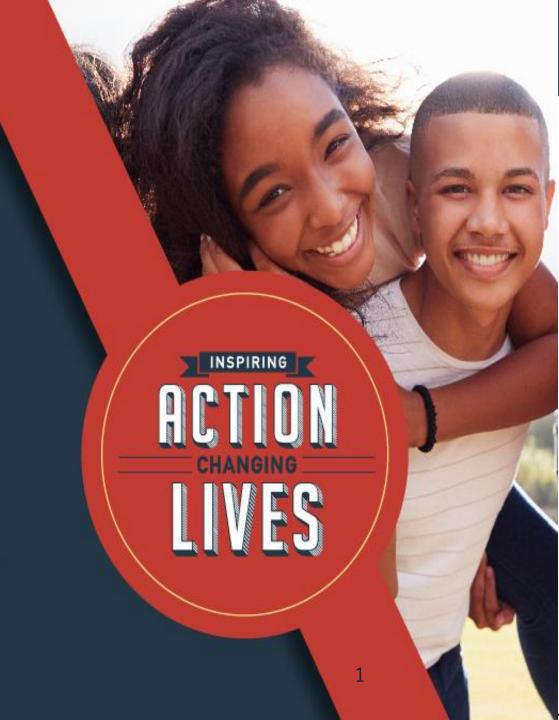


# THE INTERSECTION OF OPIOIDS AND SUICIDE

A Prevention Approach

OCTOBER 25, 2018 | 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. EDT



## Chat with Us!

In the chat pod, share with us:

If you could define prevention with one word, what would it be?



# The Intersection of Opioids and Suicide: A Prevention Approach

National Prevention Week Webinar October 25, 2018

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## Recording in Progress!

## This meeting will be recorded for archiving purposes.



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March 2019	Opioid Use Prevention and Older Adults
April 2019	Tips for Teens: Engaging Teens in Substance Use Prevention
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## Today's Presenters

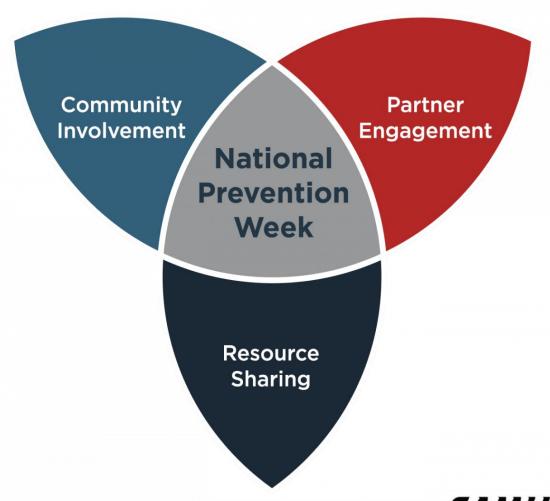
- Richard T. McKeon, Ph.D., MPH, Chief, Suicide Prevention Branch, SAMHSA
- Kristen Quinlan, Ph.D., Epidemiologist, SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)
- Kerri Smith Nickerson, LCSW, MPH, Director, Grantee and State Initiatives, SPRC
- Kelley Cunningham, Director, Suicide Prevention Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

## **NPW 2019**



## **NPW Goals**

- To involve communities in raising awareness of behavioral health issues and in implementing prevention strategies, and showcasing effectiveness of evidencebased prevention programs.
- To foster partnerships and collaboration with federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to behavioral and public health.
- To promote and disseminate quality behavioral health resources and publications.



## Available NOW! NPW 2018 Outcomes Report



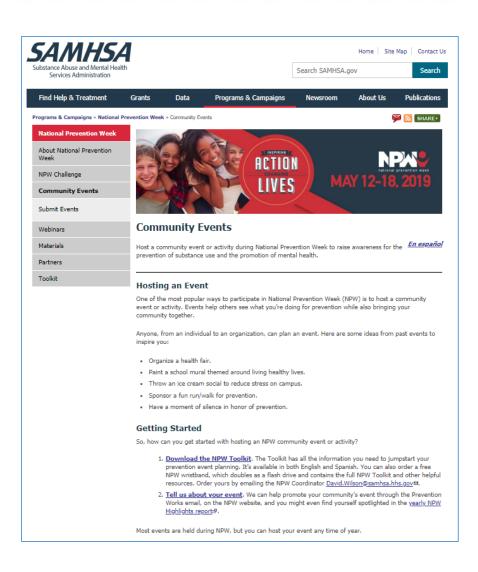
Visit <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week">www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week</a> to view and share

## NPW 2019 Daily Health Themes



Monday, May 13	Prevention of Prescription & Opioid Drug Misuse
Tuesday, May 14	Prevention of Underage Drinking & Alcohol Misuse
Wednesday, May 15	Prevention of Illicit Drug Use & Youth Marijuana Use
Thursday, May 16	Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use
Friday, May 17	Prevention of Suicide

## Have NPW Plans? Tell Us



### Get more exposure for your NPW activity!

- Submit event details through the NPW website and we'll help promote it.
- Visit the NPW website's "Event Submission Form" page: samhsa.gov/prevention-week/communityevents/submit-events
- Bookmark the page!

## Stay Connected: Sign Up for Prevention Works!



#### Don't miss this webinar: The Intersection of Opioids and Suicide

The first webinar in SAMHSA's National Prevention Week 2019 webinar series. "The Intersection of Opioids and Suicide," will feature a discussion about the relationship and intersection of two growing public health challenges, opioid misuse and suicide, as well as about what prevention strategies and approaches can be used to address them at the national and state levels. The webinar will take place on Thursday, October 25, from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EDT. Register now!



#### Calling all college students! The Red Ribbon Week Campus Video PSA Contest is back

As part of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Red Ribbon Week campaign, the DEA and SAMHSA are co-sponsoring a Campus Video PSA Contest for colleges and universities to promote the importance of preventing alcohol abuse and the non-medical use of prescription



#### Need tips on how to foster a tobacco-free workplace?

If you are an employer or prevention professional looking for tips on how to successfully implement tobacco cessation programs, look no further than SAMHSA's quick guide, \*Implementing Tobacco Cessation Programs in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Settings The free guide contains an overview of the challenges associated with tobacco cessation and the benefits of being tobacco-free for individuals as well as for the workplace



#### Community Spotlight: Vista Community Clinic

Vista Community Clinic in North San Diego, CA, is a regional health provider whose innovative model of community health provides low-cost, high-quality health care. The clinic commemorated NPW 2018 by staffing information tables and holding outreach events with local youth in alternative school settings. These events included an inspiring interview with a youth who went from smoking meth and participating in gang activity to a healthier lifestyle. From that interview, the clinic crafted two videos that are part of their Community PROMISE intervention and are distributed to youth through Instagram and as printed copies.

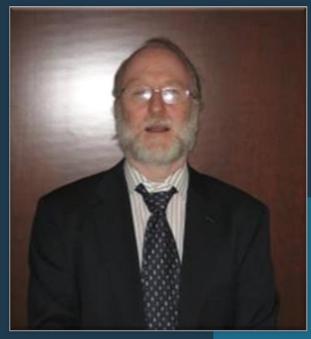


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- Sign up for Prevention Works emails
- Receive emails throughout the year featuring the latest prevention resources, NPW news, and prevention strategies and ideas to strengthen your work in the field

## **Prevention Every Day**





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Suicide Prevention Branch Chief
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#### **National Prevention Week Webinar**

 Suicide, Substance Use, and Opioids: Opportunities for Prevention

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# CDC Vital Signs:Suicide rising across the U.S. More than a mental health concern





Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

June 8, 2018

Vital Signs: Trends in State Suicide Rates — United States, 1999–2016 and Circumstances Contributing to Suicide — 27 States, 2015

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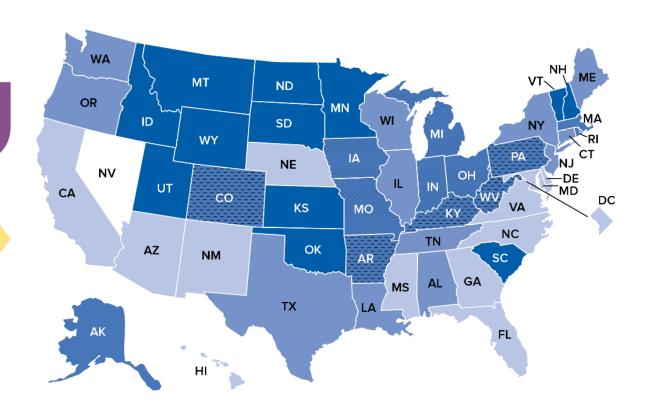
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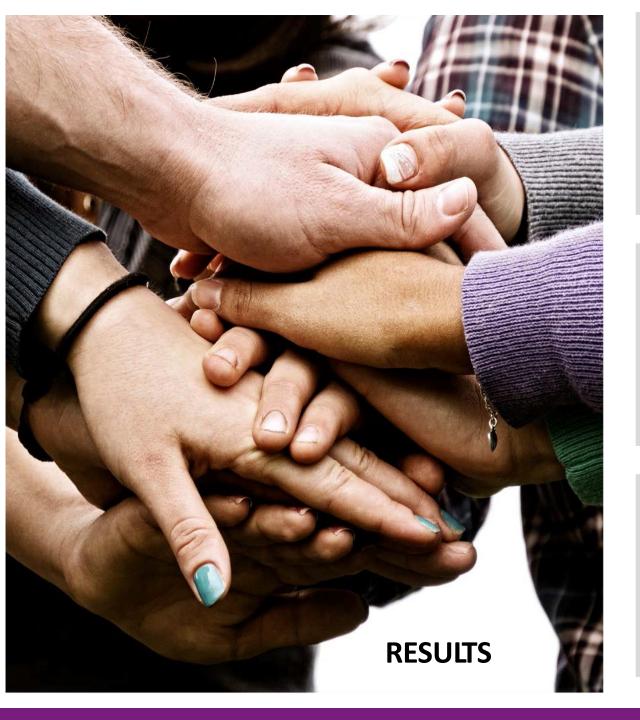
# PROBLEM SUICIDE RATES INCREASED IN ALMOST EVERY STATE.

