

In an effort to better connect people with help for opioid addiction, the state has made available a single phone number residents can call to be connected with a local substance abuse walk-in assessment center.

The number is 1-800-563-4086. People who call it from within the state will be directed to a nearby walk-in assessment center and will receive a follow-up phone call from trained staff to see if they were able to connect to needed services and, if not, address any barriers they faced, according to the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. People can call 24 hours a day.

People who go to the assessment centers will be evaluated, and staff will determine what course of treatment and services the person qualifies for, what would work best and address insurance-related issues.

A list of walk-in assessment centers and their addresses, phone numbers and hours is available [here](#).

“We know that treatment works. By calling this number and connecting to one of our assessment centers, we can get people the support and hope they need to help beat addiction,” Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon said in a statement.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, in a statement, called the phone number “a commonsense step that we hope will support those who need it.”