




Implementing Comprehensive Youth Suicide Prevention Policies & Programming in New York State Schools



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OMH's Suicide Prevention Center of NY

- SPCNY is the leading technical assistance entity for suicide prevention in New York
- Our mission is to promote, coordinate, and strategically advance suicide prevention across the state with the aim of reducing suicide attempts and deaths among New Yorkers
- We support suicide prevention in several settings including schools, healthcare, workplace, and communities across New York State



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Why talk about suicide?

3rd Leading cause of death in 10-19 y/o (CDC)

Among US High School Students (CDC YRBS)

- 20.4% seriously considered suicide in the past year
- 16.4% made a plan
- 9.5% made at least 1 attempt

In New York State 10-19 y/o (NYS Dept. of Health & CDC)

- 10–19 year-olds account for 39.2% of all ED visits for intentional self-harm
- 4,912 treated in Emergency Departments for intentional self-harm
- 1,994 inpatient hospitalizations for intentional self-harm
- 75 suicide deaths

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