

# New Mexico Crisis and Access Line June 2020 Utilization Report

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### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Year to date the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line (NMCAL) programs have handled a total of 31,040 calls. This includes 13,451 calls on the Statewide Crisis and Access Line, 5,457 New Mexico calls from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL), 34 calls for the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, 5,786 after-hours calls forwarded from New Mexico's Behavioral Health Core Service Agencies (CSA's), 195 calls on the Healthcare Worker and First Responder Support Line, 6,117 calls on the Warmline, and 13,663 text messages exchanged during the 570 text conversations that were handled on the Peer-to-Peer Warmline. NMConnect has had 3,371 smartphone app downloads.

Calls Answered by Type	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Crisis Line Calls (NMCAL, NSPL, Bridge)	2,848	2,790	2,622
Healthcare Worker & 1st Responder Calls	30	99	N/A
Total Inbound Calls	2,184	2,022	2,047
Calling about Self	1,847	1,709	1,832
Calling about a Child	57	44	44
Calling about another Adult	280	269	171
Outbound Crisis Calls	140	222	233
Information/Referral Calls	80	82	30
Seeking info about Program(s)	10	20	11
Public Safety Calls	4	4	3
Administrative	7	11	9
Other	434	434	289
Warmline Calls	939	1,017	1,596
Text Message Conversations	76	88	61
Text Messages Exchanged	1,174	1,782	3,155
Core Service Agencies (CSAs) Calls	868	1,123	700
TOTAL CALLS ANSWERED	4,685	5,042	4,918

## Coronavirus/COVID-19 Calls

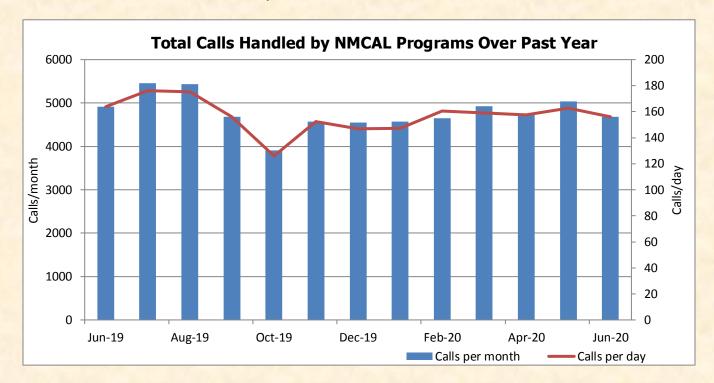
As a result of the current worldwide pandemic and social distancing guidelines implemented in communities, ProtoCall Services, Inc. began tracking calls where Coronavirus/COVID-19 was mentioned as a concern during any call.

*COVID-19 concerns reported during call	June 2020	May 2020	YTD 2020
New Mexico Crisis and Access Line	4.4%	6.5%	11.7%
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	6.0%	9.0%	12.5%
Warmline	15.8%	10.7%	15.5%
Healthcare Worker & First Responder Line	57.7%	39.4%	69.7%
CSA Programs	1.0%	2.5%	7.3%
**University New Mexico Student Account	5.3%	0.0%	6.3%
Total All New Mexico Accounts	5.4%	7.8%	10.6%

<sup>\*</sup>Data collection related to COVID-19 related concerns began on 03.17.2020

## There is always someone here to hear you.

The New Mexico Crisis and Access Line programs are proud to be the resource of choice that New Mexicans are reaching out to in the moment they need mental health support for themselves, or someone they know.







<sup>\*\*</sup> UNM is not a BHSD funded program

# **CRISIS LINE UTILIZATION DATA**

New Mexico Crisis and Access Line

The following tables and charts provide information about clinical calls handled by mental health professionals on the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline during the month of June 2020.

