



Stark County Child Fatality Review & Fetal Infant Mortality Review 2018 Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE DEATHS

♦ **Recommendation #1-** Strengthen access to delivery of suicide care through the implementation of

- ♦ County-wide Youth Mobile Response Team
 - ♦ 30 min response time for youth in crisis
- ♦ Touchpoint follow-up: up to 30 days with parent permission (a Touchpoint is any psych visit to Akron Children's Hospital)
- ♦ Increased school-based mental health access for 22 Stark County ESC School Districts
- ♦ 14 Physical Health and Mental Health organizations are working on implementation of "Zero-Suicide" framework

16% of Stark County Youth reported an Inability to obtain mental health care

♦ **Recommendation #2-** Create protective environments by: reducing access to lethal means among persons at risk of suicide; community policies and culture; and community-based strategies to reduce youth substance abuse through the implementation of:

- ♦ Safety and Security Task Force (Detect/Deter/Defend)
 - ♦ Monthly meetings with law enforcement (Sheriff's Office, FBI, Homeland Security, Local PD's, School Superintendents and SRO's)
- ♦ Enhance Trauma-Informed Care and Resiliency Trainings within schools
- ♦ Firearm Safety Programs & Locks
 - ♦ Partnering with 23 local Law Enforcement Agencies
- ♦ Doubled School Resource Officers (SRO's)
 - ♦ 40 Hour SRO training to include mental health
- ♦ Implemented Anti-Drug "Start Talking" Curriculum

23% of Stark County Youth reported having access to a gun

♦ **Recommendation #3-** Promote connectedness through: community engagement activities; continued promotion of connectedness; and parental engagement activities by implementation of:

- ♦ Extra-Curricular Activities
 - ♦ Goal: Have every child participate in some form of extra-curricular activity
- ♦ Teaming & Mentoring Programs
 - ♦ Goal: Have every child paired with a trusted adult
- ♦ Multi-Agency Coordination for Parental Engagement and Education
 - ♦ Goal: Engage PTO's, Booster Clubs, and related Community Agencies on Mental Health

Stark County Youth reported feeling less connected to their school and home than national average

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- ♦ **Recommendation #4-** Teach coping and problem-solving skills through social-emotional learning programs and by increasing youth resiliency through the implementation of the following:
 - ♦ Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) training in every district
 - ♦ PAX-Behavior Game
 - ♦ Training students on Self-Regulation
 - ♦ Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) programs at earlier ages
 - ♦ “Every Moment Counts” training scheduled for August 2019
 - ♦ Increased age-appropriate PreK-12 Anti-Bullying, Conflict Management, Technology Safety, and Dating Violence Instruction through classroom instruction & counseling
 - ♦ Increased peer-mediation training/programs
 - ♦ Increased therapy dog availability in schools
- ♦ **Recommendation #5-** Identify and support people at risk through the following gatekeeper trainings:
 - ♦ Mental Health First Aid Training (over 1,000 staff trained)
 - ♦ See Something Say Something Anonymous Reporting System
 - ♦ Implemented in 20 districts
 - ♦ More than 1,000 tips received in first 5 months
 - ♦ Over 550 tips classified as life safety
 - ♦ Columbia Suicide Screen
 - ♦ Working towards individual screening
 - ♦ CARE Teams (in all 120 Buildings)
 - ♦ CARE Teams leverage community resources to wrap around students in need
 - ♦ Resources address needs for clothing, food, housing, hygiene and other social determinants of health
- ♦ **Recommendation #6-** Lessen harms and prevent future risk with postvention, responding to a death, safe reporting about suicide, and safe messaging about suicide through the implementation of:
 - ♦ Schoolwide education on response to a death
 - ♦ 21 Districts trained by Society for Prevention of Teen Suicide
 - ♦ Partnering with the local media on coverage of student tragedies
 - ♦ Social Media education for students, teachers and parents
- ♦ **Recommendation #7-** Administer on-going youth health and behavior surveys
 - ♦ Annual administration of the Northeast Ohio Youth Health Survey (OYHS)
 - ♦ Assist in the administration of Ohio Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) in selected schools.
- ♦ **Recommendation #8-** Target both female and male students as sex disparities between suicide attempts and suicide deaths are well documented:
 - ♦ ROX Program (Ruling Our Experiences)
 - ♦ For Girls in Grades 5, 7, 9
 - ♦ Focuses on Building Leadership and Self-Advocacy
 - ♦ Utilize evidenced based intervention strategies targeting both sexes.

60% of Stark County Youth reported experiencing at least 1 adverse childhood life experience

50% of Stark County Youth are aware of a friend's suicidal ideation

16% of Stark County Youth reported having lost a friend or family member to suicide in 2017-2018

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF MOTOR-VEHICLE RELATED DEATHS

- ◆ Drivers education class information for teens to include: dangers surrounding skitching (the act of being pulled by a vehicle (car, truck, tractor, etc.) while either riding on a skateboard, skates, bicycle, handcart, etc.) and winter driving skills.
- ◆ ATV safety education courses for all individuals who intend to operate an ATV.
- ◆ Community education on the need to wear a helmet when riding a skateboard, bicycle, or ATV.
- ◆ Seat belt use for all individuals driving or riding in a motor vehicle.
- ◆ Community awareness campaign about when it is safe and not safe to remove an individual/child from a car prior to EMS arrival in the event of an accident.
- ◆ Use of safety mechanisms on heavy appliances such as oven door locks, and braces to attach heavy appliances to the wall.
- ◆ Community education on the need for home fire safety exit plans, and school based fire safety trainings for kids such as Safety Cities with the local fire and law enforcement agencies.
- ◆ Community gun safety programs, and the use of gun locks or locked gun cabinets in homes.
- ◆ Recommended for Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio to look into the intersection of Partridge and Summerdale for the possible need to make it a 4 way stop.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFANT DEATHS

- ◆ Early and comprehensive prenatal care to include:
 - ◆ Depression screening for all pregnant women
 - ◆ Tobacco cessation programing
 - ◆ Progesterone in the 2nd and 3rd trimesters for women with previous preterm births or miscarriages
 - ◆ Education on the following topics:
 - ◆ *Infant Safe Sleep*
 - ◆ *Signs of preterm labor*
 - ◆ *Most effective forms of contraception*
 - ◆ *Birth spacing of at least 18 months from one live birth to the conception of the next child*
 - ◆ *Risks of sexually transmitted disease infection on an unborn fetus, and the importance of testing and appropriate treatment for all sexual partners*
 - ◆ *Healthy body mass index (BMI) of 18.5- 24.9 prior to conception*
 - ◆ *Treatment/Stabilization of chronic health conditions prior to conception*
 - ◆ *Dangers of smoking around infants and young children*
 - ◆ *Safe childcare selection*
- ◆ Parenting classes
- ◆ Reproductive Life Plan
- ◆ Home-visiting programs for pregnant and postpartum women
- ◆ CPR classes for parents
- ◆ Continued enforcement of Claire's Law- Shaken Baby Prevention Education for families from birth hospitals, pediatricians, daycare providers, and home-visitors
- ◆ Education for families on where to go for help with housing, and/or financial assistance

