



40

YEARS OF
LISTENING

2025 IMPACT REPORT



Teen Lifeline

When Arizona called TEEN LIFELINE ANSWERED.

In 1985, Arizona ranked 2nd in the nation for teen suicide. For leaders like Executive Director Michelle Moorhead, who in 1986 worked for a local health organization, the crisis wasn't abstract—it was in their schools, their families. So they built Teen Lifeline: **a crisis hotline for teens, answered by teens.**

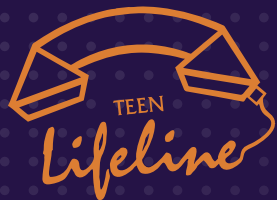
Forty years later, Arizona's teen suicide ranking fell to 18th—proof that the suicide prevention work we do saves lives.



Training 1990



Training 2025



1986

Our hotline began as a school program at **Central High** (Phoenix).

1991

The hotline **expands statewide** with a toll-free 800 number.

1999

Teen Lifeline receives its **501(c)(3) nonprofit** status.

2000

September marks the first ever **Teen Suicide Prevention Week**.

2003

We become the **first teen peer hotline accredited nationally**.

2004

Presents **first Community Lifeline Award** at our gala to **Alfredo J. Molina**.

2012

Joins social media, bringing mental health education online.

2015

Texting added to hotline; **ID Initiative** starts in PVUSD.

2017

Started our **Theory of Change** which measures impact to guide our decisions.

2019

Launches **Messages of Hope**. **Mitch Warnock Law requires AZ schools train staff** in prevention.

2020

As an essential service, **extends textline hours during pandemic**; calls & texts increase 30%.

2021

Supports **ARS 15-160**, requiring high schools to include hotline info on their student IDs.

2022

Over half a million students carry our hotline number on their school ID.

2023

After development, we **launch Caring Contacts**, peer support for teens after psychiatric crisis.

2024

PR, social media, and awareness campaigns reach nearly **20 million people**.

2025

Opens a **second office in Tucson**, with its own hotline number and teen volunteers.



Teen Lifeline

1986

our mission

2026

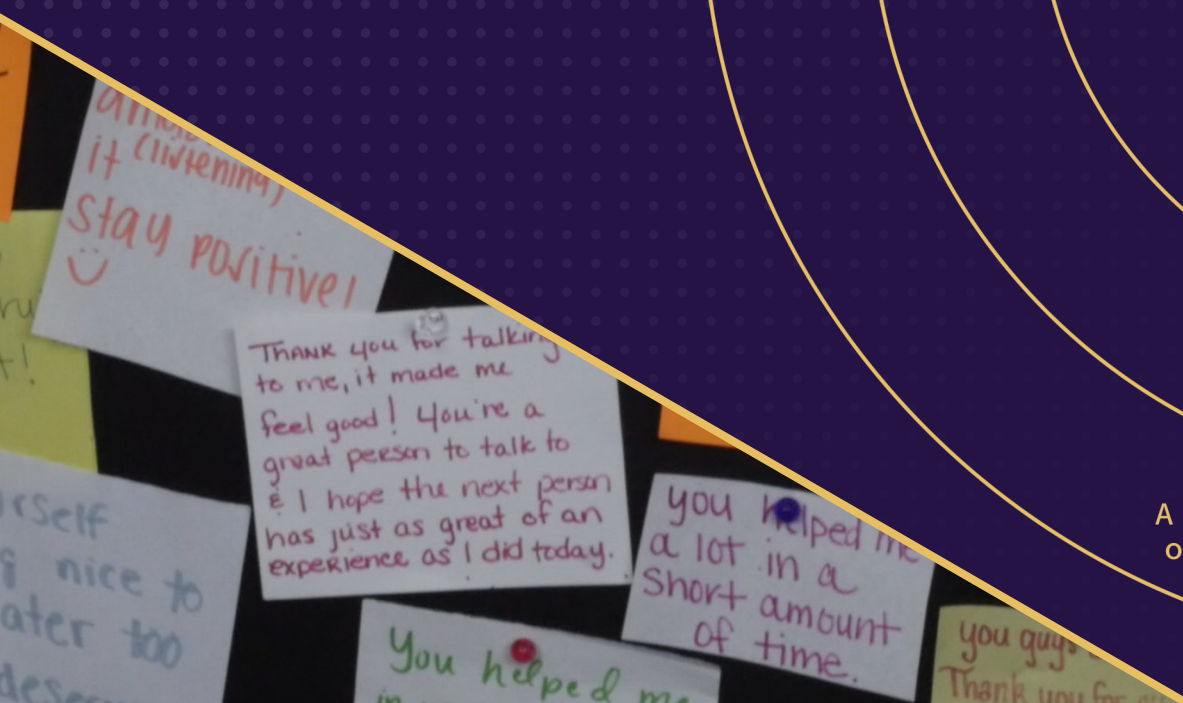
To provide a safe, confidential, and crucial crisis service where teens help teens make healthy decisions, together.

