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NEWS

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County Provides Mental Health Counselors, Other Resources to Support Coastal Residents

Redwood City — As we collectively mourn the loss of life in Half Moon Bay, the County of San Mateo is providing mental health counselors and other support to the community.

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services has been meeting with families in the reunification center and other locations in Half Moon Bay.

CRT staff are trained in crisis response, suicide prevention, and other mental health interventions. They provide individual and group psychological first aid, grief support counseling, connection to needed ongoing services and crisis intervention counseling free of charge to residents in need.

Call 1-800-686-0101 to connect to CRT and other mental health support provided by County Health's <u>Behavioral Health and Recovery Services</u>.

The County is also working with the City of Half Moon Bay and local agencies to provide temporary housing, meals and other services to those directly impacted by the shootings.

The City of Half Moon Bay advises that financial donations are being accepted by ALAS (Ayudando Latinos A Sonar) and can be made at https://www.alasdreams.com/.

Please note all questions specifically regarding Monday's shooting – the investigation, court proceedings and other matters – should be directed to the District Attorney's Office.

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