricultural community. Recognizing stressors like economic pressures, isolation, and unpredictable weather, the initiative provides resources for resilience and well-being. Partnerships with the University of Georgia, faith leaders, and agriculture experts help raise awareness and connect farmers to critical support networks. With studies showing high stress and suicide risks among farmers, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers around-the-clock assistance, fostering a healthier farming community. Find more details at [Farm Life Stress](https://988ga.org/farm-life-stress).

## NEW RESOURCE



### **New Mental Health Resource for Educators in College Guide (NAMI)**

The [NAMI College Guide](https://www.nami.org/college-guide) has recently been expanded to include advice and strategies for college educators, professors, TAs, and administrators on providing support to struggling students.



### **Have a highlight about your work in crisis care?**

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