

Youth Suicide

Each day in the U.S., there are approximately twelve youth suicides making suicide the third leading cause of death for children ages 10-19 years.



Every year in this country, about 125,000 young people are treated in emergency rooms for injuries sustained during suicide attempts. And every year, about 4,000 young people take their own lives. For every completed suicide by youth, it is estimated that 100 to 200 attempts are made. Although rates vary somewhat, within a typical high school classroom, it is likely that three students (one boy and two girls) have made a suicide attempt in the past year.

Risk Factors for Suicide among Youth

- Frequent alcohol and/or drug use.
- Mental disorder, such as depression.
- Family history of mental disorders, substance abuse, or suicide.
- Stressful situation or loss.
- A history of physical or sexual abuse.
- Poor communication with family.
- Unwillingness to seek mental health treatment.
- Easy access to lethal methods.
- The above coupled with an exposure to other teenagers who died by suicide.

Warning Signs:

- Talking about suicide, death, and/or preoccupation with dying.
- Sense of hopelessness; feeling as though life has no purpose.
- Withdrawing from friends and social activities.
- Getting into trouble at school or with the police.
- Fighting with friends.
- Drastic changes in behavior.
- Loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities.
- Giving away or not caring for prized possessions.
- Loss of interest in personal appearance.
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs.

Intervention provides hope and assistance. You can find help. Know the signs of someone who is at risk. Seek help!
There are several local resources and agencies that offer free or sliding fee services.

RESOURCES

Crisis Hotline: 877-695-NEED or 877-695-6333
(Toll-free 24-hour crisis line)

Warren County

Mental Health & Recovery Centers of Warren County
513-695-1357 or 1-800-932-3366
Warren County Compeer 513-504-7087
Lifespan Behavioral Health 513-641-9377

Clinton County

Mental Health & Recovery Center of Clinton County
937-383-4441
Clinton County Compeer 513-721-2910 X11
Mental Health Association 513-721-2910
Support Group Clearinghouse 513-721-2910 x12