To prevent teen suicide in Arizona through enhancing resiliency in youth and fostering supportive communities.

EVERY RIPPLE STARTS HERE

one call, a network of hope

A single teen picking up the phone doesn't just help one person. It ripples—through families, schools, communities—until 40 years of those calls have reshaped Arizona.



A COMMUNITY PROTECTED

40 YEARS OF LISTENING

A YEAR ON THE HOTLINE

A PEER COUNSELOR

one
teen
volunteer
trained

a peer answers
450 calls/texts
per year

2 in 3 callers reach out
before suicidal thoughts
can develop

400K+ calls/texts
answered since 1986

A suicide loss affects 135 people
on average—**every call protects a**
network of family, friends,
schools



HOTLINE

teens helping teens

A teen calls Teen Lifeline, nervous about opening up to a stranger. But the voice on the other end isn't a stranger—it's a teen just like them. By the end of the call, they've identified what they can do to feel better and who in their life they can turn to.

Teens call and text about anything from a rough day at school to thoughts of suicide—they decide what crisis means to them. Friends and parents reach out too, learning how to support the teens they love.

Of every call and text, **1 in 3** comes from a teen considering suicide. All take away the same message: you're not alone.

400K+
calls & texts
answered since 1986

96%
feel better
immediately
after calling



LIFE SKILLS

helpers for life

Not many teens can say they've saved a life, but peer counselors at Teen Lifeline can. After 80+ hours of training in communication skills and crisis de-escalation, they answer calls and texts from teens like them facing anything from everyday stress to thoughts of suicide.

Those skills don't stay on the hotline. Peer counselors carry them into their own lives—navigating conflict, supporting friends, building resilience. They become adults who listen, show up, and better themselves and their communities.

since 1986

2,250 teens X 80 hours = 180K+ hours

trained to be
counselors

training for
each teen

of training minimum
before their first call!



"I became a peer counselor because I wanted to give other teens a place where they can find hope. And I stayed because I've also found that space for myself."

— Cal, teen peer counselor

NOW



TUNE

2020s peer counselor

“I found my reason to stay.”

Tune first heard about Teen Lifeline at a workshop in her freshman world history class. She didn't forget it—the moment she had her license, she drove herself to volunteer.

That was a year ago. Since then, she's been one of the hotline's most consistent and dedicated volunteers—showing up for callers and fellow volunteers alike.

Next year, Tune heads to college to pursue a career in the helping profession, inspired by her volunteering here.

THEN



JULIE

1990s peer counselor

Volunteering at Teen Lifeline set me on my path to becoming a psychologist.

As a parent & a psychology professor, I appreciate the service that Teen Lifeline provides. Being able to connect with peer counselors and, through them, a variety of resources is essential.

Julie grew up in Phoenix and volunteered at Teen Lifeline in the 1990s while attending Xavier College Prep. It was through her peer counselor experience that she first became interested in psychology.

She went on to earn her PhD from Stanford and build a career as a researcher and professor. Today, she chairs the Psychology Department at Glendale Community College—**teaching the next generation of students the same discipline she learned to love as a teen.**

PREVENTION

awareness + education



A teen in crisis needs someone to turn to. Prevention makes sure that someone is there.

Our prevention education and outreach programs equip the people in teens' lives—teachers, parents, counselors, friends—with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize when a teen is struggling and connect them to help.

Through classroom workshops, trainings for school staff, and community outreach across the state, Teen Lifeline **builds networks of support around teens before a crisis begins.**

In 2025, **prevention efforts reached over 400,000 people** statewide. When a community knows how to show up for its youth, the cycle of risk and fear becomes one of resilience and safety.

