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## August 2023 Community Report



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### In the News:

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#### September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

We can all help prevent suicide. Every year, the 988 Lifeline and other mental health organizations and individuals across the U.S. and around the world raise awareness of suicide prevention during September, National Suicide Prevention Month.

#### How to Help Someone You Know

If you know someone who is at immediate risk of suicide, call 911 right away. It can be difficult when someone you know expresses thoughts about suicide, but you can show support by doing the following:

**Talk.** Your willingness to express your concern for the person in crisis can be the first step in getting that person help.

**Listen.** Being an active listener is another way of reminding a person in crisis that they are not alone.

**Remain Present.** Your physical and emotional presence in the person's life makes a difference. If you are worried about their safety, get help from a mental health professional immediately.

**Call or text 988.** Last year, 988 was activated as a new three-digit dialing code. When someone dials 988, they will be connected to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This confidential support line is available 24 hours a day to provide free help to people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

Suicide prevention coalitions play a critical role in addressing the devastating impact of suicide on individuals, families, and communities. These coalitions are dedicated to raising awareness, providing support, and fostering collaboration among community members, organizations, and stakeholders to prevent suicide and promote mental health and well-being. By working together, suicide prevention coalitions can save lives and create lasting change in the communities they serve.



#### Local Coalitions:

Knox County Suicide Prevention Coalition  
(Mount Vernon)  
Licking County Suicide Prevention Coalition  
(Newark)

Contact: Emily McConville  
740-522-1234  
EMcConville@mhrk.org

Click below to visit:  
*Ohio Suicide Prevention Coalitions*

#### NEW 211 Web Addresses!

There are now more options to search the 211 Online Resource Directory. You can now use the following links to search for services in your county:

**211knox.org**  
and  
**211licking.org**



	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23
Total Calls w/Follow Ups	1060	1144	1066	1122	1107	1252	975	979	991	1018	1102	1077	1234
Knox	282	305	275	296	270	347	242	256	219	225	256	255	287
Licking	778	839	791	826	837	905	733	723	772	793	846	822	947

For more detailed monthly reports on calls to our 211/Crisis Hotline, visit [www.pathways.211counts.org](http://www.pathways.211counts.org)

## 2023 Agency Updates

Did you know that you can login to the 211 database at any time to review your agency and service information? Just click the 211 Online Resource Directory button to the right, scroll down and click Service Provider Tools.

If you don't know your login/password (sent with Web Survey Request email at the bottom of the message), click the Request Password button to request a user name and password. You should receive a reply within 72 business hours.



Don't forget to check your email for the 2023 Agency Update Request from Lyn Romano, CRS-DC at [lromano@pathwaysco.org](mailto:lromano@pathwaysco.org) Please check your Spam/Junk Mail folder, also. Requests are sent out annually to agencies that have given us a current email address.



## Help Promote 211 and 988 in Licking and Knox Counties!

Pathways has supplies of 211 and 988 cards, rack cards, magnets and posters for distribution in the community. Help us spread the word about these numbers to connect your neighbors to local resources.

Call 740-345-6166 x200 or email your request to [mail@pathwaysco.org](mailto:mail@pathwaysco.org).

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## August Unmet Needs from Call Statistics

### *Licking County*

Bed Bug Control  
Clothing Vouchers  
General Yard Work

### *Knox County*

Gas Money  
Respiratory Aids  
Telephone Service Payment Assistance

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The 211 Community Monthly Report provides statistics regarding calls received and data on unmet needs in Licking and Knox Counties. New or important agency information and/or highlights of special programs and services available in Licking and Knox Counties are included.

If you have questions about this report or would like to suggest a program for us to highlight, please contact Lyn Romano at [lromano@pathwaysco.org](mailto:lromano@pathwaysco.org) or 740-345-6166 x200.

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There are 3 ways to contact us for free, confidential assistance:

CALL 211, 345-HELP, 1-800-544-1601

TEXT your zip code to 898211

VISIT [211pathways.org](http://211pathways.org)



211/Crisis Hotline Program Director, Amy Henning, is available to answer questions and provide public awareness to your organization about the 211/Crisis Hotline and the services provided.

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211/Crisis Hotline Certified Resource Database Curator, Lyn Romano, can assist agencies with questions about service/program listings in the Resource Database. Call or email her when you need assistance.

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211/Crisis Hotline Resource Database Assistant, Andrea Rudin, works alongside our Database Curator to keep the service/program listings updated in the Resource Database. Email her when you need assistance.

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United Way of Knox County





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