



Using Data to Prevent Suicide



Resources

The following resources include videos, websites, reports, and toolkits that can help you **learn more** and **take action** to prevent suicide using data.

Collecting and Using Data

SPARK Talks: Using Data to Prevent Suicide

<http://sparktalks.sprc.org>

Speaker: Alex Crosby, MD, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2015)

SPRC's SPARK Talks are **S**hort, **P**rovocative, **A**ction-oriented, **R**ealistic, and **K**nowledgeable videos of leaders in the suicide prevention movement who describe a new development or direction in the field that can have an impact on the burden of suicide.

Locating and Understanding Data for Suicide Prevention

<http://training.sprc.org/>

Author: Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Effective suicide prevention requires an understanding of the context in which suicide, suicide attempts, and suicidal ideation take place. This online course will introduce a number of readily-accessible data sources that can help you understand the suicide problem in your state or community, as well as some key concepts to help you select the most useful data from these sources for informing prevention activities.

A Strategic Planning Approach to Suicide Prevention

<http://training.sprc.org/>

Developer: Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Many public health professionals are called on to develop or expand a suicide prevention program at the state or local level. They want their program to have maximum impact, even with minimal resources. This online course starts with the basics of using data to identify activities that will be effective in addressing the problem of suicide in a community and prioritize efforts among the various possibilities.

Developing a Clear Data Request

<http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Developing%20a%20Clear%20Data%20Request%20%282%29.pdf>

Author: Suicide Prevention Resource Center

This resource presents a three-step process along with specific considerations when creating and submitting a data request to your state health department.

Presenting Suicide Data

<http://training.sprc.org/files/PresentingSuicideData.pdf>

Author: Suicide Prevention Resource Center

When you have collected suicide-related data for your state or community, it is important to put it together in a format that allows you and others to use it efficiently. This one-page document provides guidance on how to present data in a meaningful way using summaries and/or reports.

National Violent Death Reporting System: Stories from the Frontlines of Violent Death Surveillance

http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.safestates.org/resource/resmgr/NVDRS/NVDRS_Stories_complete_repor.pdf

Author: Safe States Alliance. (2013).

The National Violent Death Reporting System is a state-based surveillance system. This document describes how states benefit from participating in this surveillance system and also presents recent rates and trends for specific types of violent deaths, including suicide.

Sources of Data

Each of the following links goes to a description of the data source, its strengths and limitations, and information on where and how to access the data.

- **Child Death Review Teams (by state)**
http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20Child%20Death%20Review%20Teams_0.pdf
- **Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)**
<http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20Health%20Care%20Cost%20and%20Utilization%20Project.pdf>
- **National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)**
<http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20National%20Survey%20on%20Drug%20Use%20and%20Health.pdf>
- **National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)**
http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20National%20Violent%20Death%20Reporting%20System_0.pdf
- **WISQARS Fatal Injury Data**
<http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20WISQARS%20Fatal%20Injury%20Data.pdf>
- **WISQARS Nonfatal Injury Data**
<http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20WISQARS%20Nonfatal%20Injury%20Data.pdf>
- **WONDER**
<http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20WONDER.pdf>
- **Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)**
http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20Source%20Youth%20Risk%20Behavior%20Surveillance%20System_0.pdf
- **Websites for State-Specific Suicide Data**
<http://www.sprc.org/sites/sprc.org/files/library/Data%20TF%20Websites%20for%20State%202013-11-05.pdf>

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