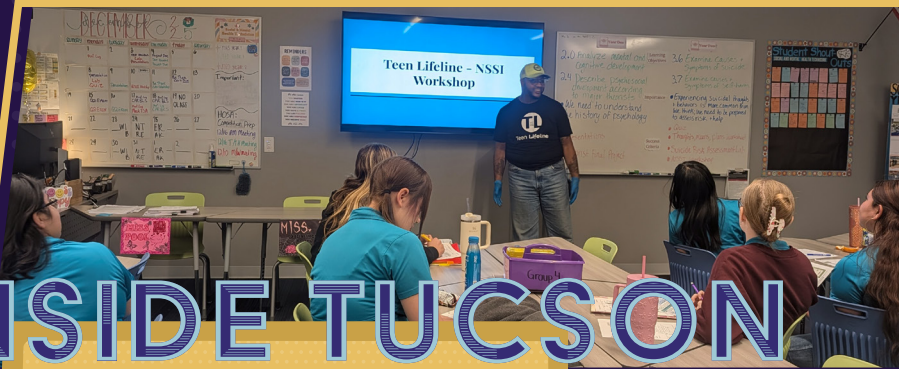


now available!

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INSIDE TUCSON



520-327-8336 (TEEN)

As of 2025, Southern Arizona has its own dedicated hotline number, answered by peer counselors in their area.

We've already **trained about 20 Tucson teens** who are helping peers on the hotline!

While our Phoenix headquarters has been serving youth statewide for decades, it's important for communities to feel **supported from the inside**, by people who live in their area.

In 2022, Teen Lifeline led a survey and found Tucson area youth had thoughts of suicide **three times more frequently** than the average AZ teen. That's why we built a second site in the heart of Tucson. Now, our Tucson office is fully staffed and calls are answered by Southern Arizona teen volunteers.

Learn more at teenlifeline.org/tucson



SPREADING AWARENESS

When teens need hope, they turn to each other—and to Teen Lifeline.

Messages of Hope

Warning signs of suicide:

When someone is thinking of suicide, they may...

FEEL	THINK
Sad, empty, or hopeless for weeks	Trapped, out of control, feeling apart
Mood swings, angry outbursts	Can't focus, brain fog, forgetful
Sudden unexpected cheer/calm	Creates art/writing about death
Unexplained aches	Thoughts of suicide or giving up

ACT
Big sleep/eating/hygiene changes
Withdraws from friends/activities
Declining school performance
Gives away favorite things

SAY
Talks about death, dying, *except* "Everyone's better off without me."
"I don't want to be here."
Says goodbye unexpectedly

Learn to ID supports.

Fig. 6: Teen Lifeline workshop, 87% were able to identify sources of support* in their lives.

skill	2 skills	3 skills
9%	32%	54%

*Identified skills to identify resources they rely on after a workshop. It includes hobbies, passions, friends, family, and coping skills.

In 2025, Teen Lifeline reached **172 MILLION** people through earned media

ORGANIC REACH IN ACTION

When a teen in crisis asked TikTok who to call, dozens answered: call Teen Lifeline. The comments became a **referral network**, and hotline contacts spiked for weeks.

talía
Text Teen Lifeline! They answer asap and they're actually your age

jay
call teen lifeline trust

livvy
try teen lifeline mi they have done wonders for me!

does anyone have any experience texting 988? can anyone tell me anything about it before i text



For the 7th year in a row, Teen Lifeline partnered with Arizona high school student-athletes to carry a message of hope directly to their peers—on the field, in the halls, and online.

Because teens look to teens when they need hope.

100%

of student-athletes followed through on posting their PSAs—because **this matters to them.**



"I am so grateful to be a part of this movement—it is truly changing lives!"
— Dezirae Torres, senior at Desert Edge High

CONNECTIONS
OF HOPE

Be the Light

HELD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025
AT OMNI SCOTTSDALE RESORT & SPA

HONOREE DANNY SHARABY



As the founder and president of Tickets Unlimited, he spent decades connecting people to once-in-a-lifetime experiences and supporting youth.

CHAIR BONNIE LOVE



Bonnie Love is a devoted mother and a heart-led leader whose work spans real estate, wellness, and philanthropy. She leads with passion and grace.

On October 3rd, more than three hundred guests gathered at the Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia for a singular purpose: **to be a light for Arizona's struggling teens.**

Throughout the evening, lights shone from every corner—from honoree Danny Sharaby's years of quiet generosity, to Event Chair Bonnie Love's heartfelt leadership, to the teen volunteers' stories, and music about finding and giving hope.

