

## Hotline offers help to folks coping with Valley high school shooting

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TEMPE, AZ (KPHO/KTVK) -

A hotline has been set up to help to folks cope with Valley high school shootings.

At the Crisis Response Network hotline, calls come in every day, from folks across the state dealing with some type of emotional trauma.

Crisis specialist James Brady said a number of calls come from troubled teens.

"Maybe some bullying at school, relationship problems, things that go on with mom and dad at home," said Brady.

On Friday, many of the calls were directly related to what happened at Independence High School in Glendale, where two teenage girls were found shot to death.

Justin Chase is president of the Valley's Crisis Response Network.

He said it's not uncommon after a tragedy, to see an increase in the number of folks in need of emotional support.

"A lot of times its just natural support - how do I talk to my kids about a situation like this? Is it something I should be talking with to my child? What age should I begin to do that?" said Chase. "It's not our role to have all the answers. Our role is to be there and walk people through the decision making process."

Chase estimates they received around 50 calls Friday, from members of the community who wanted help coping with today's tragedy.

However, he believes there are more people out there who could use someone to talk to.

He's hoping to spread the word, that their hotline is free and there's nothing wrong with calling for help.

The Crisis Response Network number is 1-800-203-2273(CARES)

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