Suicide rates rose across the US from 1999 to 2016.

Increase 38 - 58%
Increase 31 - 37%
Increase 19 - 30%
Increase 6 - 18%
Decrease 1%

SOURCE: CDC's National Vital Statistics System; CDC Vital Signs, June 2018.





45K Nearly 45,000 lives lost to suicide in 2016.

30%

Suicide rates went up more than 30 percent in half of states since 1999.

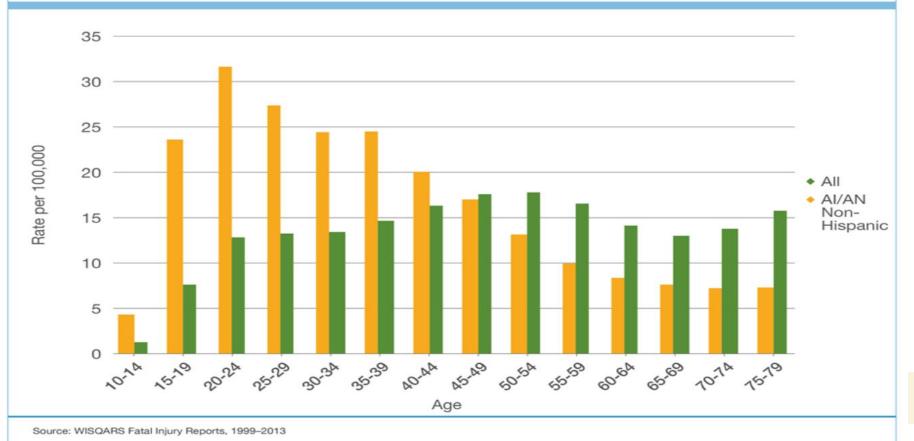
More than half of people who died by suicide did not have a known mental health condition.

# Percentage increases in state suicide rates Top 10

State	Sex	Age-Adji	usted Annual R	late per 100,00	0 Persons (Cha	Modeled	Current State	Overall Rate Change	Overall Percent		
State	Sex	1999 – 2001	2002 – 2004	2005 – 2007	2008 – 2010	2011 – 2013	2014 - 2016	AAPC †	Rank §	(State Rank) 1	Change (State Rank) **
- 6	Both	13.3 (n/a)	14.6 (+ 1.3)	16.0 (+ 1.4)	16.6 (+ 0.6)	18.4 (+ 1.9)	20.9 (+ 2.5)	+ 2.9 % (p<.01)	14	+7.6 (5)	+57.6%(1)
ND	Male	21.4 (n/a)	24.6 (+ 3.2)	28.0 (+ 3.4)	27.1 (- 0.9)	29.6 (+ 2.5)	32.7 (+ 3.0)	+ 2.5 % (p<.01)			
(2000)	Female	5.6 (n/a)	4.5 (- 1.0)	3.7 (-0.8)	5.7 (+ 2.0)	6.7 (+ 1.0)	8.5 (+ 1.8)	+ 3.9 % n/s			
	Both	13.2 (n/a)	16.2 (+ 3.0)	14.9 (- 1.3)	16.6 (+ 1.7)	18.7 (+ 2.1)	19.7 (+ 1.0)	+ 2.4 % (p<.01)	18	+ 6.4 ( 9)	+48.6% (2)
VT	Male	23.6 (n/a)	28.3 (+ 4.6)	24.3 (- 4.0)	27.3 (+ 3.0)	31.0 (+ 3.7)	32.5 (+ 1.5)	+ 1.9 % (p<.05)	İ		
55000	Female	4.3 (n/a)	5.2 (+ 0.9)	6.4 (+ 1.3)	6.6 (+ 0.2)	7.3 (+ 0.7)	7.6 (+ 0.3)	+ 3.8 % (p<.01)	ĺ		
-	Both	13.5 (n/a)	12.5 (- 1.0)	13.3 (+ 0.8)	15.2 (+ 1.9)	15.8 (+ 0.6)	20.0 (+ 4.2)	+ 2.7 % (p<.05)	17	+ 6.5 ( 8)	+48.3%(3)
NH	Male	22.5 (n/a)	21.1 (- 1.4)	21.7 (+ 0.6)	24.8 (+ 3.1)	25.4 (+ 0.6)	30.6 (+ 5.2)	+ 2.2 % (p<.05)			
	Female	5.3 (n/a)	4.8 (- 0.5)	5.9 (+ 1.0)	6.2 (+ 0.4)	6.6 (+ 0.4)	9.8 (+ 3.2)	+ 3.9 % (p<.05)			
- 8	Both	17.2 (n/a)	19.0 (+ 1.8)	18.2 (- 0.7)	20.2 (+ 2.0)	24.0 (+ 3.8)	25.2 (+ 1.2)	+ 2.7 % (p<.01)	5	+8.0 (3 17)	+46.5 % ( 4 17)
UT	Male	28.2 (n/a)	31.1 (+ 2.9)	29.4 (- 1.7)	32.1 (+ 2.7)	37.8 (+ 5.7)	38.0 (+ 0.2)	+ 2.1 % (p<.05)			
een e	Female	6.8 (n/a)	7.4 (+ 0.8)	7.5 (+ 0.1)	8.5 (+ 1.0)	10.6 (+ 2.1)	12.6 (+ 2.0)	+ 4.4 % (p<.01)		i i	
	Both	13.3 (n/a)	15.1 (+ 1.8)	15.8 (+ 0.7)	15.3 (- 0.5)	17.7 (+ 2.4)	19.4 (+ 1.6)	+ 2.2 % (p<.01)	19	+ 6.0 (11)	+45.0% (5)
KS	Male	22.7 (n/a)	25.0 (+ 2.3)	26.5 (+ 1.5)	25.6 (- 0.9)	29.1 (+ 3.5)	30.7 (+ 1.6)	+ 1.9 % (p<.01)			
ſ	Female	4.6 (n/a)	6.0 (+ 1.4)	5.7 (-0.3)	5.4 (- 0.3)	6.8 (+ 1.4)	8.4 (+ 1.6)	+ 3.2 % (p<.05)	1	1	
	Both	15.7 (n/a)	15.8 (+ 0.1)	17.1 (+ 1.3)	19.3 (+ 2.2)	19.7 (+ 0.4)	22.6 (+ 2.9)	+ 2.5 % (p<.01)	10	+ 7.0 ( 7)	+44.5% (6)
SD	Male	27.6 (n/a)	26.3 (- 1.3)	27.9 (+ 1.6)	30.1 (+ 2.2)	32.0 (+ 1.9)	33.6 (+ 1.6)	+ 1.6 % (p<.01)			
	Female	4.2 (n/a)	5.8 (+ 1.6)	6.4 (+ 0.6)	8.3 (+ 2.0)	7.3 (- 1.0)	11.3 (+ 4.0)	+ 5.8 % (p<.01)			

