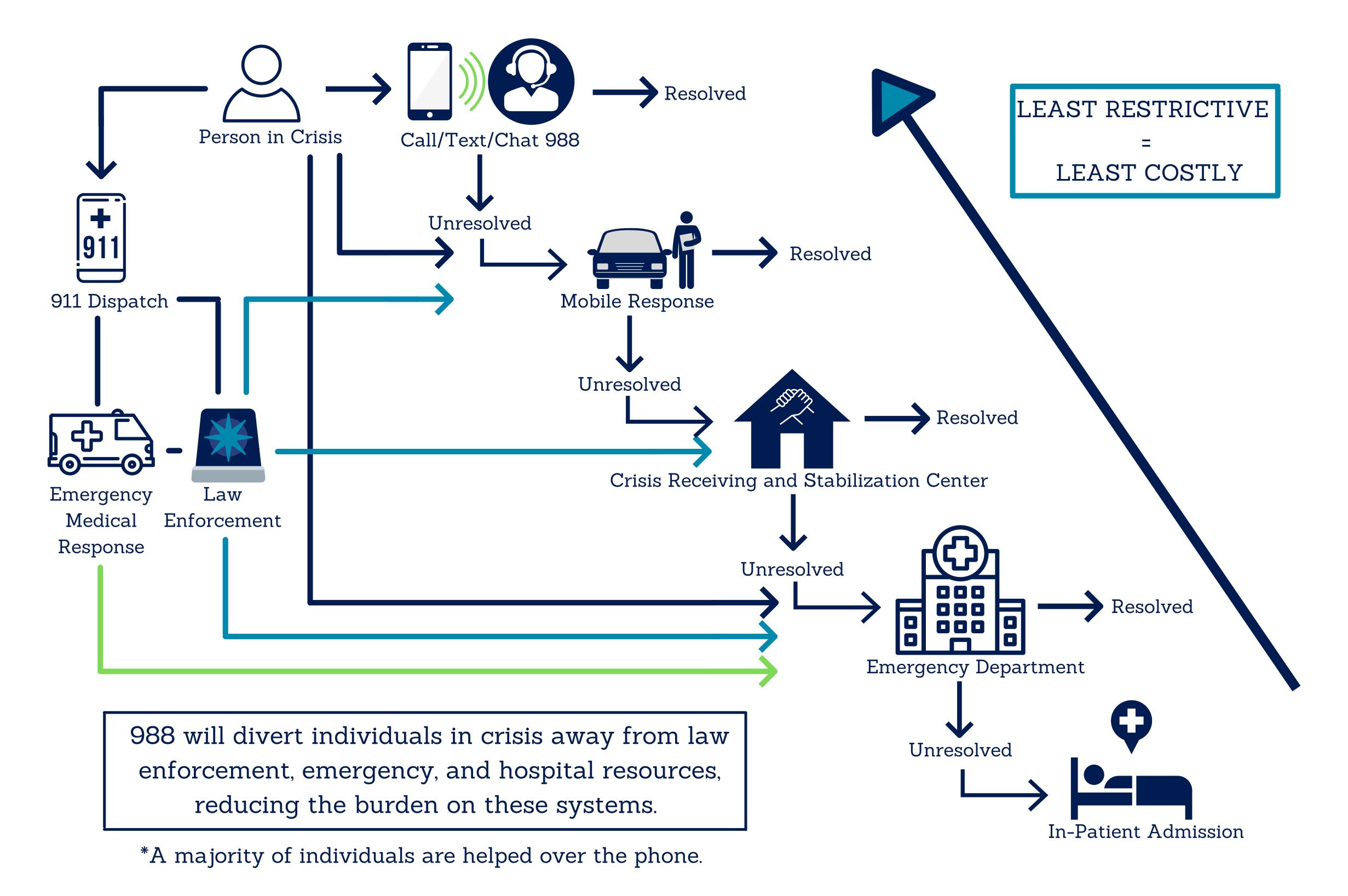
# 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

The new 3-digit phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

To use: Call or text 9-8-8, or chat online at 988lifeline.org. All available 24/7.

**LAUNCHED JULY 16TH, 2022** 

#### Advancement in Missouri's Crisis Services by Crisis Episode



With 988 becoming a major piece of Missouri's crisis care system, we expect to see a decrease in:



- Emergency Medical Services
- Law EnforcementDispatch &Intervention
- Containment & Arrests
- Hospitalizations

#### MO Lifeline Centers

Behavioral Health Response • Burrell Behavioral Health
CommCARE Inc. Compass Health • DeafLEAD • Ozark Center
Provident Behavioral Health

Crisis centers are charged with the monumental task of providing life-saving services to those in their communities.

Their counselors are responsible for responding to individuals in crisis, resolving or stabilizing high-risk situations, connecting people to appropriate resources, and following up with those contacts.

With 988 implementation quickly approaching, these centers need additional funding to meet the increased capacity and develop the necessary infrastructure that is currently lacking.

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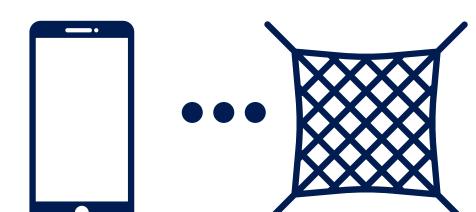
July 2020
The FCC designated
988 as the national
3-digit number for
individuals
experiencing a
mental health crisis.

September 2020
A 988 Task Force
was created to
guide the
development of
Missouri's 988
implementation
plan.

July 16, 2022

988 will replace the
current 1-800
number and Missouri
will have 24/7
coverage of all 988
calls, chats, and texts.

The mental health safety net for Missourians

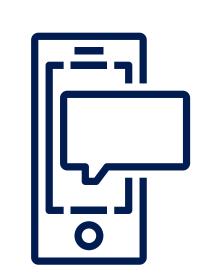


- 988 will aid Americans in receiving rapid access to suicide prevention and mental health support through connection with trained crisis counselors.
- Missouri's 7 Lifeline centers will handle all state contacts made to 988.
- Crisis counselors will address immediate needs, make referrals for ongoing care, and offer follow-up services.
- The goal of Missouri's 988 Task Force is to improve access to services for individuals with urgent mental health needs as well as suicide-related crises.



Through the transformation of our crisis system, thousands of Missourians experiencing an emotional crisis will be reached and supported.

In the first year of implementation, Missouri is expected to receive approximately <u>172,022 calls</u>.





The estimated cost for call volume alone in the first year is approximately \$11,181,430.

Investment in early intervention crisis services like 988 will improve outcomes for individuals in crisis and decrease utilization of expensive and overburdened resources.

