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Region 2 Crisis Coalition Responds to Mall of Louisiana Tragedy

Baton Rouge, LA — The Region 2 Crisis Coalition of behavioral health and healthcare partners—including local hospitals, crisis response providers, and community-based organizations—is actively coordinating a community-wide response to support healing and resilience across our region in the wake of the tragedy at the Mall of Louisiana.

We extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the individuals and families impacted, as well as to all who witnessed or were affected by this act of violence,” said Capital Area Human Services Executive Director Janzlean Laughinghouse, PhD.

She added that the emotional and psychological impact reaches far beyond those directly involved. Fear, grief, confusion, and distress are normal responses to an abnormal and traumatic event.

Dr. Laughinghouse added that in the coming days, the Coalition will work together to:

- Provide immediate behavioral health support for victims, families, and community members
- Share accessible crisis resources, including the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- Deploy community-based support opportunities, including mental health outreach and “pop-up” support events, to begin on Wednesday, April 29.
- Ensure continuity of care through coordination with hospitals and service providers
- Support first responders and healthcare professionals impacted by this tragedy

“We want the community to know you are not alone. Help is available, and it is okay to seek support for yourself, your children, and those around you,” she added. The coalition of health providers noted that if you or someone you know is experiencing emotional distress, reach out to one of the following services.

- Call or text 988 to connect with trained crisis counselors
- Go to the Bridge Center, 3455 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, services available 24/7
- Contact the Southeast Community Health Systems' 24/7 Youth Mobile Crisis Response at 225-713-3208
- Contact local behavioral health providers or visit emergency services if immediate care is needed
- Contact the Louisiana Crisis Hub at 855-243-2735
- Take the free, quick, confidential online check to see if you may need to seek help in this crisis. Scan this QR code from the Louisiana Mental Health Association

