

MOST SUICIDES ARE PREVENTABLE

Most suicidal people don't want to die; they want help and don't know where to turn. Feelings of hopelessness, helplessness, and isolation can often lead to life-threatening suicidal thoughts and behavior. These feelings don't have to last forever—help and support are available.

What you can do

- Know the warning signs
 - Talking about suicide or death
 - Major mood or behavior changes
 - Feeling hopeless or worthless
 - Making final plans/saying goodbye
 - Risky or impulsive behavior
 - Increased substance abuse
- Ask the person directly if they are feeling suicidal.
- Listen to them openly and patiently, without judgement. Show you care.
- Avoid offering advice, problem-solving, cheerleading, or making promises.
- Call our 24-HR suicide crisis line for support!

Who should call:

- Anyone who is having suicidal thoughts, or is feeling depressed, anxious, overwhelmed, and/or hopeless.
- Anyone who is concerned about a loved one, friend, coworker, neighbor, or anyone else in their lives.
- Anyone who is in need of support and/or local resources.

IT'S OK TO CALL!

Suicide Crisis Line

Toll-free: **1-877-ONE-LIFE (663-5433)**
Local: **(831) 458-5300**

Coastal Trail Walk

The Coastal Trail Walk is our annual fundraiser held in Monterey in September. For more information, please visit our event page at: coastaltrailwalk.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please call our administrative line to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Administrative Office

Phone: 831-459-9373

Fax: 831-459-6617

Web: suicidepreventionservice.org

Facebook: facebook.com/suicide.prevention.cc

Who we are

We are a program dedicated to providing services that support life and promote health and safety. We recognize the importance of feeling validated, listened to, and accepted. This allows people in need to reach out for help, express their thoughts and feelings, and find safety.

We are grateful for the support of:

The counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito, the cities that support us, the Community Foundation for Monterey County, Community Foundation for San Benito County, United Way of San Benito County, United Way of Santa Cruz County, Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Harden Foundation, Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services and the Yellow Brick Road Foundation.



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Did you know?

- Asking someone directly if they are feeling suicidal will not cause them to feel suicidal.
- Being open and honest is the best way to begin a conversation about suicide.
- Suicidal thoughts and feelings are usually about pain, isolation, and hopelessness.
- You are not alone if you are struggling with thoughts of suicide—it's OK to reach out for support.

Our Services

SUICIDE CRISIS LINE

The suicide crisis line is a free, safe, and confidential resource that is available 24/7 for anyone who is thinking about suicide or worried about someone who may be. Calls are answered by trained and caring volunteers, who offer a confidential place to discuss safe alternatives to suicidal behavior. The line is also available for anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide, or who is looking for additional resources.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We provide bilingual educational presentations, trainings, and materials for youth, adults, and service providers free of charge. To learn more or to schedule a presentation or training, please call our administrative line at (831) 459-9373.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Bereavement support groups are available in Santa Cruz and Pacific Grove to those who have experienced a loss to suicide.

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