



## Ohio's suicide prevention texting program started in Stark

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The Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Board began operating the text line service then as a state-funded pilot project two years ago.

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**COLUMBUS** Ohioans in crisis have a new place to turn: a text message.

Two state departments today unveiled the Crisis Text Line, a free, confidential way to connect via a text message with a trained crisis counselor.

People can text keyword "**4hope**" **24 hours a day, seven days a week to 741741** to talk in text messages with a counselor. It is solely a text and not a voice conversation.

The program got its start in Canton two years ago. The Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Board began operating the text line service then as a state-funded pilot project.

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