YOUR GENEROSITY RAISED

\$650,000

TO GIVE TEENS HOPE

Your generosity:

- Keeps the peer crisis hotline operating 24/7/365, answering tens of thousands of calls and texts each year.
- Trains teen volunteers through 80+ hours of intensive life skills development, building the resilience that transforms them into peer counselors and community leaders.
- Enables comprehensive prevention efforts: free mental health and suicide prevention education, awareness campaigns like Messages of Hope, and community partnerships equipping families with life-saving resources.

LEARN MORE: [TEENLIFELINE.ORG/GALA](https://teenlifeline.org/gala)



FIRETAG GOLF INVITATIONAL

112
golfers

\$100K
raised



title sponsor

In 2005, the Teen Lifeline community gathered to honor the memory of a friend and our first Board President, **Jules Firetag**. Twenty years later, over a hundred golfers banded together for Teen Lifeline's **20th Annual Firetag Invitational** in support of Arizona's teens. Funds raised will go on to save hundreds of teen lives.

Special thanks to Event Chair Jeff Kauk, Honorary Chair Lanny Lahr, and our golf committee: Nick Warner, Matthew Moorhead, Dylan Figlo, Corey Bleich, and Aaron Bata.

2ND PLACE
Decent Startup

1ST PLACE
CNC PROS

3RD PLACE
Mission Grove

FINANCES

- 2025 -

INVESTMENTS

HOTLINE + CARING CONTACTS	LIFE SKILLS	COMMUNITY EDUCATION	TUCSON	SUPPORT SERVICES
\$568,833 (32%)	\$238,030 (13%)	\$478,780 (27%)	\$217,150 (12%)	\$296,759 (16%)

\$1,799,553 invested into teen suicide prevention

REVENUE

EVENTS	GRANTS	INDIVIDUAL	IN-KIND + OTHER
\$614,263 (40%)	\$408,616 (27%)	\$287,344 (19%)	\$213,265 (14%)

\$1,523,488 raised by you to save teen lives

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help us save teen lives

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Services, supplies, gifts, venues, and auction items

In 2025, the Teen Lifeline community raised over \$1.5 million for the programs behind our suicide prevention work. Thank you all for your steadfast support throughout the years!

Your donation may qualify for a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit! Claim when filing for 2025:

SINGLE
\$495

JOINTLY
\$987

* For 2026, this credit increases to \$506 & \$1,009!



SPECIAL THANKS to **Chick-fil-A on 16th St & Camelback** for donating food throughout the year to our Life Skills Development trainings!

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\$100,000+

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SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

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MAY

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Every May, we talk about mental health issues, stigmas, and support services. Join us for a community awareness event! teenlifeline.org/mhm



MAY

40TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate four decades of Teen Lifeline! We're celebrating all year, including a special anniversary celebration in May during Mental Health Month.



SUMMER

MESSAGES OF HOPE

For September, local student-athletes film PSAs encouraging peers to reach out. Film day is in summer with students nominated by their high schools.



SEPT

TEEN SUICIDE AWARENESS

In September, raise awareness of teen suicide prevention with wellness events, Messages of Hope, and Chains of Hope. teenlifeline.org/tspa



OCT 24

CONNECTIONS OF HOPE

Support teen suicide prevention at this cocktail chic gala with live music, dinner, auctions, awards, and an after-party. teenlifeline.org/gala



NOV 13

FIRETAG GOLF

Returning to Silverado, this scramble-style golf tournament includes a meal on course, a virtual silent auction, and prizes. teenlifeline.org/firetag



NOW

TEEN LIFELINE IN TUCSON

Teen Lifeline now serves Southern Arizona directly with a fully staffed Tucson office, local teen volunteers, and dedicated hotline days.



Teen Lifeline has spent 40 years supporting teens—here are our tips on **how you can support the teens in your life:**

1 TAKE THEIR FEELINGS SERIOUSLY

Don't minimize what your teen is going through because of your own experiences. For them, it is that big of a deal.

2 SUPPORT, BUT LET THEM SOLVE PROBLEMS

Offering advice is tempting, but teens learn best through experimentation and taking ownership of their decisions.

3 SHOW THEM HOW YOU COPE

Show teens it's okay to not be okay, and how you cope when it's hard. Be brave enough to show them you're human—and they can be too.