



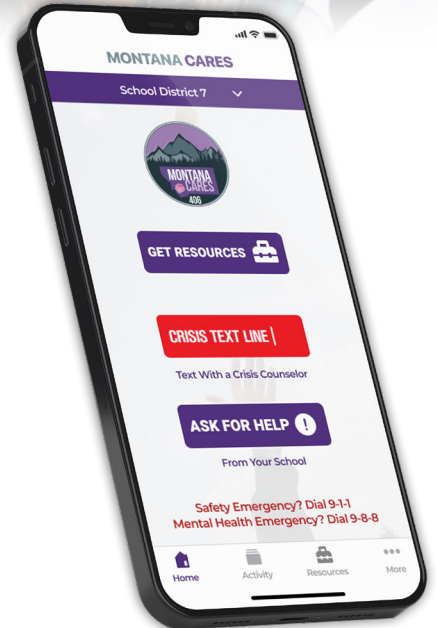
MONTANA CARES



In partnership with Montana Professional Learning Collaborative (MTPLC) and STOPit Solutions, the Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA) is making available the Montana Cares Help App for all Montana schools.

Montana Cares connects students, staff & parents to basic needs and community resources. It also features 24/7 immediate crisis support, and a direct to school communication platform accessible through the Montana Cares Mobile App, Chromebook, and Phone.

Montana Cares is powered and delivered by STOPit Solutions through its 24/7/365 Help Center which monitors the program and escalates any life-threatening or imminent threat situation immediately. The program is funded through a 3-year STOP School Violence Act Grant awarded to MTPLC and is made available to all Montana schools.



What's Included:



Montana Cares: Support and Resources for Students, Staff, and Families. Delivered on our state-of-the-art platform, Montana Cares provides the connection to support and resources—unique to communities—delivered clearly and consistently to all schools and families. The healing-centered, intuitive interface builds agency by providing choice while maintaining privacy.



24/7/365 HELP Center: Our in-house HELP Center specialists complete comprehensive training to prepare them to monitor and manage both life and non-life-threatening incidents. Our team immediately escalates life threatening concerns and incidents to local law enforcement.



Crisis Text Line (CTL): Integrated into the Montana Cares platform and available anywhere in the United States, anytime. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. The Crisis Counselor is trained to help individuals move from a hot to a cool place.



Out of Hours Incident Management (OOH): Out-Of-Hours service allows individuals to rest easy knowing all incidents are reviewed, vetted, and acted upon (if necessary) by certified specialists during weekends, holidays, and other traditional out-of-school hours.



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How Montana Cares Works for Students:

Connect to Basic Needs Resources:

Self Help: Get Resources

We understand that basic needs are fundamental to mental health and wellbeing.

Two-Way Communication with School

Ask for Help: Get Help from Your School or Community

We encourage student connectedness and a culture of helping others.



Immediate 24/7 Crisis Support

Help from a Trained Crisis Counselor at Crisis Text Line

We know that suicides are more likely to occur after midnight, making round the clock coverage mandatory.

How Montana Cares Works for Admins:



1 **Step 1:** Student Submits a Request for Help

A student can request assistance, or anonymously ask for help using the Montana Cares Mobile App, Chromebook, or Phone



2 **Step 2:** HELP Center Monitors, and Escalates the Incident

Montana Cares' 24/7/365 HELP Center monitors and escalates life threatening incidents to school admins and law enforcement (as needed).



3 **Step 3:** School Admins Receive and Act Upon the Incident

School admins receive and act upon the incident using the admin app and/or web-based Incident Management System, and manage the incident through resolution.

STOPit Solutions provides the industry's most comprehensive onboarding for program administrators AND training for students and adults on how to recognize safety, misconduct, and/or mental health and personal concerns and report using the **Montana Cares** program.

To get started using this funded program through MTPLC/MSSA please contact: **Jessica Johnson** (jjohnson@mtplc.org) or **Cindy Fouhy, PhD** (cfouhy@mtplc.org).

