CWRT Program

Community Wellness Response Team (CWRT)

The Community Wellness Response Team (CWRT) responds 24/7 to calls from 988 for individuals who may benefit from in-person crisis intervention, assessment of needs and risks, and safety planning. CWRT identifies and leverages individual strengths and natural supports; coordinates with existing Mental Health Plan (MHP) and Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (SUPT) providers as appropriate; provides voluntary transportation to urgent/emergent resources and links to ongoing services.



Who is eligible to participate?

CWRT provides services for participants who are:

- Dealing with a crisis related to one's mental health and/or substance use.
- Assessed by 988 Crisis Specialist and determined appropriate for CWRT.
- Unlikely to de-escalate safely in the community without in-person support.



| When to call 988 | When to call 911 | When to call 211 |
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| Public is <u>not</u> in immediate danger. | Anyone in immediate danger. | Housing and Utility Issues. |
| May become a danger to self, others, and/or gravely disabled. | Direct/Immediate threats to others' lives. | Food banks.Veterans' Services. |
| Self or support person to a community member dealing | Reported crime that requires some level of investigation. | |
| with a Behavioral Health crisis in the Sacramento area. | Medical or health emergency. | |



What does a 988 call look like?

- The process begins when a community member calls 988 in the Sacramento area.
- A 988 Crisis Specialist provides interventions and assessments over the phone and determines if the caller is in need of an in-person response.
- Following the assessment, the 988 Crisis Specialist calls CWRT Dispatch with the community member on the line.
- The CWRT dispatch staff then completes the dispatch assessment and dispatches a CWRT to respond.

CALLER EXPERIENCE

- Calls 988 and talks to a Crisis Line Specialist.
- Answers questions they feel comfortable answering.
- While still talking to the Crisis Line Specialist, a Dispatch Specialist joins the call.
- Answers Dispatch Specialist questions they feel comfortable answering.
- Dispatch Specialist will continue conversation, while Crisis Line Specialist will depart from the conversation.







