

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:	Answering emergency calls for Fire and EMS
What efforts have proven to be successful in your purpose to address youth suicide:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) While I'm sure that our local effort has helped, the suicides are still happening. The suicidal thoughts and attempts have not decreased at all. 2) Ease of access to therapist during crisis 3) Public education about suicide
What hurdles have you experienced and/or lessons learned through your efforts:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I don't feel we have gained any ground as the calls for help just continue to come in. We also have a very diverse culture here that deals with suicide in a different way or not at all. 2) Our emergency responders are just spent in dealing with this issue day after day 3) Getting those in crisis quickly screened is still difficult. We need more screeners
Recommendations or suggestions for the task force to consider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We need to teach failure to our kids. They are pampered their entire childhood and when failure does happen they don't know how to handle it. They need to be taught coping mechanisms that work for them. 2) Changing of school curriculum to include classes that they fail or classes that teach how do deal with failure. 3) Culturally diverse classes to be presented to adults in the community.

Thank you!