Crisis Line Clinical Calls	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Total behavioral health support calls	1,799	2,022	2,622
Service Level (answered under 30 sec)	83.5%	88.8%	79.8%
Abandonment Rate	4.0%	3.7%	4.2%
Average Speed of Answer	22 sec	16 sec	25 sec
Average Call Length	22.7 min	23.2 min	20.8 min

NMCAL offers immediate professional mental health support to anyone that may want it. We understand that every struggle is different and proudly provide invaluable care in the moment a person needs it. We connect people to local services when appropriate. We know that being here to hear people, and offering a simple act of kindness, can help a person feel less alone, supported, and able to keep going.

NMCAL's professional staff determine a Level of Care for each clinical call, indicating if the matter can be resolved on that call, or if a higher level of response is necessary. Most crisis line calls are resolved through supportive telephone counseling.

Level of Care Crisis Line Calls	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Routine	56.0%	58.3%	58.4%
Urgent	37.7%	36.5%	36.3%
Emergent	6.3%	5.3%	5.3%





It is important to note that demographic information is not gathered on all calls, as callers may decline to provide this information, may not know how to answer, or the call taker may not have asked the question (due to the nature of the call). Because of this dynamic, the total number of calls reflected in each county is less than the full total number of calls reported each year.

Some things to keep in mind when reviewing demographic information of crisis line callers include: (1) a small number of callers contact NMCAL quite frequently, (2) some callers chose not to share their demographic information during the call, and (3) there are community members that do not yet know about the NMCAL resource.

County of	Т	otal Calls		County of	Total Calls		
Residence	June '20	May '20	June '19	Residence	June '20	May '20	June '19
Bernalillo	872	930	748	Grant	16	19	19
Dona Ana	148	117	103	Socorro	14	12	25
Santa Fe	109	153	145	Torrance	13	10	9
Sandoval	75	69	73	Cibola	9	12	8
San Juan	56	111	87	Roosevelt	9	6	3
Taos	31	98	59	Luna	6	10	6
Otero	29	32	65	Colfax	6	7	6
McKinley	28	62	15	Los Alamos	6	5	15
Rio Arriba	28	28	24	Guadalupe	4	4	0
Valencia	26	31	25	Quay	4	0	2
Curry	25	14	18	Mora	3	5	4
Chaves	22	31	27	Catron	1	4	0
Sierra	22	15	7	De Baca	0	0	1
Eddy	19	18	15	Harding	0	0	0
Lincoln	19	16	9	Hidalgo	0	0	0
Lea	17	21	9	Union	0	2	1
San Miguel	17	20	16	Outside NM	65	82	75





Primary presenting problems are determined from the general theme of the caller's concerns. Within each primary category, additional details may be discussed which could relate to the primary presenting problem.

Primary Presenting Problem During Crisis Line Calls	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Suicide	22.9%	21.0%	21.1%
Anxiety	13.7%	16.8%	14.4%
Substance Use	13.2%	11.6%	9.4%
Situational Stress	11.5%	11.9%	12.5%
Cognitive Concerns/Psychosis	7.2%	5.3%	5.1%
Depression	6.5%	6.1%	8.0%
Family Concerns	3.7%	3.4%	4.4%
Intimate Partner Relationship/Marital	2.7%	2.6%	3.9%
Grief/Loss	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
Health Issue/Chronic Pain	1.8%	3.3%	1.5%
Loneliness	1.7%	2.0%	3.4%
Trauma	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%
Intentional Self Injury	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%
Interpersonal Violence	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%
Medication	0.6%	0.8%	0.4%
Relationships (Non-Romantic)	0.6%	0.7%	6.6%
Community Violence	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Workplace Issue/Career Counseling	0.3%	0.5%	1.4%
Sexual Assault	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Sexuality/LGBTQ+ concerns	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Other	6.8%	6.9%	6.6%