## **Statistics**



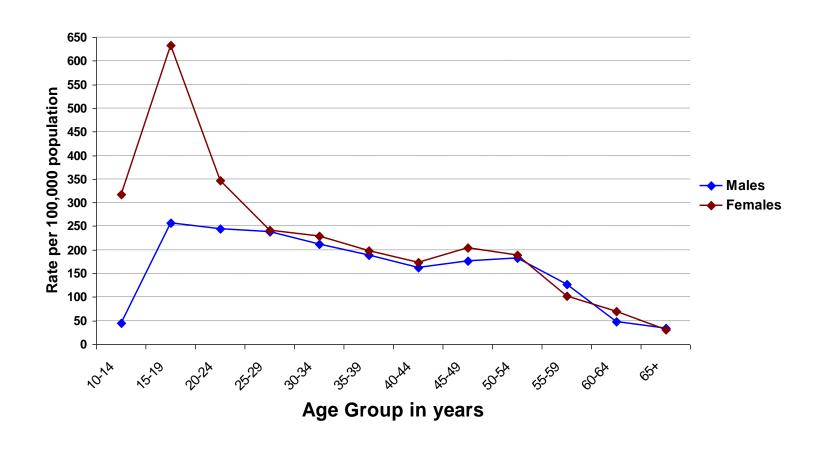


## Leading causes of death for selected age groups-United States, 2016

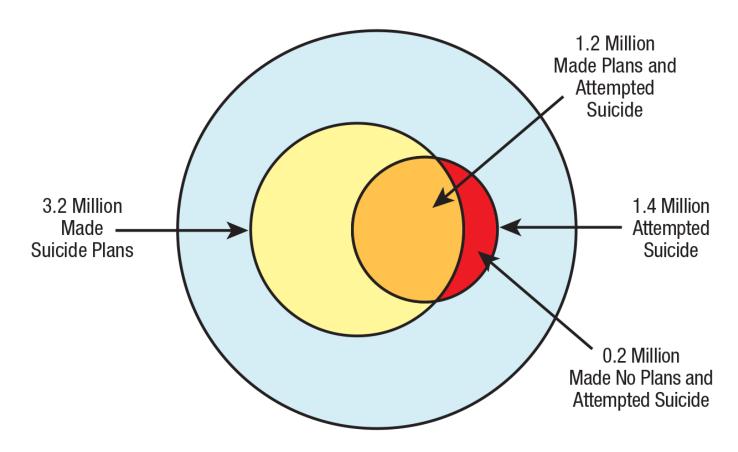
Rank	10-14 years	15-19 years	20-29 years	30-39 years	40-49 years	50-59 years
1	Unintentional Injuries	Unintentional Injuries	Unintentional Injuries	Unintentional Injuries	Unintentional Injuries	Malignant Neoplasms
2	Suicide	Suicide	Suicide	Suicide	Malignant Neoplasms	Heart Disease
3	Malignant Neoplasms	Homicide	Homicide	Malignant Neoplasms	Heart Disease	Unintentional Injuries
4	Homicide	Malignant Neoplasms	Malignant Neoplasms	Heart Disease	Suicide	Liver Disease
5	Congenital Malformations	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Homicide	Liver Disease	Chronic Lower Respiratory Ds
6	Heart Disease	Congenital Malformations	Diabetes Mellitus	Liver Disease	Diabetes Mellitus	Diabetes Mellitus
7	Chronic Lower Respiratory Ds	Chronic Lower Respiratory Ds	Congenital Malformations	Diabetes Mellitus	Cerebro- Vascular	Suicide
8	Cerebro- Vascular	Cerebro- Vascular	Complicated pregnancy	Cerebro- Vascular	Homicide	Cerebro- Vascular

Source: CDC vital statistics

## Self-inflicted injury among all persons by age and sex— United States, 2015



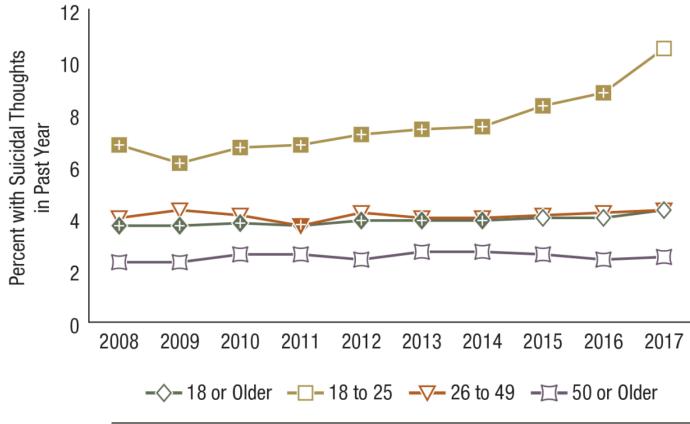
## Suicidal Thoughts, Plans, and Attempts in the Past Year among Adults Aged 18 or Older: Numbers in Millions, 2017



10.6 Million Adults Had Serious Thoughts of Committing Suicide



## Suicidal Thoughts in the Past Year among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by Age Group: Percentages, 2008-2017

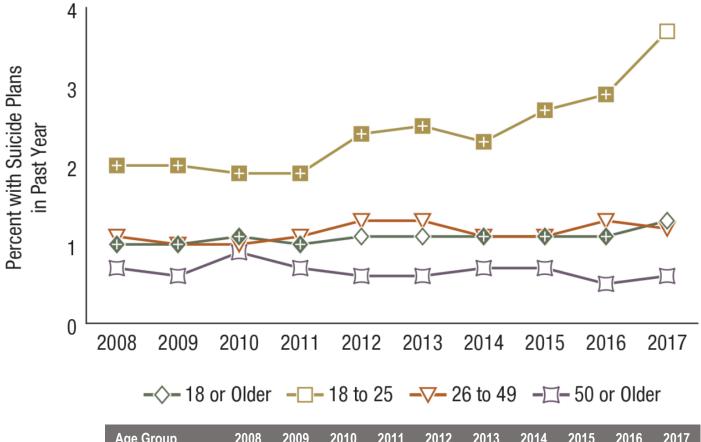


Age Group	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
18 or Older	3.7+	3.7+	3.8+	3.7+	3.9+	3.9+	3.9+	4.0	4.0	4.3
18 to 25	6.8+	6.1+	6.7+	6.8+	7.2+	7.4+	7.5+	8.3+	8.8+	10.5
26 to 49	4.0	4.3	4.1	3.7+	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
50 or Older	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.5

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## Suicide Plans in the Past Year among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by Age Group: Percentages, 2008-2017

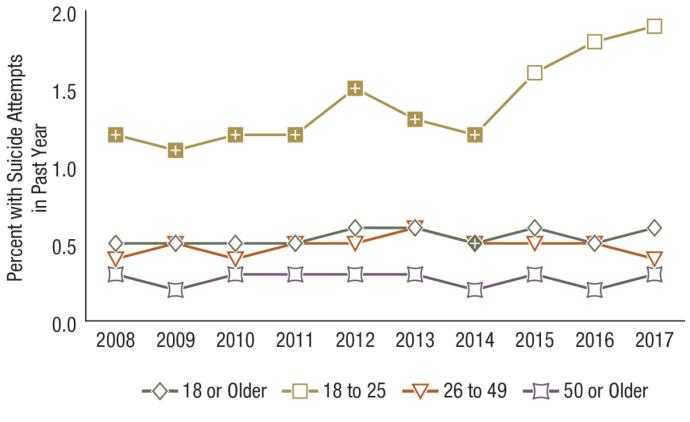


Age Group	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
18 or Older	1.0+	1.0+	1.1+	1.0+	1.1	1.1	1.1+	1.1+	1.1+	1.3
18 to 25	2.0+	2.0+	1.9+	1.9+	2.4+	2.5+	2.3+	2.7+	2.9+	3.7
26 to 49	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2
50 or Older	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6

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## Suicide Attempts in the Past Year among Adults Aged 18 or Older, by Age Group: Percentages, 2008-2017



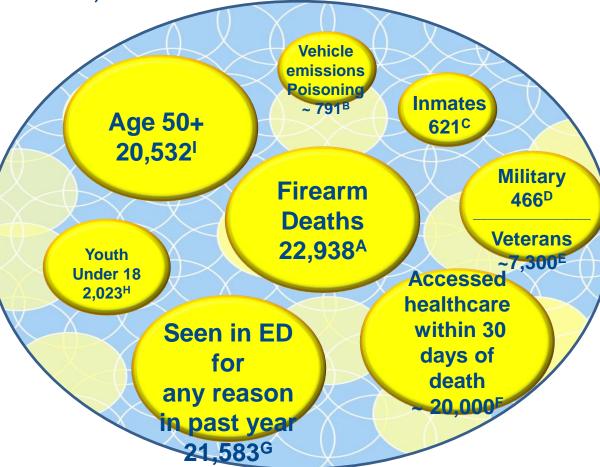
Age Group	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
18 or Older	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5+	0.6	0.5	0.6
18 to 25	1.2+	1.1+	1.2+	1.2+	1.5⁺	1.3+	1.2+	1.6	1.8	1.9
26 to 49	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
50 or Older	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3

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## Identifying Areas of High Need and/or Opportunity

44,965 annual suicide decedents



**Data Sources:** 

A. CDC WISQARS 2016

B. CDC WONDER 2014

C. Bureau of Justice Statistics 2014

D. DoDSER CY 2016 Q1-4 Reports

E. Department of Veterans Affairs 2016

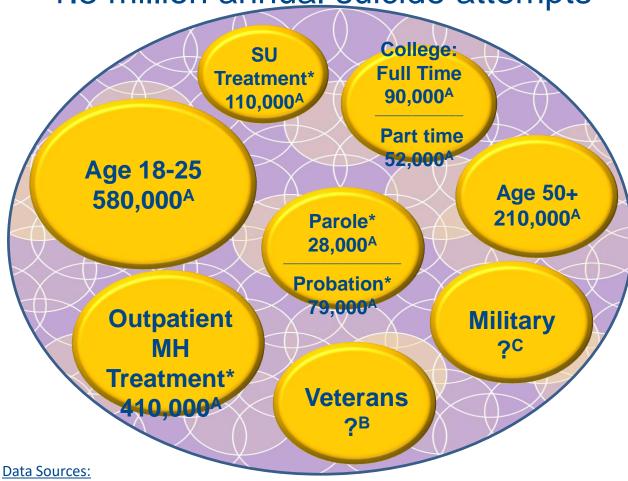
F. Luoma et al, 2002; Ahmedani et al 2014

