



“As someone who’s worked closely with veterans, first responders and our students, I’ve seen the toll mental health challenges can take. We owe it to every New Yorker to make sure help is available when it’s needed most.”

— Assemblyman Brian Maher

**EVERYONE FACES DIFFICULTIES** at some point in their life. In today’s world, violence can feel too close to home, the opioid and fentanyl epidemic continues to destroy families across our nation, and our children are forced to grow up faster than ever before in order to deal with the complexities of social media, bullying, and the modern world. Our veterans and volunteers can struggle to leave things they have witnessed behind when their service is over. Between the pandemic and inflation, so many are struggling financially. Too many people are isolated. It doesn’t have to be this hard.

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# ASSEMBLYMAN MAHER: ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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**ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN MAHER** is a husband, father, and lifelong Hudson Valley resident dedicated to serving his community—both at home and abroad. As a veteran and public servant, he understands the challenges families face and the importance of having strong local leadership that listens and delivers results. Assemblyman Maher has always believed that the government should work for the people, not against them. He’s our voice in the State Assembly, and **HE’S HERE TO HELP.**



Assemblyman Brian Maher is here to help.

**Brian wants to make sure you, or someone you know who may need assistance, knows resources are available to you – right now.**

If you would like to speak with someone today, please call or text the **988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** by simply dialing: **9-8-8**, or you can go to its website by scanning the QR CODE here with your phone.

**The 988 Lifeline** not only offers immediate 24/7 confidential and free help in times of crisis, but it also offers specialized assistance for **veterans, substance use treatment, and other information.**



Other resources available to you and your family:



For tips on how to talk to someone you care about who may be in distress, please scan here.



Find advice on coping with cyberbullying and social media here.



Download a resource guide of stress tips for students here.



For an informational guide on how to talk to your family about substance abuse, please scan here.



*Veterans' resources:*



Veterans can now book appointments to learn more about new state resources tailored to meet their individual needs. Call 1-888-838-7697 or **scan here** to find an office closest to you.



For a copy of Brian's Important Phone Numbers Guide or help on any state issue, please contact Assemblyman Brian Maher's office:

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