National Behavioral Health Workgroup

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Indian Health Services has partnered with the Northwest Indian Health Board to create the special keywords of NATIVE and INDIGENOUS that American Indian and Alaska Native people can text to 74741 to speak with a culturally aware trained crisis counselor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Beginning July 16, 2022, there will be a new three-digit number to access crisis services. 9-8-8 will connect directly with the Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
• Indian Health Services has crisis response contract available for use by communities in need.

• AI/AN Community Crisis Response Guidelines:
  • https://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/communityguidelines

• Request Form:
  • https://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/communityguidelines/ccrrequestform
Behavioral Health Funding FY 2022

IHS
$121.9 million - Mental Health
$258.4 million - Alcohol and Substance Abuse

SAMHSA
$120 million - direct funding
Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) grants - $5 million, or 9% increase over FY 2021
$158.8 million - eligible for additional funding
Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) and Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention grants