G. Ahmedani. 2018. Personal communication

H. CDC WISQARS 2016

I. CDC WISQARS 2016

1.3 million annual suicide attempts



A. National Survey on Drug Use and Health

B. In progress

C. In progress

\* Last 12 months





### **Substance Use and Suicide**

- Data from 17 states NVDRS
- 22% of suicides involve alcohol intoxication, (30-40% of suicide attempts)
- Opiates, including heroin and prescription painkillers present in 20% of U.S. suicide deaths.
- Marijuana-10%,cocaine-4%,amphetamines-3%

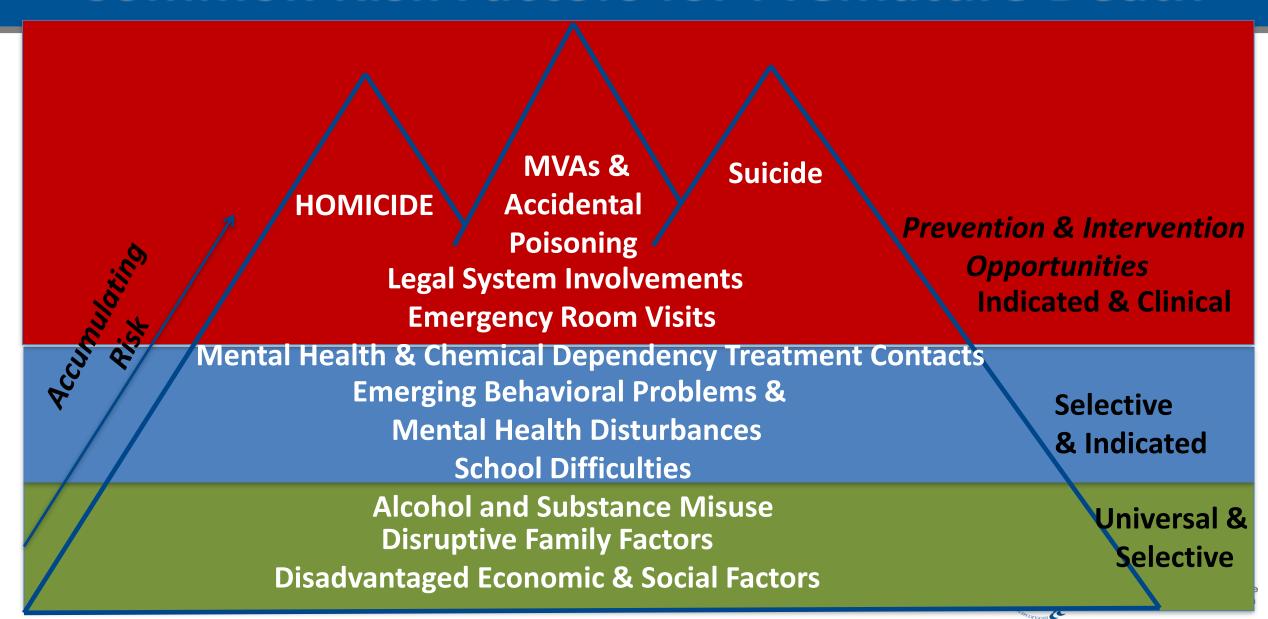


## SUICIDE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Substance abuse is second only to mood disorders in its association with suicide
- Comorbidity increases the risk even further
- Suicide mortality can be impacted by changes in alcohol control policy
- Drinking age increase associated with decreased mortality-estimate 600 lives saved annually



## **Common Risk Factors for Premature Death**



The Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Suicide Prevention National Outcomes Evaluation is supported through contract no. HHSS283201200007I/HHSS28342002T (reference no. 283-12-0702) awarded to ICF International by the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).



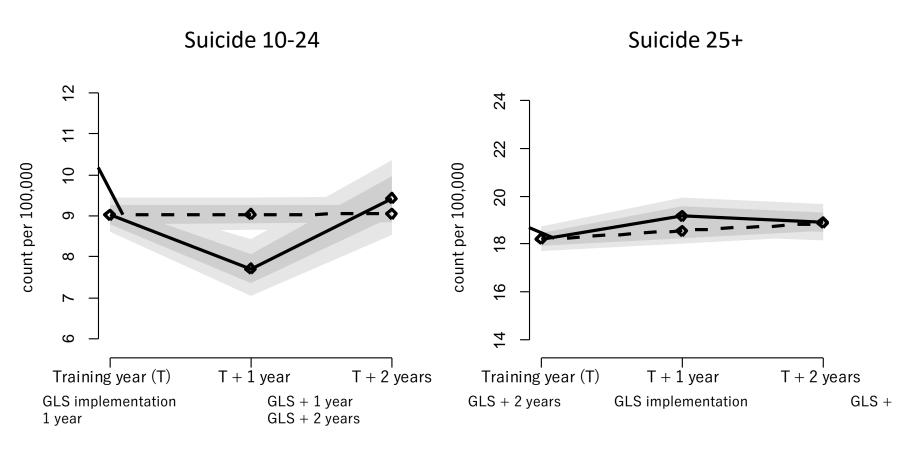


## THE IMPACT OF GLS SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM ON YOUTH SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR

Lucas Godoy Garraza (ICF International); Christine Walrath (ICF International); David Goldston (Duke CSSPI); Hailey Reid (ICF International), Richard McKeon (SAMHSA)



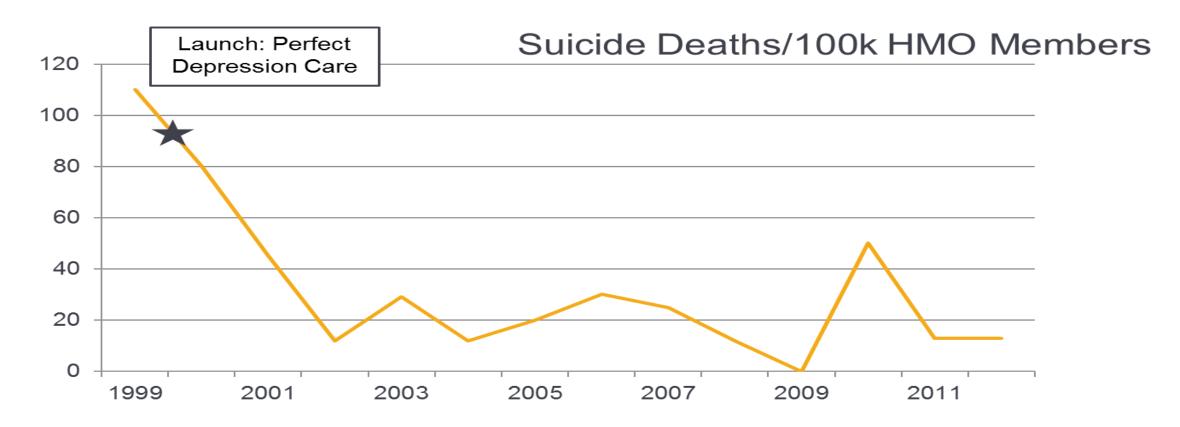
## Results: Difference in Suicide Mortality



Solid lines represent the estimated outcome trajectory following GLS training implementation. Dashed lines represent the estimated outcome trajectory during the same period had GLS not been implemented. 90% and 50% confidence intervals around the trajectory are represented by dark gray and light gray, respectively.

