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.