

Suicide Prevention in WI

1. SUICIDE IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM

Deaths in WI 2007

Suicide	724
Homicide	199

2. SUICIDE IS OFTEN PREVENTABLE with education, treatment and support.
3. 90% of the people that die of suicide have a TREATABLE MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM. Of those 90% approximately 60% have a depressive disorder.
4. We must address SUICIDE PREVENTION ACROSS THE LIFESPAN. If a grandparent dies by suicide it increases the risk of other family members 5-6 times.
5. SUICIDE IS COMPLEX
6. SUICIDE IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM and everyone can have a role in the solution.
7. PROTECTIVE FACTORS should be a part of suicide prevention.
8. SURVIVORS of Family or Friends who have died by suicide and SURVIVORS of ATTEMPTS of suicide should be included in prevention efforts.
9. LETHAL MEANS RESTRICTION Gun locks need to be used; 47% of the suicide deaths in 2007 were from firearms.

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