Services Administration

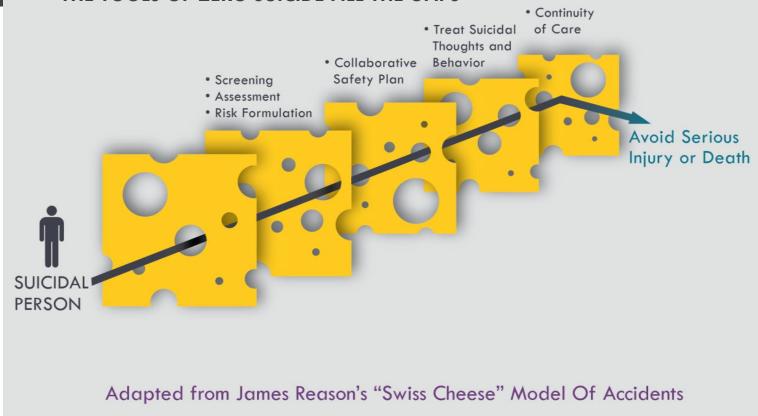
# A System-Wide Approach Saved Lives: Henry Ford Health System





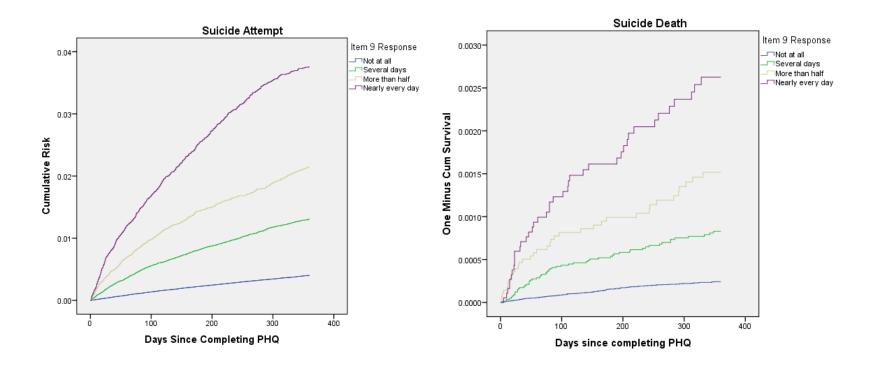
#### A FOCUS ON PATIENT SAFETY AND ERROR REDUCTION

#### THE TOOLS OF ZERO SUICIDE FILL THE GAPS



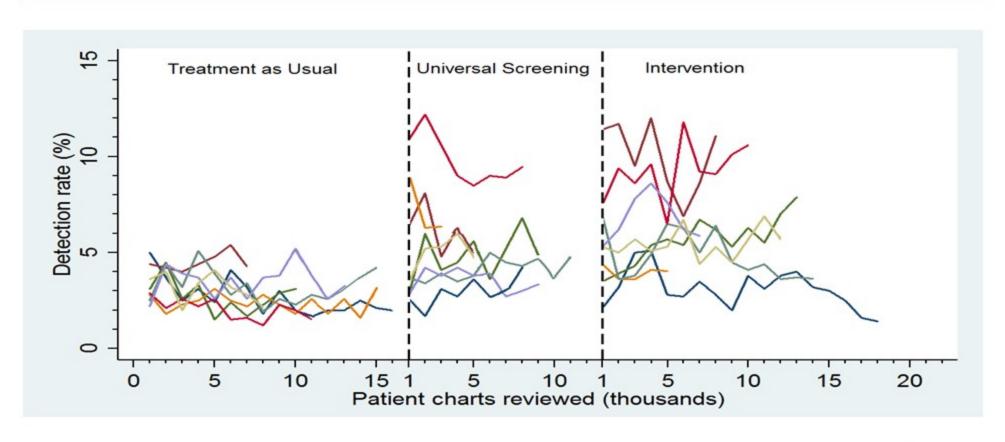






## Suicide Screening in Emergency Department Settings

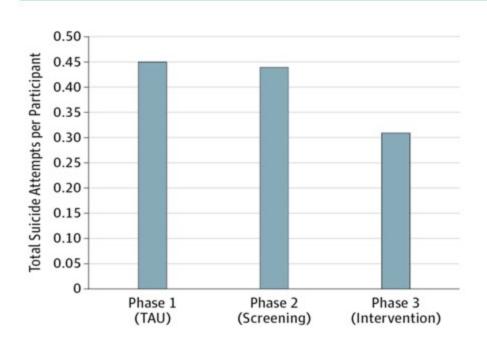
Universal screening doubles the rate of suicide risk detection

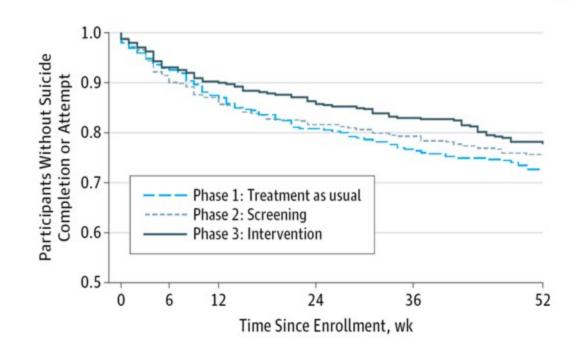




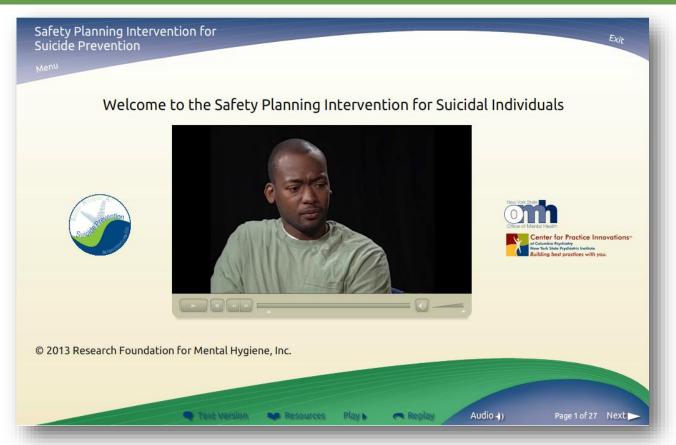
### Suicide Prevention in Emergency Department Settings

By combining universal screening, safety planning, and post-discharge telephone check-ins, suicide attempts decrease by 30% over 12 months



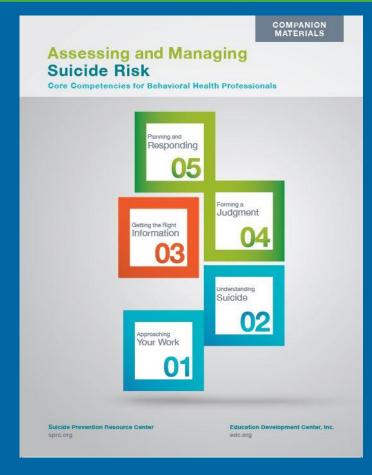






Access at: www.zerosuicide.com

### Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk



http://www.sprc.org/training-events/amsr



#### **TIP 50**

TIP 50: Addressing Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors in Substance Abuse Treatment

- High prevalence of suicidal thoughts and attempts among persons with SA problems who are in treatment.
- TIP 50 helps
  - SA counselors work with adult clients who may be suicidal
  - Clinical supervisors and administrators
- Free at: <a href="http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA09-4381">http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA09-4381</a>
- Training video: SAMHSA YouTube channel
- SPRC Webinar: <a href="https://www.sprc.org/events-trainings/tip-50-addressing-suicidal-thoughts-behaviors-substance-abuse-treatment">https://www.sprc.org/events-trainings/tip-50-addressing-suicidal-thoughts-behaviors-substance-abuse-treatment</a>



# Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation Triage

#### RESOURCES

- Download this card and additional resources at www.sprc.org
   or at www.stopasuicide.org
- Resource for implementing The Joint Commission 2007 Patient
   Safety Goals on Suicide www.sprc.org/library/jcsafetygoals.pdf
- SAFE-T drew upon the American Psychiatric Association Practice Guidelines for the Assessment and Treatment of Patients with Suicidal Behaviors www.psych.org/psych\_ pract/treatg/pg/SuicidalBehavior\_05-15-06.pdf

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SAFE-T

Suicide Assessment Five-step Evaluation and Triage

IDENTIFY RISK FACTORS

Note those that can be modified to reduce risk

2
IDENTIFY PROTECTIVE FACTORS
Note those that can be enhanced

3
CONDUCT SUICIDE INQUIRY
Suicidal thoughts, plans
behavior and intent

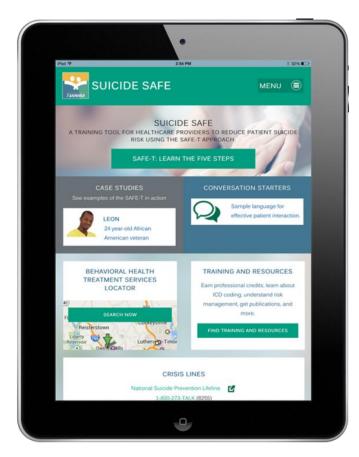
4
DETERMINE RISK LEVEL/INTERVENTION
Determine risk. Choose appropriate
intervention to address and reduce risk

5
DOCUMENT
Assessment of risk, rationale, intervention and follow-up

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### Suicide Prevention App for Health Care Providers



Free for Apple® and Android™ mobile devices

#### **Suicide Safe Helps Providers**:

- Integrate suicide prevention strategies into practice and address suicide risk
- Learn how to use the SAFE-T approach
- Explore interactive sample case studies
- Quickly access and share information and resources
- Browse conversation starters
- Locate treatment options

Learn more at bit.ly/suicide\_safe.



### Improving Post Discharge Safety

- The Emergency Department Safety Assessment and Follow-up Evaluation (ED-SAFE) demonstrated reduction in suicidal behavior for suicidal people discharged from EDs doing telephonic follow up.
- White Mountain Apache/Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health
  - Almost 40% reduction in suicides from 2006-2012
  - Centerpiece is tribally mandated reporting and follow up



### Improving Post Discharge Safety

Safe-Vet-Safety planning in the Emergency Room for suicidal veterans combined with telephonic follow up led to:

- 50% reduction in suicidal behavior compared to tau
- Twice as many veterans connecting to outpatient behavioral health care
- SAMHSA evaluation studies show that 90% of suicidal callers report that follow up phone calls helped them stay safe and not kill themselves



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# SUCIDE PREVENTION

LIFELINE

I-800-273-TALK

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# What is the Crisis Now model?

