

Buffalo, NY Mass Shooting Resources

May 16, 2022

“Ten people were killed in a racially motivated mass shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo on Saturday, May 14, 2022 by a suspect in tactical gear who was livestreaming the attack, law enforcement officials said during a news conference.” [Via CNN](#)

Crisis Resources

Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Crime Victim Assistance Program

The Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Victim Assistance Program is staffed by dedicated and trained volunteer victim advocates. Victims of crime may be entitled to compensation for out-of-pocket losses associated with the crime. This program assists with the cost of medical bills, counseling, funeral/burial costs, and loss wages. Victims are also provided with referrals for counseling, food, shelter, and legal services.

For more information, please call (716) 876-8108 ext. 24 or visit the website [here](#).

211 United Way - Western New York

Dial 2-1-1 or (888) 696-9211

2-1-1 connects callers to health and human services information and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including mental health, basic needs, and disaster assistance. Dial 211 or (888) 696-9211 to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources by clicking on the link for <http://www.211wny.org/>

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Monetary Donation Resources

The below GoFundMe fundraisers have been created and the organizers of each fundraiser are in the parentheses.

[Victims of Shooting at Tops Buffalo NY](#) (Buffalo resident Joni Falk)

[The Families of the Victims of Buffalo Shooting](#) (OnCore Golf CEO Keith Blakely)

[Buffalo Memorial](#) (Reporters Ron Insana and Luke Russert)

[Buffalo Mass Shooting Help the Families Fund](#) (Board of [VictimsFirst.org](#))

[Buffalo Tragedy Donate to Victims Families](#) (Esra'a Taha of Buffalo Skincare and Beauty)

For updates on additional ways to help victims and their families, please visit the website [here](#).

Blood Donation Resources

Those interested in donating blood to help support victims of mass shootings may do so by registering at <https://bloodhero.com/> to find a local blood donation center in their area.

Crisis Counseling Resources

Buffalo Counseling Services

Numerous groups and government agencies have resources available both to the families of the victims and community members who have been affected by the mass shooting at a Buffalo Tops grocery store. Below are local agencies who are providing free counseling services to the community.

Crisis Services (Johnnie B. Wiley Pavilion)

1100 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14208
(716) 834-3131 (24-Hour Hotline)
Sunday and Monday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST

Mental Health Advocates of WNY

1021 Broadway Street, Fifth Floor
Buffalo, NY 14212
(716) 886-1242

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National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Buffalo and Erie County

P.O. Box 146
Buffalo, NY 14223
(716) 226-6264

Spectrum Health & Human Services

1280 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209
(716) 710-5172

SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline

800-985-5990 (24 hours)

Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

This helpline, through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), can provide immediate counseling to anyone who is seeking help.

SAMHSA Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator

Visit the website here: <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>

This line is available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week. The Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator provides information and a search tool for behavioral health and substance abuse/addiction services in the United States and U.S. Territories. You can access the free and confidential treatment provider search tool using the link listed above. After completing the search criteria, you can view a list of treatment providers and detailed information about each provider.

You may also call (800) 662-4357 to receive free and confidential information about mental health and substance abuse treatment services in your area.

Online Resources for Parents

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/topics/coping-stress-and-violence>

Uvalde, TX - Robb Elementary School Shooting

May 25, 2022

Robb Elementary School

On May 24, 2022 an 18-year-old man opened fire at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, killing 19 students, 1 teacher, and 1 school employee.

The school district said it is canceling all school activities following the shooting.

Grief Counselors will be at the **Civic Center** (300 East Main Street, Uvalde, TX 78801) on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022 at 10:00 AM CST, assisting anyone in need of counseling services.

You may find any updates on their website [here](#).

You may also check Uvalde CISD's Twitter Feed [here](#) or their [Facebook](#) for any available updates.

GoFundMe has set up a central donation page for family aid. Donations can be made [here](#).

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211 Texas

2-1-1 is a Texas Health and Human Services Commission program that connects callers to support services and assistance programs in their area. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during disasters. Information and resources may be provided for a variety of needs including mental health, basic needs, and disaster assistance. Dial 211 from your phone to speak with a trained information and referral specialist. Calls are routed to service centers based on your geographic location. You may also search online for resources or find the local number for your local 211 service centers [here](#).

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The Disaster Distress Helpline

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This helpline, through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), can provide immediate counseling to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the shooting at Robb Elementary School.

Online Resources for Parents and Teachers

The National Association for the Education of Young People has compiled online resources for parents, teachers, and others working with young children about coping with violence and its aftermath and talking to young children about tragedies they learn about in the media.

- <https://www.naeyc.org/resources/topics/coping-stress-and-violence>

The American Psychological Association offers information on how parents can talk to their children about school shootings to help them manage their distress.

- <https://www.apa.org/topics/gun-violence-crime/shooting-aftermath>

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers the article “Tips for Talking with and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Disaster or Traumatic Event: A Guide for Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers”.

- <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/tips-talking-helping-children-youth-cope-after-disaster-or-traumatic-event-guide-parents/sma12-4732>

The American School Counselor Association offers information, webinars, and resources to help children after a school shooting.

- <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/Publications-Research/Publications/Free-ASCA-Resources/After-a-School-Shooting>

Crisis & Disaster Resources

This site is for educators and families and offers 15 tips for talking with children about school violence. The site also offers information specific to the shooting in Uvalde, TX.

- <http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/15-tips-talking-children-about-school-violence>

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