

New Life Crisis Center For MD's Eastern Shore - Latest News

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Salisbury, MD - In medical emergencies, we are taught to call 911.

However, in the other emergencies of life, there's an answer to the call for help.

Michele Hughes, the Executive Director of the Life Crisis Center in Salisbury, said, "It's bad enough to be without a job or to be alone and afraid and in need of services. But it's even worse when you have no idea where to look."

On Tuesday, the Eastern Shore of Maryland welcomed its first call center, a place where someone will listen, and then provide services where more help is available.

Maryland's Comptroller was at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "If you have a crisis in your life, be it financial or emotional, call 211 because there's help there," said Peter Franchot. "I can see very clearly that the recession had a very big impact on people, on Marylanders. A lot of Marylanders are cracking under the financial stress." He added, "They need to know that they're not alone, that there is help."

The new Life Crisis Center is reached by calling 211, and it has someone available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Experts say it's a resource much needed on the Eastern Shore.

"They are further away from services. They are more likely not to have close neighbors. They need someone they can depend on," said Hughes.

In addition to its everyday services, the center will help you find where shelters and water are available in the event of a natural disaster.