Call Center Hub



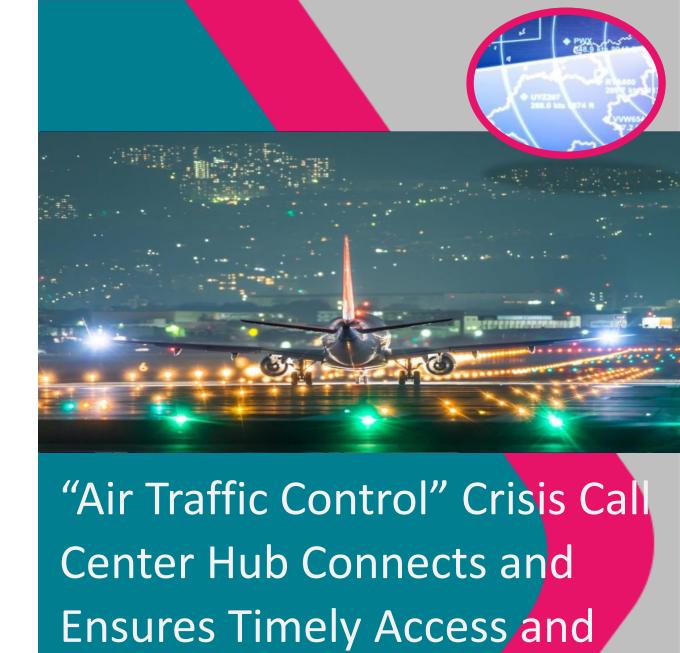
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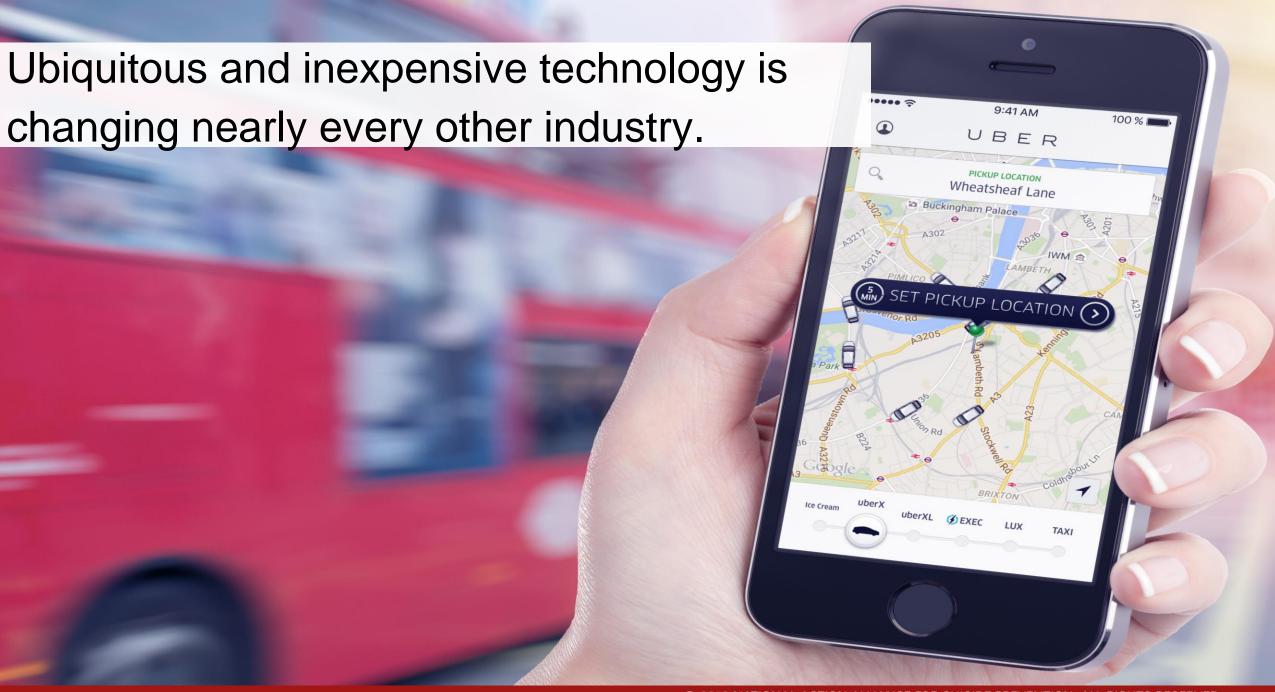


**Crisis Facilities** 



Data







It's time for a national *mental health*Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

#### **Suicide and Opioids: Critical Issues**

- Many opioid overdose deaths labeled as accidental may be suicides. Estimates differ.
- For some deaths may not be possible to determine intent.
- Non-fatal overdoses, whether intentional or not, may require similar responses (i.e. medical care
  for the overdose, assessment for suicide risk and substance abuse, and rapid follow up).
- How should suicide screening be best integrated into substance abuse screening?
- How can suicide care be best integrated into substance abuse treatment?
- How can we assist communities heavily impacted by both suicide and opioids?
- What is the impact of chronic and acute pain, opioids, and suicide?
- How can we alter the developmental trajectories that lead to both types of tragic outcomes?
- Are there common factors driving up these deaths of despair?



# SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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# **Understanding the Connection: Suicide and Opioid Misuse**

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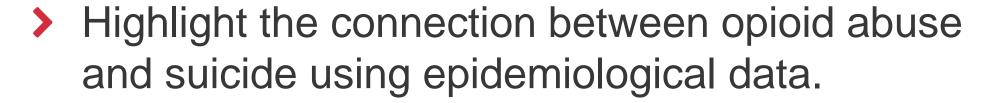


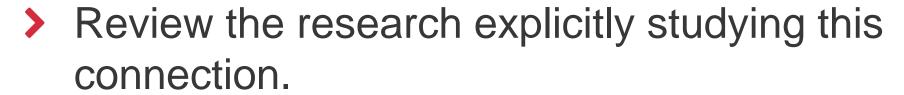


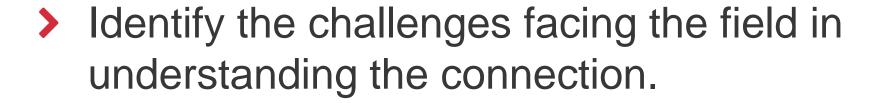
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#### **Objectives**





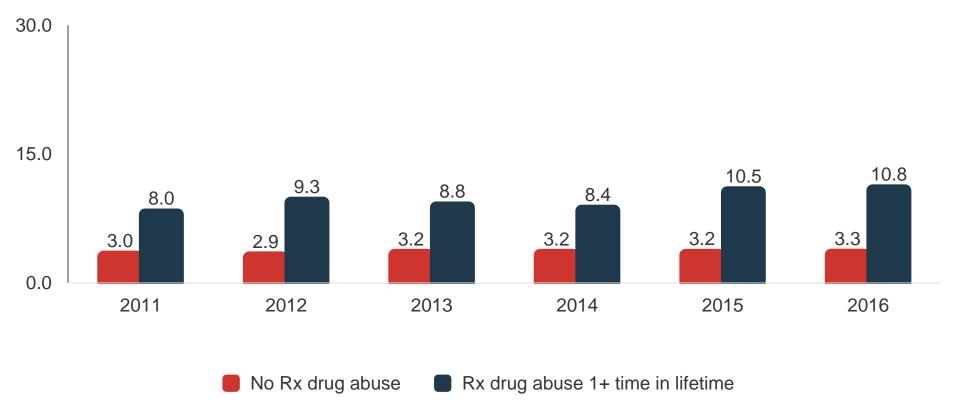


Review research on shared risk and protective factors as a space for intervention.



