Overview of South Dakota’s Program
Project Initiatives

1. Community Awareness initiatives
   - Native American Youth
   - LGBTQ youth
   - Youth attending institutions of higher education
Project Initiatives Continued

2. Train clinical service providers and behavioral health professionals serving youth – Trainings available
   - Emergency Department Means Restriction Training;
   - Mental Health First Aid;
   - Making Educators Partners in Suicide Prevention;
   - Kognito At-Risk in the ED/Emergency Room Follow-up;
   - RRSR (Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk;
   - Shield of Care
   - Safety Planning
Project Initiatives Continued

3: Establish Crisis Texting programs at three Institutions of Higher Education

- Three Universities were selected for the project
- IRB’s were completed for each University which were subsequently approved
- Crisis Texting Services are available at all three sites
4. Establish local Suicide Prevention Coalitions

- During the first year of the grant, we funded 8 community Suicide Prevention Coalitions – 6 of the 8 coalitions were integrated substance abuse and Suicide Prevention Coalitions
- In year 2 of the grant, we plan to add an additional 4 integrated coalitions
Project Initiatives Continued

5. Partner with Emergency Rooms and Inpatient Psychiatric Programs for follow up services
   - Have completed two IRB’s with 2 large health care systems in the State
   - Will add the State operated inpatient psychiatric facility this summer
   - Will add two additional facilities in the third and fourth year of the project
Public/ Private Partnership - Evaluation

Project Evaluator – Roland Loudenburg – Mountain Plains Evaluation, LLC

- Currently the Prevention Program’s contracted Epidemiologist and maintains a data base on behavioral health issues
- Experience in working with local behavioral health providers on establishing local data collection processes and evaluation protocols
Public/ Private Partnership – Evaluation Continued

- Had served as the Interim Vice President for Research at the University of South Dakota
- Former Chair and Alternate Member of the University of South Dakota, Institutional Review Board
- Has worked extensively with behavioral health prevention and treatment providers
- Has an long history of working with multiple state agencies on data collection and evaluation
Public/ Private Partnership
Follow-up and Crisis Services

Janet Kittams-Lalley – Helpline Center
- Has worked with the State for the past 10 years in implementing Suicide Prevention programming in the State
- The Helpline center has provided suicide prevention training and services for the past 30 years
- Is the only NSPL Crisis Center in the State
- Is the only agency in the State accredited by the American Association of Suicidology
Public/ Private Partnership
Follow-up and Crisis Services

- Has had past experience in establishing Crisis Texting Services for High School students in the State
- Had previously worked on a pilot follow-up program for one of the Psychiatric inpatient programs in the State
- Have employed trained and highly qualified staff to conduct follow-up calls and crisis texting services
Public/ Private Partnership
Follow-up and Crisis Services

- Staff that are trained in numerous Suicide Prevention Programs and available to provide training in communities
- Extensive Knowledge of the behavioral health system of care for referral and intervention services
- Janet and the Helpline are well respected by the Health Care systems targeted in the grant
Summary

South Dakota during the RFP process worked closely with Mountain Plains Evaluation and the Helpline Center on the completion of the Grant Proposal.

Rather then creating a parallel system of evaluation and Follow-up, we chose to develop a public/private partnership with those agencies that had a proven track record of success in the State and have the capabilities to meet the goals and objectives of the grant.