Partnerships and Coalition Building

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Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Project
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Agenda

• Overview of Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Project (IYSP)
• Determining roles and responsibilities of IYSP Advisory Group
• Challenges
• Advisory Group Successes
• Lessons Learned
The goal of the Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention (IYSP) project is to reduce suicide attempts and completions among all Idaho youth ages 10–24.
IYSP Objectives

1. Initiate a state-level public/private partnership (Youth Suicide Prevention Intervention Coalition) comprised of statewide stakeholders.

2. Facilitate making available culturally competent appropriate/accessible best practices for youth suicide prevention/early interventions-including adaptations for Tribal, Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander youth.

3. Develop, use, or adapt materials for training university residence hall and other student staff and community gatekeepers

4. Encourage the use of early identification programs to identify youth at risk.
5. Identify and review statewide suicide prevention referral resources for the 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine database available via phone and on their Website 24/7.

6. Assemble and make available through multiple venues low-cost campaign materials to increase awareness of suicide risks and available prevention resources

7. Design and implement a system for providing information and statistics on Idaho youth suicide.
Advisory Group Members

- SPAN Idaho
- Advocates
- Agency Representatives
- Young Adult
- Child Psychiatrist
- Judge
- School Nurse
Determining Roles and Responsibilities

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

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<td>To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.</td>
<td>To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.</td>
<td>To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.</td>
<td>To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.</td>
<td>To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.</td>
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Source: International Association for Public Participation
IYSP Advisory Group Charter

Mission Statement

The mission of the Youth Suicide Prevention Coalition is to supply guidance, insight, and cohesion to the implementation of the Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Intervention Project.

Expectations for YSP advisory group members

• Regular attendance at quarterly meetings.
• Active participation during meetings.
• Promotion of grant objectives in their communities, as they are able to do so.
• Networking by sharing resources and information as appropriate.
Challenges

• Attendance decreased over time
• Problems with technology
• Maintaining purpose of the group
Overcoming the Challenges

• Review of Charter
  • Project Staff
  • Key informant interviews

• Looking Towards the Future
  • Building group sustainability
  • The logic model
Advisory Group Successes

• Revising Logic Model
• Invitations
  • State Victim Witness Coordinators Conference
  • 2009 trainings for Juvenile Justice, Detention and Probation personnel
  • Trainings at Duck Valley and Fort Hall
  • Table Top Display at Idaho Voices for Children Conference
• Awareness Campaigns
Lessons Learned

1. Stay with group purpose
2. Stay connected with group members
3. Link group purpose to community efforts
4. Be flexible
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