

Coalition Worksheet for Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force

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

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Purpose of your organization:	Reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.
What efforts have proven to be successful in your purpose to address youth suicide:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Grants to states and non-profit organizations that work toward our mission 2) Public education on the impact of substance use disorders and mental illness but more importantly that recovery from these is REAL! 3) Providing leadership and advancing best practices in addressing the behavioral health of the nation.
What hurdles have you experienced and/or lessons learned through your efforts:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That stigma continues to thwart many people's access to recovery services. 2) That we need to continue to focus on training a high quality workforce to address these issues in our nation.
Recommendations or suggestions for the task force to consider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Partnering with SAMHSA and our various technical assistance centers to ensure best practices are being deployed in communities to address the issue of reducing suicide. For example; the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Mental Health Technology Transfer Center, etc.

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Thank you!