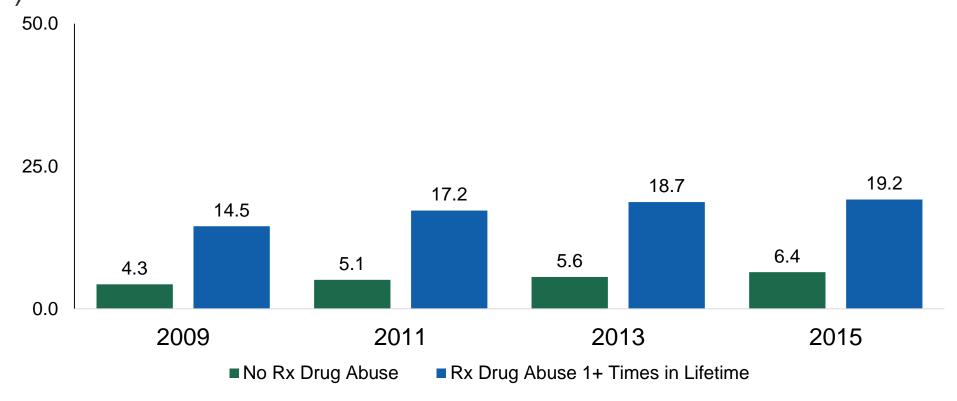
#### Prescription Drug Abuse and Suicidal Behaviors: Adults

% Adults (18+) Who Report Having Serious Thoughts of Suicide in the Past Year by Lifetime Nonmedical Prescription Drug (including Opioid) Use (2011-2016)<sup>1</sup>



#### Prescription Drug Abuse and Suicidal Behaviors: Youth

% Students (in Grades 9-12) Who Report Having Serious Thoughts of Suicide in the Past Year by Lifetime Prescription Drug (including Opioid) Abuse (2009-2015)<sup>2</sup>

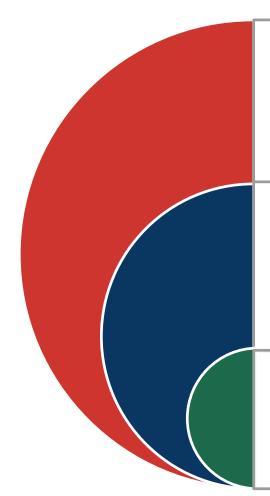


#### From the Research...

- Adults who receive high doses of opioids are at increased risk for suicide<sup>3</sup>
- Adults who abuse opioids weekly or more are more likely to engage in suicide planning and attempts<sup>4</sup>
- Adults who have an opioid use disorder are 13 times more likely to die by suicide than the general population<sup>5</sup>



#### **Opioids and Suicide: Three Possible Links**



Higher doses of opioids offer increased access to lethal means.

Opioids have disinhibiting effects, increasing the likelihood of acting on suicidal impulses.

People who take higher opioid doses share other characteristics that explain the link with suicide.

#### Limitations to Overdose and Suicide Death Data

When classifying a death as a suicide, a coroner or ME has to determine two things:

- 1. Did the person know that the dose was likely to be lethal?
- 2. What was the person's intent?

This intent question is one of the most challenging aspects of our opioid/suicide death data.

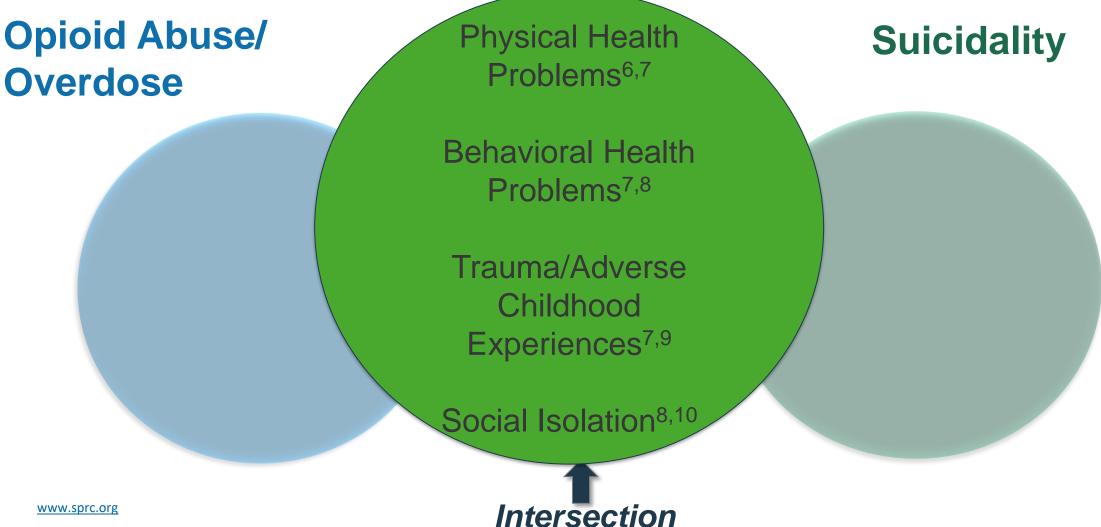


#### **Implications for Practice**

We are likely underestimating the number of opioid-related deaths that are actually suicides. And this matters because:

- This underestimation is not random—some groups are affected more than others.
- We use data for planning where we direct prevention efforts.
- We use data for evaluating the outcomes of our prevention efforts.

#### Shared risk and protective factors for opioid abuse/overdose and suicide





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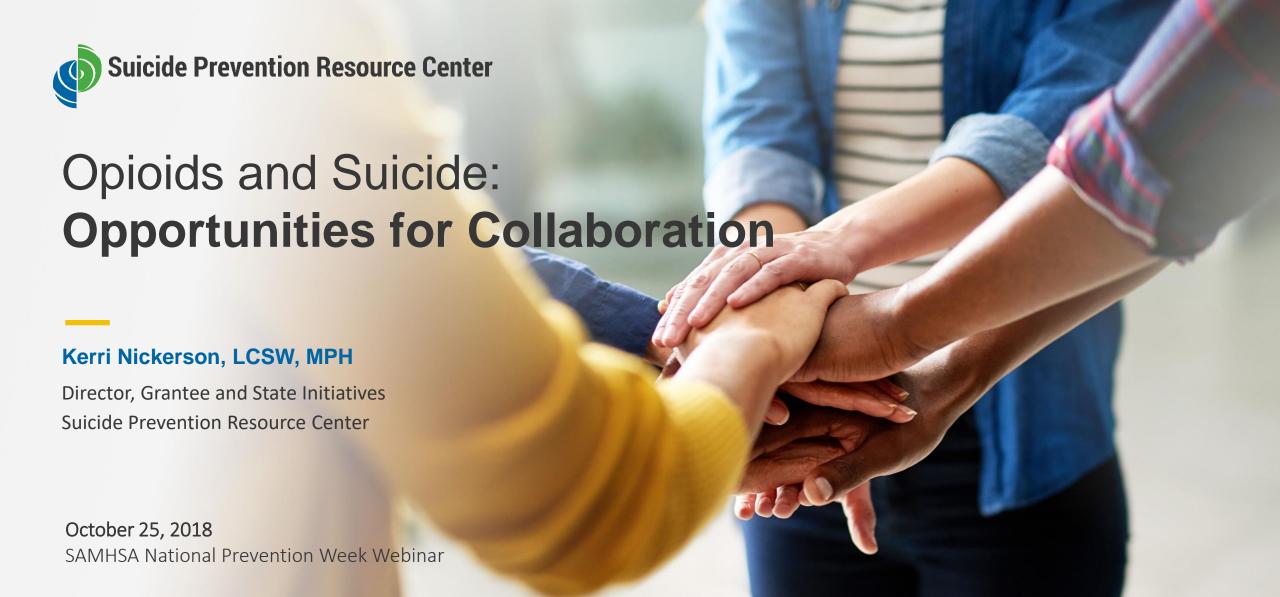
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#### Understanding the Scope of the Problem

- Identify community-level data sources to assess cause(s) of death
- Collect data on both method of suicide AND presence of opioids in suicidal attempts and deaths
- Compare local data to national and state data
- Identify potential partners who can contribute qualitative data
- Understand what populations are at increased risk for suicide and opioid abuse in your community



#### **Example From the Field: Rhode Island**

**Key Features:** Tests all suicide deaths (98% in 2017) for the presence of opioids, participates in a 20-state partnership to reduce opioid trafficking

#### **Benefits of Collaboration:**

- Better informed prevention efforts due to comprehensive data
- Reductions in opioid supply



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#### **Using Data to Determine Next Steps**

Once you've identified who is being affected in your community...

- Identify shared risk and protective factors
- Consider relevant local conditions that may influence these problems
- Identify others in your region who are addressing this issue



#### **Example From the Field: Connecticut**

**Key Features:** Implements strategies to reduce access to lethal means, addresses stigma around naloxone use, shares information on the detrimental impact of misclassification

#### **Benefits of Collaboration:**

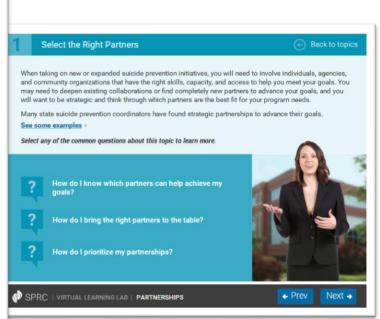
- Increased coordination
- Access to data
- Connections to survivors reduced stigma and informed practice



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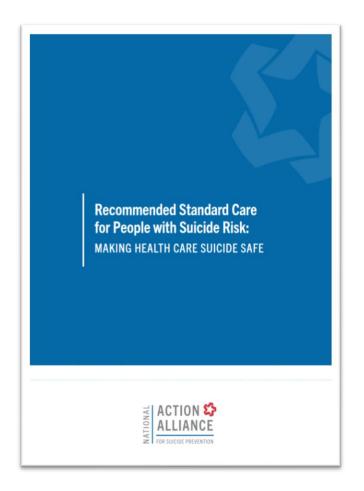


