

- **Mobile Crisis:** There are expansion plans for MCRT to partner with Clark and Washoe Co. school districts, following October IFC; Rural MCRT has requested ARPA funds to run an in-person pilot program in Elko (also pending IFC approval); the MCRT website, KnowCrisis.com, is getting an upgrade to include interactive forms and resources; the entire MCRT program has a new media campaign that has gone live.
- **Virtual Crisis Care:** Mesquite Police Department went live with Avel on September 29<sup>th</sup>, making it the first agency to formally launch VCC. Lincoln and White Pine County will follow suit and go live later this month.
- **Quality Assurance :** The Crisis Response System Quality Assurance Plan to ensure key performance indicators are being met using best practices, utilizing SAMHSA's National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care and the Roadmap To The Ideal Crisis System issued by the National Council for Behavioral Health as a guide, is currently in the early development stages.
- **DHCFP:** Recap of the Children's Behavioral Health Conference in September - The purpose of the conference was to share Medicaid strategies used by other states to modernize and improve their care delivery system for children with behavioral health needs. You can watch [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) of the meeting online.
- **4CE:** 47 community members and leaders attended the single day event in Clark County on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The event was intended to provide a forum for behavioral health providers to participate in listening sessions with panelists, share experienced barriers, empower communities to come together to identify issues related to crisis and suicide prevention, and engage in conversations to identify solutions.

## Upcoming Events/Trainings

- **Virtual Lunch and Learn:** SAMHSA's Office of Behavioral Health Equity Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. October 6<sup>th</sup> 9am – 10am. This virtual learning opportunity will discuss successes of the Familia Adelante intervention with its developer, Dr. Richard Cervantes and spotlight NNEDLearn 2022 Familia Adelante participants through a digital story viewing. Join the event via Zoom [HERE](#)
- **2022 NAMI Nevada Annual State Education Conference, "Change Nevada, Change the World":** October 17-19. Please join us for this opportunity to learn how you can *Change Nevada* by understanding the needs, upcoming changes, and more, happening in our communities and across Nevada. Register for the event, either virtually or in-person [HERE](#)
- **6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Compassion Through the Crisis" Event:** October 18<sup>th</sup>, 8am at the Atlantis Casino. The event will celebrate the many achievements CSSNV has accomplished this past year, teach more about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and the future of mental health in Nevada. Register [HERE](#)
- **WEBINAR - "Behavioral Health Partnerships for Children and Adolescents During the Pandemic":** October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am – 11am. Given the impact of the pandemic on the health of kids, the Institute for Medicaid Innovation is hosting a webinar to explore the critical role of community partnerships in Medicaid to improve access to behavioral health services for children and adolescents. Register [HERE](#)
- **Office of Suicide Prevention Trainings:** [Northern](#) and [Southern](#)
- **October Building Capacity Workshops:** The Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition is hosting a series of workshops on a variety of topics that aim to build capacity to address health disparities in Nevada. Keep an eye out on [nmhec.org/workshops](https://nmhec.org/workshops) for workshop details! October topics include Grants Admission, Equity Through Interconnection, Building Community Power to Impact Change, and Survey Development.
- **Mercer** will be hosting two cohorts to receive stakeholder feedback on mobile crisis standards.

# Funding Opportunity

Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements

**Application Due Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to provide resources to improve response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in Tribal communities and/or activated by American Indians/Alaskan Natives. This program aims to: (1) ensure American Indians/Alaskan Natives have access to culturally competent, trained 988 crisis center support; (2) improve integration and support of 988 crisis centers, Tribal nations, and Tribal organizations to ensure there is navigation and follow-up care; and (3) facilitate collaborations with Tribal, state and territory health providers, Urban Indian Organizations, law enforcement, and other first responders in a manner which respects Tribal sovereignty. Learn more [HERE](#)

## Governor's Challenge

The NV Governor's Challenge is inviting all Nevadans to the PsychArmor Challenge! There are two courses to take, which will create a suicide-safer community and increase our Nevada-wide cultural competency within our Veterans Community: 15 Things Veterans Want You to Know and S.A.V.E. To sign up, please visit [GovernorsChallenge.Psycharmor.Org](http://GovernorsChallenge.Psycharmor.Org)

## Congratulations

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), has announced the winners of its first-ever behavioral health Recovery Innovation Challenge. The goal of this challenge was to identify innovations developed by peer-run or community-based organizations that advance recovery. Included in this list was Nevada's Caring Contacts! Read the full announcement [HERE](#)

## Advocacy Resources

988 [Performance Metrics](#), Monthly [State Report Data](#), and CDC [Suicide Rate Data](#)

NAMI Reimagine Crisis Response is asking for your help in sharing personal stories of how 988 has impacted people across the county. You can [share your story](#) about the help that was received, what happened after using the lifeline, and more.

SAMHSA and NASMHPD collaborated with national partners including representatives from Nevada, to develop a series of 988 Implementation Guidance Playbooks to assess and improve the operational readiness of these critical groups to support implementation of 988. The four Playbooks can be accessed here: [nasmhpd.org/content/988-implementation-guidance-playbooks](http://nasmhpd.org/content/988-implementation-guidance-playbooks)

SAMHSA has created a 988 Partner Toolkit webpage to host updates and information on 988 for use by states and community partners. The toolkit also includes direct links to the 988 Implementation Guidance Playbooks. The 988 Partner Toolkit can be accessed here: [samhsa.gov/find-help/988/partner-toolkit](http://samhsa.gov/find-help/988/partner-toolkit)

***If there are any updates or questions related to 988 or the Crisis Response System in Nevada that you would like addressed in the next email update, please email [kholcomb@health.nv.gov](mailto:kholcomb@health.nv.gov).***

***Previous 988 Planning Coalition meeting recordings and materials can be accessed at this link: <https://socialent.com/resources/nevada-988-implementation-planning/>***