

Coalition Worksheet for Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force

Please complete as much as possible and submit to Crystal.Moe@ag.ks.gov

Name of your organization:	Educator/Ford County Suicide Prevention Coalition Member, Adult Sponsor of DCHS TALC (Yellow Ribbon Teen Group)
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Purpose of your organization:	School Counselor at Dodge City High School District Secondary Counselor Coordinator Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Youth Yoga Calm Instructor
What efforts have proven to be successful in your purpose to address youth suicide:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) DCHS TALC Yellow Ribbon Teen Group 2) Providing education and trainings as well as opportunities to consult with other counselors and districts regarding youth suicide 3) Developing a student crisis response manual that includes consistent intervention procedures, postvention details, and a safety/re-entry plan 4) Staff Self Care opportunities and resources-prevention of compassion fatigue 5) Trauma informed education and practices
What hurdles have you experienced and/or lessons learned through your efforts:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Getting parents and the community to prevention trainings 2) Defeating the stigma of mental health in our community 3) On-going prevention funding 4) Lack of student positive coping skills (self/peer to peer) 5) Funding beyond the intake-helping families be able to afford continued therapy and medication 6) Lack of beds or space when students are sent to be hospitalized.
Recommendations or suggestions for the task force to consider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mandatory staff and student mental health/suicide prevention training 2) Adequate funding for mental health school personal (school counselor: student ratios) and additional funding for a therapist on campus. 3) Adequate funding to help with physical health on campus. 4) Mental health hospitalization beyond 2-3 days.

Thank you!