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San Luis Obispo 211 Hotline Gets Funding

San Luis Obispo County's 211 help hotline will live on, at least temporarily.

United Way is joining forces with the Transitions Mental Health Association to continue providing the free service.

The 211 hotline is for non-emergency calls; it also serves as a suicide hotline.

Last year, some 24,000 calls were made.

Due to a lack of funds, it was scheduled to shut down on December 31st.

Now, United Way is pitching in 20,000 dollars, and PG&E has matched that amount.

Rick London is the CEO of the United Way of San Luis Obispo County says, "The 211 is just a very simple way to get help and it takes some of the pressure off of 911 quite frankly."

Jill Boster-White with Transitions Mental Health Association adds, "It really is important for people who are in crisis or feeling isolated and separate from the community to feel like there is a place they can go."

The grant money that's been donated will keep the hotline alive for another six months.

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