

DATA-DRIVEN RESPONSE EFFORTS TO STARK COUNTY'S YOUTH SUICIDE CLUSTER

Advance Integrated Approaches to Suicide Prevention at the Community Level

- Develop a strategic plan for Stark County Suicide Prevention driven by local data trends

Current Strategies

- Update strategic plan for Stark County suicide prevention

Next Steps

- Develop a youth specific suicide prevention plan

Promoting Connectedness

- Community engagement activities

Current Strategies

- Increase in programs related to student development
- Increased opportunities for youth-led prevention
- Mini-grants for students to increase connectedness and youth-led suicide prevention

Next Steps

- Increase youth involvement in the community

- Promotion of connectedness

Next Steps

- Explore CDC's School Connectedness report
- Develop programs to encourage youth connectedness to adults

- Parental engagement strategies

Current Strategies

- Multimedia campaign

Next Steps

- Engage adults to build protective factors and resiliency in youth
- Increase parental engagement
- Engage parents and adults in utilizing technology for monitoring and support

Strengthen Access & Delivery of Suicide Care

- Increase youth access to mental health care

Current Strategies

- Established partnership with Akron Children's Hospital and local emergency rooms
- Piloted CSSRS assessment in local school district
- Increased availability of Mobile Response
- Increased days and schools receiving school-based mental health services
- 14 local healthcare and behavioral healthcare trained in Zero Suicide
- Decreased wait times for access to behavioral healthcare services
- Implementation of Zero Suicide through Stark County

Next Steps

- Continue to improve wait and response times
- Continued expansion of service accessibility in schools and the community
- Continual cross-system collaboration and improvements to address suicide and risk factors, while enhancing prevention, treatment and protective factors
- Planning for workforce development

Create Protective Environments

- Reduce access to lethal means among persons at risk of suicide

Current Strategies

- Child Injury Prevention Grant addressing lethal means counseling in ED's
- Enhance trauma informed care and resiliency trainings within schools
- Development of firearm-safety programs including free firearm locks available through Stark County Sheriff's Office
- Increased presence of school resource officers at schools
- Mental Health First Aid trainings (Youth, Adult, and Public Safety)
- Increase training on the importance of reducing access to lethal means

Next Steps

- Engage businesses, churches and other youth-serving organizations to enhance knowledge of behavioral health and how to access these services

- Community-based strategies to reduce substance use

Current Strategies

- Educate youth on dangers of opioids and other substances through prevention with Stark County Youth Led Prevention
- Explore grants to continue work of DFC Grant

Next Steps

- Enhance alternative activities for youth in the community
- Increase substance use prevention programming, and move prevention upstream to delay or stop initial use

Teaching Coping & Problem-Solving Skills

- Social-emotional learning programs

Current Strategies

- Increased school-based prevention services that impact suicide risk factors, including CAST, Pax Good Behavior Games, Reconnecting Youth, and other programs

Next Steps

- Increase social-emotional learning programs for youth and families

- Increase youth resiliency

Current Strategies

- Creating resiliency trainings and opportunities for adults

Next Steps

- Increase opportunities for youth empowerment

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Identify & Support People At Risk

- Gatekeeper training

Current Strategies

- Increased Gatekeeper training including Question. Persuade. Refer.
- Increased evidenced based training opportunities for clinicians to enhance knowledge and skills, including Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale and Zero Suicide
- Ongoing Crisis Intervention Team training for first responders
- Evidenced based programs available including programs such as Signs of Suicide, Lifelines
- Continue to support the adoption of a universal screening instrument

Next Steps

- Continued Gatekeeper training to community members and families
- Increased knowledge of local resources to assist those identified or at risk

Identify & Support People At Risk (Continued)

- Prevent & reduce negative effects on childhood adversity

Current Strategies

- Ensure that organizations are providing care using trauma-informed strategies
- Continue to offer debriefing and postvention support to schools
- Critical Incident Stress Management for those impacted by loss and traumatic events in the community

Next Steps

- Explore parenting programs to limit impact of negative ACE's

Lessen Harm & Prevent Future Risk (Continued)

- Responding to a death

Current Strategies

- Streamlined processes for responding to traumatic incidents and suicide deaths
- Work with schools to develop consistent responses regardless of manner of death

Next Steps

- Enhance internal school system Crisis Response Teams

- Safe reporting about suicide

Current Strategies

- Increased training for local media on safe reporting

Next Steps

- Work to have regular communication/training on safe reporting

- Safe messaging about suicide

Next Steps

- Work with community to provide education on safe messaging

- Treatment to prevent reattempts

Current Strategies

- Established ongoing support through Mobile Response follow up after hospitalization

Next Steps

- Provide training on treatment models specific to suicide prevention

Administer Ongoing Youth Health & Behavior Surveys

- Northeast Ohio Youth Health Survey

Current Strategies

- Complete 2019 NOYHS survey

Next Steps

- Complete NOYHS for 2020-2022
- Analyze data trends from NOYHS surveys

Target Both Male & Female Students

- Tailored interventions

Next Steps

- Explore and implement targeted interventions for specific sexes and populations

Strengthen Economic Supports

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Next Steps

- Work with local business and employed to enhance economic support

Lessen Harm & Prevent Future Risk

- Postvention

Current Strategies

- 21 School districts trained in postvention through Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide
- Survivors of Suicide Support group

Next Steps

- Enhanced resource and information sharing
- Increase knowledge regarding postvention and safe messaging to community members
- Develop Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS team) and increase loss survivor support
- Implement youth SOS support group



Multiple systems within our county have deployed significant resources to create meaningful change.

Zero suicide is our goal.