

## ALTERNATIVE MOBILE SERVICES ASSOCIATION

The Alternative Mobile Services Association is an emerging group of professionals and peers with the purpose of researching, assessing, and identifying best practice models of mobile response services that support or are alternatives to traditional 911 emergency response, police services, and unnecessary hospitalization. Additionally, the association seeks to promote networking and cooperation among providers, jurisdictions and allied stakeholders interested in alternatives to conventional policing.

*The Alternative Mobile Services Association supports street-level alternatives to police.*

### **What are Alternative Mobile Services?**

Mobile services encompass a variety of responses to the immediate needs and crisis situations in the community. Mobile services can include street outreach vans that provide supplies and support to the homeless, mental health agencies that provide in-person mobile response to clients in suicidal crisis (either immediately or within 24 hours), police programs that pair a clinician with a police officer to respond to mental health related calls, and hospital-based outreach programs which provide services in their community. A mobile service is simply any service that works with high-needs populations and meets them where they're at, in their own space, to get them the help they need in a moment of need or distress.

### **What does the Alternative Mobile Services Association do?**

- Monthly AMSA Talks with expert speakers + Q&A
- Access to archive of news and academic articles
- Annual virtual conference
- National directory of mobile medical crisis services
- Information about private, state and federal funding sources
- Resource panel of conference speakers, subject area and field experts
- Support study, testing and maintenance of a fidelity model
- Program certification – starting in 2023
- State-based lobbying – starting as membership builds
- Access to materials from member agencies
  - Presentations
  - Promotional materials
  - Budgeting documents
  - Planning documents
  - RFPs & contracts
  - Data from active mobile services

AMSA developed from months of talks with CAHOOTS and other organizations operating mobile services around the country and in Canada. The Mental Health Association of Portland

soft-launched the association in 2021. The organization is a 501 C 3 peer-led nonprofit organization with an education and advocacy agenda since 2003.

2022 Agenda is Membership Drive - The Alternative Mobile Services Association will bring together organizations interested in public safety, such as municipal governments, law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, and foundations in the US during the association's year FY 2022/2023 for operating support to provide the measurable services listed above.

**JOIN AMSA HERE** - <https://form.jotform.com/210735297323152>

Members of the Alternative Mobile Service Association provide annual support to drive the mission of the association forward.

Member organizations receive multiple benefits, including access to online talks important for policy designers, funders, operators, clinicians, law enforcement, emergency communications operators, and discounts for annual conferences and job listings.

Membership to the Alternative Mobile Service Association can be purchased online through the website, by purchase order, or with an expense invoice. A full receipt and W-9 form will be provided with each membership. Invoices can be created to meet your accounting needs.

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