

The Sozosei Foundation Awards Grant to Improve *The Right Response* Directory

Directory of alternatives to police response for individuals in crisis to be enhanced by grant to Georgetown Law's Center for Innovations in Community Safety and 1 Million Madly Motivated Moms

January 27, 2025 – The Sozosei Foundation is pleased to announce a grant to Georgetown Law's Center for Innovations in Community Safety (CICS) to catalyze a partnership between CICS and 1 Million Madly Motivated Moms (1M4), to further develop the functionality of [The Right Response directory](#).

"Our work with 1M4 and Georgetown Law's CICS represents a vital step in advancing the decriminalization of mental illness, and ensuring a medical response to a mental health emergency," said Melissa M. Beck, Executive Director of the Sozosei Foundation. "We are delighted to support this important initiative and are excited to support the creation of an online experience that better serves those in need."

With the most recent [guidelines](#) outlining standards of mobile crisis response, a community-driven, crowdsourced directory like the Right Response Directory is particularly important. This online directory allows anyone experiencing a mental health emergency to quickly access the local services that can respond to a mental health emergency. As the first foundation to support 1M4, the Sozosei Foundation is honored to support this new partnership with Georgetown Law.

"With this new iteration of The Right Response directory, we're putting the focus where it belongs: on the individuals and families who rely on these resources in times of need. This directory isn't just about providing options; it's about making sure that each person in crisis sees themselves in the services offered and knows that there's a path to help that's compassionate and accessible," said Tansy McNulty, founder of 1 Million Madly Motivated Moms. "We're honored to work with Georgetown Law's CICS to create a platform that centers the humanity behind every response."

The partnership with the CICS will leverage the expertise of both organizations to deliver a more robust and user-friendly version of *The Right Response* directory. The updated platform will improve navigation, expand its directory of services, and ensure that individuals, families and communities can quickly access the right resources during a mental health emergency.

"About 20 percent of police killings involve someone in mental distress," said Tahir Duckett, Executive Director of CICS. "To meet the needs of residents experiencing issues like homelessness, addiction and behavioral health crises without risking violence, alternative response programs, instead of armed officers, are the best solution. We are proud to be a part of the work being done to connect residents with their community services through 1 Million Madly Motivated Moms' Right Response Directory."

About the Sozosei Foundation

The Sozosei Foundation was established in 2019 as a philanthropic arm of Otsuka. The name Sozosei means “creativity” in Japanese. Our Japanese heritage is manifest in the Foundation’s fundamental values and day-to-day operations. The Foundation’s primary focus is to increase access to mental health care in order to eliminate the inappropriate use of jails and prisons for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness in the United States. To learn more about the Sozosei Foundation visit www.SozoseiFoundation.org.

About Georgetown Law’s Center for Innovations in Community Safety (CICS)

CICS uses systems-level change to end overreliance on policing and to mitigate the devastating impacts of racial and ethnic discrimination and economic inequality in the criminal legal system.

About 1 Million Madly Motivated Moms (1M4)

1M4 is a public safety and mental health organization dedicated to ending police violence in the United States by 2038. Focused on prevention, 1M4 works to reduce harm in Black communities through solutions inspired by the wisdom and leadership of Black maternal figures. The organization invites collaboration and partnerships from all who share its mission of creating a safer, more just world for all.

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