Piecing Together an Infrastructure for Suicide Prevention

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The Infrastructure: Circa 2005

• Wisconsin Suicide Prevention Strategy
  – County/community-based model
• Suicide Prevention Initiative
  – HOPES, MHA, DHFS, DPI
• Department of Public Instruction
  – State law on SP education for youth
  – Study, trainings
• State Prevention/Early Intervention Grant
  – Minigrants
The GLS Experience

• The mentoring and TA model
  – 9 sub-grantees, minigrantees, consults

• Resources development

• Statewide resources
  – web resources, CD, brochures, Well Aware, Burden of Suicide Report

• Trainings
  – AMSR, QPR, regional trainings, conferences
The Infrastructure: Circa 2008

- Confidence in the model
- Sustainable sub-grantee programs
- A wider pool of expertise
  - QPR, AMSR, TeenScreen, SOS, Coalition-building
- Additional interested communities
- A lack of a broader infrastructure to support expansion
The Summit

- Bring together representatives from as many local coalitions as possible
- Bring in key state agencies and some provider groups with broad reach
- Keynotes
- Facilitated discussions
- Action-planning