ADDRESSING YOUTH SUICIDE: SUPPORT FOR EDUCATORS

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Three facets:

- Ideation
- Attempt
- Completion

Organizations/Resources:

JED Foundation

- jedfoundation.org
- jedfoundation.org/what-we-do/schools

Suicide Prevention Lifeline

- Suicide prevention lifeline 800-273-8255
- <u>Suicidepreventionlifeline.org</u>

American Association of Suicidology: <u>suicidology.org</u>

American Foundation for the Prevention of Suicide

- <u>afsp.org</u>
- Programs for schools <u>afsp.org/our-work/education</u>

Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide training: sptsusa.org/educators

Training in prevention for school personnel

• <u>suicidology.org/training-accreditation/school-suicide-prevention-accreditation</u>

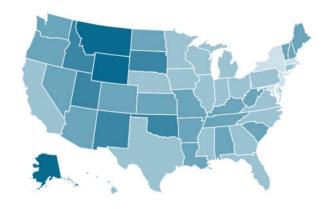
Toolkits for Schools

- Prevention Toolkit: <u>bit.ly/prevention-toolkit-schools</u>
- After Suicide Toolkit: <u>bit.ly/suicide-kit-for-schools</u>
- Sample school intervention plan: <u>bit.ly/prevention-plan</u>

Hope Squad: <u>hopesquad.com</u>

13 Reasons Why Not pdf poster requests: jbrenner@achcmi.org

Article about affluence and high school suicide: <u>bit.ly/lonepeak-suicide</u>



Risk Factors

- A previous suicide attempt
- Family history of suicidal behaviour
- A serious physical or mental illness
- Problems with drugs or alcohol
- A major loss, such as the death of a loved one, unemployment, or divorce
- Major life changes or transitions, like those experienced by teenagers and seniors
- Social isolation or lack of a support network
- Family violence
- Access to the means of suicide

Factors that Lower Risk

- Strong social network (family/friends)
- Faith/cultural community
- Strong coping skills
- Good relationship with doctor (physical or mental health)

Warning Signs

- I deation
- S ubstance abuse
- P urposelessness
- A nxiety
- T rapped
- H opelessness
- W ithdrawal
- A nger
- R estlessness
- M ood changes
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Video Series of Interviews with Patricia Bear, LPC

- <u>http://bit.ly/suicide-video-1</u>
- <u>http://bit.ly/suicide-video-2</u>
- <u>http://bit.ly/suicide-video-3</u>

PDF of slidedeck slides bit.ly/suicide-educators-slides