Clinical Disposition All Crisis Line Calls	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Caller stabilized by counselor, and referred to community resources if appropriate	92.1%	94.2%	93.6%
Counselor made an abuse report	1.1%	0.6%	0.8%
Caller will take the person of concern to hospital	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%
Caller agreed to go to the hospital	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Caller agreed to call 911 regarding immediate danger	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Caller conferenced to 911 due to immediate danger	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%
Counselor contacted police with caller's consent	0.5%	0.3%	0.8%
Counselor contacted police without caller's consent	2.1%	1.7%	1.8%

# **Calls Involving Thoughts of Suicide**

While suicide is not always the presenting issue on a crisis line call, concerns related to suicide were reported on 33.6% of the calls in June. The 600 callers reporting concerns about suicide on the crisis line either for themselves, or for the person of concern they called about were supported and when appropriate, a safety plan is created with the caller. At times NMCAL involves hospital or emergency services, but only when there is not a less intrusive way to keep the caller safe.

Clinical Disposition Crisis Line Calls Involving Suicide	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Caller stabilized by counselor, and referred to community resources if appropriate	81.7%	84.6%	84.9%
Caller will take the person of concern to the hospital	1.7%	1.1%	0.5%
Caller agreed to go to the hospital	1.3%	1.6%	1.1%
Caller agreed to call 911 regarding immediate danger to a third party	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%
Caller conferenced to 911 due to immediate danger	7.3%	6.4%	6.3%
Counselor contacted police with caller's consent	1.7%	0.9%	2.3%
Counselor contacted police without caller's consent	6.2%	5.2%	4.9%





## **Calls Involving Substance Use**

NMCAL is here to support people that may be experiencing a substance use concern, either for themselves, or for the person of concern they are calling about. In June 30.3% of clinical crisis line callers (541 people) reported current concerns were related to the impact drugs and/or alcohol had in their lives, with another 4.6% (83 people) reporting they had a history of substance use.

In June, callers identified that Opioids were a component of the primary reason for calling on 3.3% of the clinical calls on the clinical crisis line, and on 0.3% of the calls on the Peer-to-Peer Warmline.

Calls Related to Opioid Use	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
NMCAL Clinical calls related to Opioid Use	59	68	49
Warmline calls related to Opioid Use	5	12	2

#### **Veterans**

Crisis feels different for everybody. For veterans, crises can be heightened by experiences associated with their military service.

Caller Identified as a Veteran	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
NMCAL calls	97	208	143
Warmline calls	25	18	8

# **Integrated Program**

NMCAL is proud to manage an integrated program where callers have a choice to talk to a mental health professional on the crisis line, or a certified peer support on the Warmline. In addition, and because our staff work side-by-side, staff are able to engage callers to either program, during any call.

Calls Transferred between Programs	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
from NMCAL to Warmline	1	11	9
from Warmline to NMCAL	2	3	0





## WARMLINE UTILIZATION DATA

#### Peer to Peer Warmline

The Peer-to-Peer Warmline is answered by certified peer support specialists 7 days a week, 365 days a year for people seeking support for themselves, or someone else.

Year to date the Peer-to-Peer Warmline has handled 6,117 calls during phone operating hours of 3:30pm to 11:30pm MT, and 13,663 text messages exchanged during the 570 text conversations-handled during texting operating hours of 6:00pm to 11:00pm MT.

Warmline Utilization Data	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Total Calls Handled	939	1,017	1,596
Average Call Length (all Warmline calls)	15.3 min	16.1 min	14.6 min

Outcome of Warmline Calls	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Caller reports feeling supported by the call	97.2%	95.8%	98.3%
Caller received referrals	0.5%	0.8%	0.5%
Caller was transferred to an NMCAL counselor	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%
Emergency call to Public Safety was made	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other/None of the Above	2.1%	3.0%	1.2%

Warmline Text Message Data	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Total *Conversations	76	88	61
Text Messages Exchanged	1,174	1,782	3,155

<sup>\*</sup>Text Message Conversation Data outlines the total conversations peer supports engaged in with people. These numbers do not outline the break down regarding the number of text messages that were exchanged during each of those conversations.