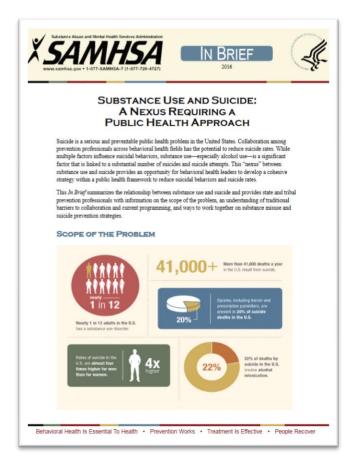


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#### Resources

# Suicide Prevention Resource Center: www.sprc.org

- Archived webinars on link between opioids and suicide:
  - https://go.edc.org/opioidwebinar1
  - https://go.edc.org/opioidwebinar2

National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention: www.actionallianceforsuicideprevention.org

Zero Suicide Toolkit: <a href="http://zerosuicide.sprc.org/">http://zerosuicide.sprc.org/</a>

 Archived webinar on substance use and Zero Suicide: <a href="https://go.edc.org/ZSwebinar">https://go.edc.org/ZSwebinar</a> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov">https://www.samhsa.gov</a>

In Brief: Substance Use and Suicide:
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#### **CDC Vital Signs Reports**

- Suicide: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/suicide/index.">https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/suicide/index.</a>html
- Opioid Overdoses in EDs: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/opioid-overdoses/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/opioid-overdoses/index.html</a>

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# Massachusetts Prevention Strategies: The Intersection Between Opioids and Suicide

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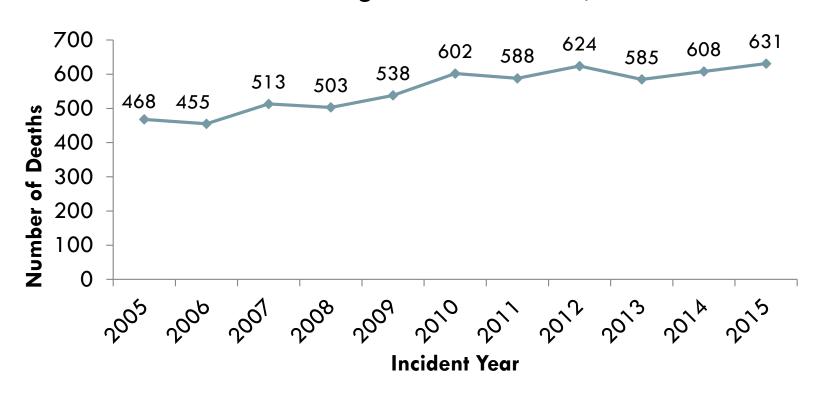
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## MA Data - Suicides

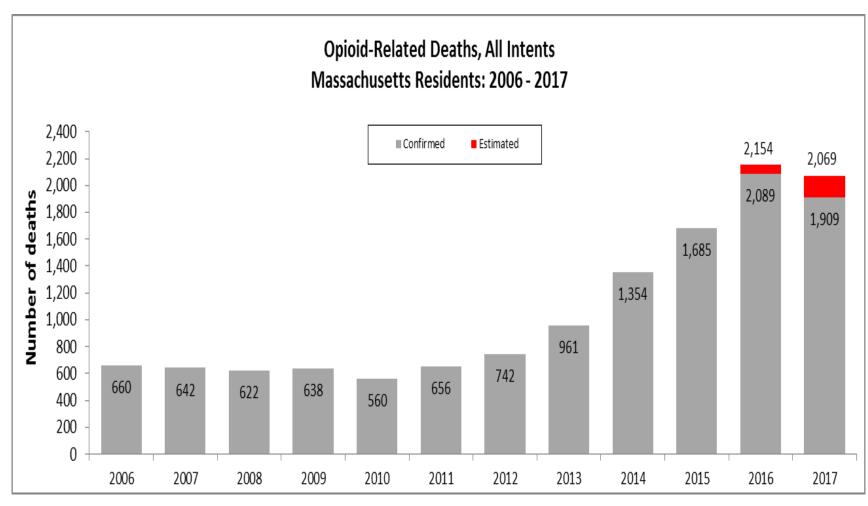


#### Suicides Occurring in Massachusetts, 2005-2015



# MA Data - Opioid Deaths

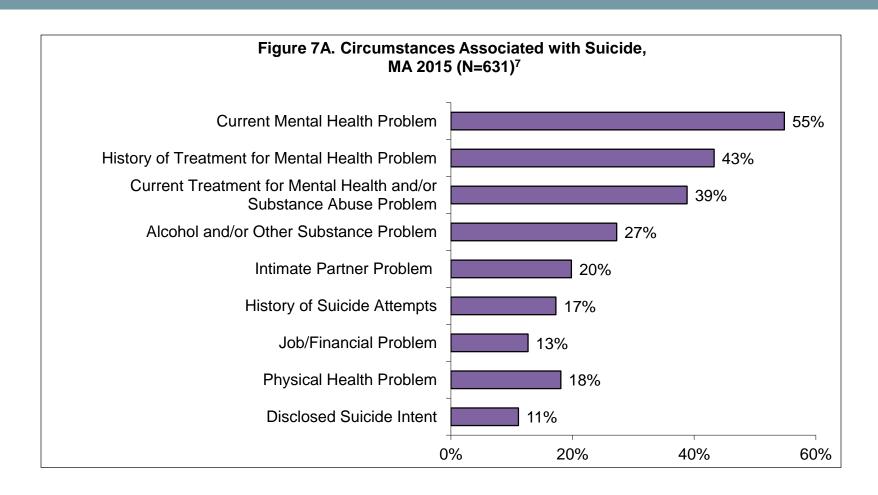




Source: MA Violent Death Reporting System, MA Department of Public Health

# 2015 Data - Circumstances Associated with Suicides





# **Prevention Strategies**



Screening

□ Life Skills

Systems Changes

Trainings

# Prevention Strategies - Screening



SBIRT

■ Schools: The STEP Act (Massachusetts legislation, March 2016)

■ Hospitals: Universal screening for suicidality and SBIRT

# Prevention Strategies – Life Skills





## Prevention Strategies – Systems Changes



 Substance Treatment Centers becoming more co-occurring treatment focused

Crisis Intervention Teams – Mental Health Clinician

Zero Suicide

## **Zero Suicide**



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- 2 Partner hospitals
- Universal Screening including SBIRT

### National Strategies for Suicide Prevention

- Focus on a community approach (Cape Cod and the Islands)
- Learning Collaborative includes an addiction treatment facility

# **Prevention Strategies - Training**



Training for substance use counselors on suicide prevention

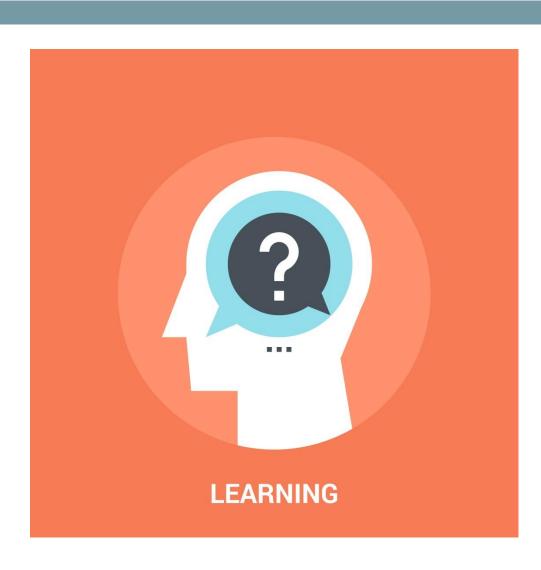
Crossover Trainings

Annual Conference Workshop: Opioid and Suicide

Opioid Public Health Crisis Grant – CDC

## What have we learned?





## Resources



- MDPH Suicide Prevention Program mass.gov/dph/suicideprevention
- MDPH Opioid Quarterly Reports:
   https://www.mass.gov/lists/current-opioid-statistics
- MDPH Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) –
   mass.gov/dph/bsas
- Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention (MCSP) masspreventssuicide.org
- Zero Suicide zerosuicide.org

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## **SAMHSA** Resources

#### OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION

- SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technology (CAPT)—Resources to Prevent the Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs, Opioid Misuse, and Opioid Overdose:

  <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/sites/default/files/resources/capt-resources-support-opioid-misuse-overdose-prevention.pdf">https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/sites/default/files/resources/capt-resources-support-opioid-misuse-overdose-prevention.pdf</a>
- Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit: <a href="https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit/SMA18-742">https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit/SMA18-742</a>
- Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids: <a href="https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/">https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/</a>

#### SUICIDE PREVENTION

- In Brief: Substance Use and Suicide: A Nexus Requiring A Public Health Approach: <a href="https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA16-4935/SMA16-4935.pdf">https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA16-4935/SMA16-4935.pdf</a>
- SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Resource Center: http://www.sprc.org/
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/

# Related Media Awareness Campaigns

- Crisis Next Door (White House): https://www.crisisnextdoor.gov/
- RxAwareness (CDC): <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/rxawareness/">https://www.cdc.gov/rxawareness/</a>
- State Media Campaigns to Prevent Prescription Drug and Opioid Misuse:
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