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Open House and Press Conference Set for Crisis Services Levy

Missoula County and the City of Missoula will hold an educational open house for the Missoula County crisis services levy from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Missoula Fire Station #4 at 3011 Latimer St. **The first half-hour will feature a press conference.** Speakers will include Mayor Jordan Hess; John Petroff, operations manager for the Mobile Support Team based at the Missoula Fire Department; Theresa Williams, Crisis Intervention Team program manager; Lt. Ben Slater, Missoula Police Department; and Clair Bopp, shelter manager for the Poverello Center.

Representatives from programs that support people in crisis and would benefit from the levy will be available for one-on-one conversations and answers to questions at tables throughout the fire station. The public is invited to come learn about the proposed levy.

The Missoula County commissioners voted on Aug. 4 to put the crisis services levy on the ballot for the November general election. Funds from the levy would pay for services to support people in crisis, including services addressing mental health, addiction and homelessness, as well as programs to advance criminal justice system reforms.

Programs and services the levy could fund could include:

- Calibrate
- Civil Commitment Mental Health Services
- Community Justice Department
- Crime Victim Advocate Program
- Crisis Intervention Program
- Crisis Receiving Center
- Jail Mental Health Team
- Mobile Support Team

- Sheriff's Office Community Supported Re-entry Program and Missoula County Pretrial Supervision Program
- Temporary Safe Outdoor Space, Emergency Winter Shelter and Authorized Camping Site
- Trinity Navigation Center

For more information and program descriptions, visit <https://missoulacountyvoice.com/>.

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