The Warmline service is grounded in recovery principles, emphasizes non-crisis/pre-crisis peer services, and provides supportive listening for callers who are living with mental and behavioral health concerns.

Callers discuss a variety of matters regarding physical, mental, behavioral, emotional, and/or social well being for themselves, or someone they know. Callers may share thoughts during the call which could be associated with a secondary concern.

Primary Presenting Problem in Warmline Calls	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019
Isolation / Loneliness	27.9%	34.6%	32.2%
Anxiety / Situational Stress	26.3%	23.5%	26.2%
Depression	7.8%	6.1%	7.9%
Interpersonal Relationships	7.8%	7.5%	10.4%
Anger Management	5.2%	4.2%	2.6%
Cognitive Concerns / Psychosis	1.2%	1.2%	1.4%
Grief / Loss	0.9%	1.1%	0.7%
Abuse/Neglect	0.8%	0.7%	0.3%
Medication / Wellness Check In	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%
Thoughts of Self-Injury	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%
Resources / Community Referrals	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%
Thoughts of Suicide	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Thoughts of Suicide	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Substance Use	0.1%	1.1%	1.6%
Immediate Support/Intervention	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Administrative Call	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Mental Health Concern	0.9%	0.5%	1.3%
Other	19.4%	17.5%	14.8%





Warmline callers are asked for their county of residence, as a way for peer supports to assist the callers in engaging with additional resources and support services beyond the call.

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Like most Warmlines, there are a large number of callers who contact the Warmline peer-to-peer support program regularly. Community members that engage with the Warmline have shared that they have incorporated the Warmline as a regular part of their recovery, as it complements their existing formal and informal recovery and resiliency support system.

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Valencia	64	65	128	Catron	0	0	0
Taos	61	49	51	Chaves	0	0	2
Dona Ana	44	55	68	Colfax	0	0	0
Curry	44	41	2	De Baca	0	0	0
Sandoval	37	67	37	Guadalupe	0	0	0
San Juan	27	47	5	Harding	0	0	0
San Miguel	21	22	43	Hidalgo	0	0	0
Otero	19	38	29	Lea	0	0	0
Grant	15	12	14	Los Alamos	0	0	3
Lincoln	12	15	0	Mora	0	0	0
Santa Fe	6	4	24	Quay	0	0	0
Eddy	6	0	0	Roosevelt	0	2	0
Rio Arriba	2	3	23	Socorro	0	0	0
McKinley	2	2	0	Union	0	0	0
Torrance	2	0	1	(outside NM)	0	0	0





## **PUBLIC AWARENESS**

## Community Engagement

Outreach, collaborations, trainings, and partnership building continues between NMCAL and shareholders, organizations, hospitals, public safety, communities, schools, volunteers, and stakeholders throughout the state.

Public Awareness & Community Engagement							
	# of encounters			# of participants			
	June '20	May '20	June <b>'</b> 19	June '20	May '20	June '19	
Community Events	0	0	4				
NMCAL Presentations	1	9	1	62	330	79	
Prevention Trainings	1	0	2	55	0	95	
Community Meetings	28	29	23				
BH Provider Meetings	14	9	4				
Legislative Meetings	4	2	0				
Media Encounters	0	1	1				
Media Mentions	42+	44+	123+				
TOTALS	90	94	158	117	330	174	

# "Here to Hear You"

Call the Crisis & Access Line at 1-855-NMCRISIS (1-855-662-7474)

Call or Text the Peer-to-Peer Warmline at 1-855-466-7100

Call the Healthcare Worker and First Responder Support Line at 1-855-507-5509

Speech and hearing-impaired callers can access support through Relay NM services.

Non-English-speaking callers can access support through a language interpretation service provider, which NMCAL call takers will connect to when a caller reaches out and needs the service.

NMConnect App

Additional information available online at www.nmcrisisline.com







