Division of Behavioral Health



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- Overview
- DSS Behavioral Health Website https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/

Suicide Prevention

- Youth Suicide Prevention Grant—increase identification, support, services, and awareness to reduce suicide risk among at-risk youth 10 to 24 years of age
 - Grant Initiatives
 - Implement evidence-based trainings in communities, health care settings, and behavioral health providers
 - Use of crisis texting for college-age young adults
 - Promote participation in a follow-up program for those hospitalized for suicidality
 - Awareness campaigns
 - Engage Suicide Prevention Community Coalitions



Community Coalition Partners

• There are currently 10 active community suicide prevention coalitions in South Dakota:

Aliive Roberts County – Sisseton

Mitchell Area Suicide Prevention – Mitchell

EMPOWER – Hot Springs

Youthwise – Spearfish

Front Porch Coalition – Rapid City

Michael Glynn Memorial Coalition – White River

Watertown Healthy Youth – Watertown

Sioux Falls Suicide Prevention Task Force – Sioux Falls

Northern State University – Aberdeen

Wellness Coalition – University of South Dakota, Vermillion



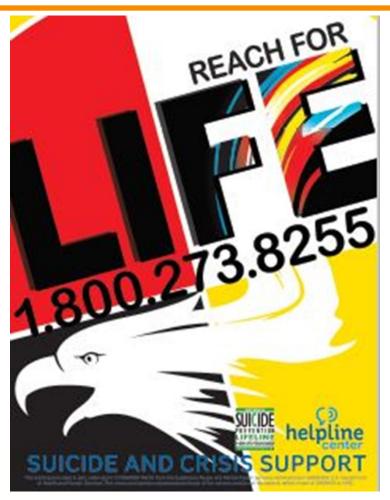
SD Suicide Prevention Resources

The South Dakota Suicide Prevention website provides

- Information about suicide
- How to get help
- Information for survivors of suicide
- Upcoming trainings
- Toolkit resources to help address specific populations including high school students, Native Americans, and primary care providers
- Information for professionals
- Information for starting a coalition
- Statistics
- Website: http://sdsuicideprevention.org/



Awareness campaigns



Zero Suicide

- A workshop was held May 24, 2017 in Sioux Falls
- 54 people participated from 13 organizations including 7 community mental health centers, Avera, Sanford, Regional Health, Our Home, Human Services Center, and Indian Health Services

Upcoming Zero Suicide Plans

• June 2018 – 2 day conference:

Day 1 will be for those who have not attended a Zero Suicide workshop in the past Day 2 will be a refresher training for the providers who attended the Zero Suicide workshop in May 2017

• Community of Learning webinars and conference calls beginning in October 2017 through May 2018.

