

AHCCCS has been awarded various grant funding to enhance crisis services in the state. In 2022, AHCCCS will use [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) Supplemental Block Grant](#) funds, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Block Grant funds, and Annual Block Grant funds to address many identified needs.

## FOR CHILDREN



- Enhance wrap-around services in-home for youth in crisis with the goal of avoiding in-patient care.
- Stand up additional 23-hour crisis stabilization for youth across the state.
- Fund start up costs for short-term behavioral health residential facility type settings for children.

## FOR COMMUNITIES



- Continue to build partnerships with police, fire and EMS, provide education and training on crisis response.
- Support community members with ongoing behavioral health needs as a result of COVID-19, including grief, loss, survivor guilt, employment, and housing.
- Create more capacity among “warm line” efforts to respond to lower level crisis needs.
- Promote Mental Health First Aid training courses, build awareness of MHFA and fight stigma.
- Address opportunities to assist member transition:
  - Post discharge, ensure warm handoff during the transition after crisis,
  - Explore opportunities to bring peers into crisis and ED settings,
  - Post incarceration, create opportunities for warm handoff during transition, and
  - Protect our workforce with more peer to peer support for various industry sectors and DCW training.

## SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS



- Create a Crisis Services Locator for Arizona.
- Reach rural and frontier communities and other populations with increased awareness of telehealth; expand equipment and infrastructure to meet these needs.
- Expand the ability to use text/chat in crisis response.