

## *Suicide Prevention Coalition*

**We are:** a coalition of school districts, hospitals, and service agencies dedicated to battling adolescent depression and suicide.

**Together Battling Adolescent Depression, Suicide and the Stigma Associated with Mental Health**



# Coalition Members

## School Districts



Livonia  
Plymouth-Canton  
Northville  
South Redford  
Wayne-Westland  
Garden City  
Redford Union  
Taylor  
Clarenceville

## Healthcare



Trinity Health Livonia  
Corewell Health

## Service Agencies



Growth Works  
Livonia Save Our Youth  
Redford Commission on Youth  
and Families  
New Hope Grief Center  
Six Feet Over  
SPN Survivors  
Lincoln Behavioral  
Hegira Health



# 2022 CDC Suicide Statistics

- 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for children ages 10-14 in the US
- 1 youth suicide every 80 minutes in the US
- 1 adolescent attempts suicide every 50 seconds in the US

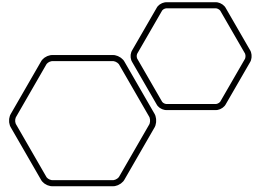


# Center for Disease Control

## Youth Risk Behavior Survey - 2021

Risk	National	State
Sad/Hopeless	42.5%	40.4%
Considered Attempt	19%	22.2%
Made a Plan	16.9%	17.6%
Made an Attempt	10.2%	9.0%





# MENTAL HEALTH IN MICHIGAN



In Michigan, 40,000 teens/kids do not get treatment for the top three MH conditions (Depression, Anxiety, ADHD)

Reasons:

- Stigma
- Access
- Affordability



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Seven years ago we asked ourselves this question...

**How do we make a difference?**

- **St. Mary's/Trinity Health conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment**
- **Begin the Conversation/Continue the Conversation meetings**
- **Coalition Created**
  - **Seven school districts and two hospitals**
  - **Coalition represents 66,000 students in Western Wayne County**
  - **Our steering committee is made up of one decision making administrator, one staff member who is currently working with students daily from each district, and two representatives from each hospital**
  - **Working groups are made up from the steering committee and include other experts to address issues identified by the steering committee**

# Work Accomplished

- Establishing a region wide, coordinated, adolescent mental health initiative
- Established a leadership team and operational structure for the Coalition
- Trained suicide awareness trainers in each school district
- Provided suicide awareness training for over 5,000 Coalition school district employees
- Provided and participated in community awareness events designed to break the stigma of mental health
- Working with local legislators to support adolescent mental wellness

- Providing professional development and networking opportunities for school based mental health professionals
- Selected a common screener to identify students in crisis across the Coalition
- Plan to train Coalition high school students in suicide awareness in the 2023-24 school year
- Starting a Student Coalition Team



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Thank you  
Questions

