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COVID-19 CRISIS INFORMATION LINE AVAILABLE NOW 1-888-442-1793



Montgomery, Ala. – <u>The Alabama Department of Mental Health</u> and <u>The Alabama Emergency Management Agency</u> stand together, more prepared to assist citizens in the state with additional resources related to COVID-19 mental health needs, with the awarding of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) AL APART TOGETHER grant for Fiscal Year 2021.

The state now offers crisis resources, help and information through regional providers, through one easy to access statewide Information Line, 1-888-442-1793.

Any individual, including but not limited to, children, older adults, individuals with disabilities, healthcare professionals, first responders, and administrators working on the frontlines who are experiencing stress or anxiety related to COVID-19, may call **the Information Line at 1-888-442-1793**. The Information Line will connect individuals with appropriate staff and programs in their local communities to provide vital resources and services.

"We are grateful for another opportunity to provide Alabama citizens with links to essential supports, during this challenging time of the pandemic," said Dr. Ileeia Cobb, Director, Office of Policy and Planning, ADMH.

When an individual seeks assistance from the Information Line, several options are available, including referral services, online support groups, educational materials for social distancing, quarantine, and isolation, and emotional wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak, and managing anxiety & stress techniques. For more details on the Information Line, please contact the ADMH Office of Public Information at publicinformatin.dmh@mh.alabama.gov, 334-242-3417.