

Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force

Summary of meeting on Monday, December 10th in Topeka

Speakers/Resources Identified:

- Presentation from Rock Creek Yellow Ribbon Student Organization

Hurdles Identified:

- Limited to non-existent funding for student lead organizations aimed at reducing youth suicide or responding to youth in crisis.
- Stigma associated with suicide.

Recommendations:

- Training for students should be taught by people they know. Example-Gatekeeper training taught in high schools.
- Student accessibility to reporting avenues.
- Student and peer lead mentorship that begins in middle school and continues into college.
- Funding for student lead programs to prevent suicide.
- Continue or increase the amount of training provided to teachers and faculty in accordance with the Jason Flatt Act.

Business Meeting:

The Task Force discussed recommendations to include in the final report for the remainder of the meeting.