

Hot Line Created To Help Grieving Arizonans: Professionals Offer Counseling Services 24 Hours A Day

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PHOENIX -- A toll-free hot line has been established to help people deal with feelings of grief, sorrow and depression after Saturday's Tucson shooting.

The Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Behavior Health Services and Magellan Health Services of Arizona is providing professionals to offer counseling services to people in and outside Pima County.

Arizonans can call 1-800-203-CARES (1-800-203-2273). People within Pima County should call (520) 284-3517. "Tragedies of this kind are never easy. The feelings of fear, sadness, anger and hopelessness are stronger when a horrific event happens close to home," said Will Humble, director of the Arizona Department of Health Services. "ADHS wants to ensure that every Arizona resident has access to professionals who can help counsel them through these feelings."

"We want to take every opportunity to support those in need at this difficult time," said Dr. Richard Clarke, CEO of Magellan Health Services of Arizona.

The hot line is being managed by Crisis Response Network, which provides crisis services in Maricopa County.

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