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Monday through Friday (excluding State holidays) between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, the DD Coordinator on call will call into the system to retrieve the message and will call the person back within 2 business hours. If a message is received after these hours or on a weekend, the DD Coordinator will call the person within 2 hours on the next business day.

Below you will find the DD Coordinator's office numbers, which are available in case anyone has questions about how the DD MH Resource Line works. If you need to use the DD MH Resource Line, please only call the toll free number (855-848-7778).

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