From Silos to Circles: A Story of Crisis to Systemic Change

“Healing Families, Mending the Circle”

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAvgZrC6mig
Suicide Pact

- 11 youth ranging from ages 12-15 signed a suicide pact
- 10 of the youth were female with 1 male
- 9 of the youth attempted suicide while the others played along
- All of the youth had contact with system partners prior.
Saving Lives Community Partnership

Formed Alliance & Partnership with local and state entities.

Representation from:

• Tribal/County Mental Health & Crisis Response
• Child Welfare
• Corporation Counsel
• State In-patient Hospital
• Schools
• Law Enforcement
• ER & Tribal Health
• Community / Consumers
Crisis Response & Calling Tree

Law Enforcement
ER Room
(Sheila Meyer 715-490-1020)
If ER ensures releases are signed
covering School, Primary Provider,
Behavioral Health

Screened in

Human Service Center
Trisha Stefonek 715-369-2215
or 312-933-0395

Will follow-up with
Community Partners

In-Patient Facility
Andrea Stefonek
715-361-2547

Ensure releases are signed
Covering School, Primary Provider,
Behavioral Health

Mental Health Crisis
1-888-299-1188

Screened in

ICW/CW Intake
715-588-4275
or 715-479-4441

Will offer Family Voluntary
Service

LDP - Trish Teichmiller - 715-892-7887
LUHS - Lisa Kunellus - 715-892-1080
AVV - Jennifer Savel - 715-356-3282

Follow-up is needed where student is
enrolled/School will follow-up with
attendance to excuse & supportive
counseling/monitoring

Family Resources Center
Linda Daniels
715-588-1311

Will follow-up with Hospital
for Discharge Plan

Juvenile Intake
715-479-4441 (After Hours)
715-479-3644 if on Probation

Will follow-up with Youth Upon
Discharge/review placement
Coordination & Sharing

• Team identified “GAPS”

• Signed a Multi-Agency MOU between all partners to share information on crisis situations which was HIPPA Compliant

• Partners coordinated efforts to treat the person as whole and shared information of crisis, medications, discharge/treatment plan, and daily check-ins post crisis.
Federal Partnership - TAP

• Authorized under the Tribal Law & Order Act

• Provided funding, training, and technical assistance

• Development of Tribal Action Plan – priority funding for federal agencies

• Provided Resources to Sponsor Suicide Prevention Conference & Gathering of Native Americans
Suicide Prevention Conference

Carry the Cure’s Committed to Life Outreach

Featuring the Internationally known Band - Broken Walls
Date: December 9th at 6pm at the Torches Casino Convention Center
December 10th at PCICH Conference Room
December 11th at Lac du Flambeau Public School
6pm Concert w/ Broken Walls Dec. 9th - LOTC

Carry The Cure

A Community Discussion and Workshops on Suicide Prevention
December 9 through December 11, 2014
In Lac du Flambeau

The Saving Lives Partnership invites the community to participate in the Carry The Cure discussions and workshops to SAVE LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY:

- Build Youth Awareness for Suicide Prevention
- Increase Community Engagement and Support for Suicide Prevention Planning
- Develop a Community Tribal Action Plan for Suicide Prevention and Response

Did You Know:
Suicide rates for Native American males were 5.2 times greater than rates for black males, and 3.6 times greater than white males.
Suicide rates for Native American females was 4.7 times greater than black females, and 3.4 times greater than white females.

Schedule of Activities
December 9th - Community Welcome:
- Creating a Sense of Belonging at LOTC from 8:30 to Noon
- Increasing Suicide Prevention Skills at LOTC from 1:00 to 4:30 pm
- FREE CONCERT by Broken Walls at LOTC. Doors open at 6:00. Concert from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

December 10th - For SLP and LDF Staff:
- Saving Lives Community Partnership Strategic Planning Session at the PCICH Conference Room from 8:30 am to Noon
- Identifying Our Strengths and Readiness continued: Setting Up a Community-wide Suicide Surveillance System at the PCICH Conference Room from 1:00 to 4:30 pm

December 11th - For LDF Students:
- Building Awareness and Youth Outreach at LDF Public School. Session #1 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Session #2 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

For more information visit Carry the Cure, inc. online at www.carrythecure.org or see our YouTube Video for schools or businesses
Gathering of Native Americans

- GONA is a Native-specific community prevention and strategic planning curriculum developed by SAMHSA in partnership with American Indian and Alaska Natives. The GONA has been used in a wide range of settings to move communities toward healing and to address issues related to planning and prevention. The curriculum facilitates community engagement and moves communities toward healing using the four themes of Belonging, Mastery, Interdependence, and Generosity. The GONA sets the foundation for community prevention planning in a way that is culturally appropriate. The GONA is used to promote and guide community discussions, support healing from historical trauma, and enhance local prevention capacity and efforts.
Community Readiness Assessment

October 2013:
Scored a (2)
Denial/Resistance

April 2015:
Scored a (6.75)
Between Initiation & Stabilization
On-going Efforts

Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT)
- Crisis Response Team locally
- Promotes assessment of crisis in the community
- Crisis De-escalation in the community vs. institution

Traditional Healing & Doctoring
- Provides traditional healing components
- Partners with western approaches to heal holistically

Family Circles - Grassroots Cultural Intervention
- Utilizes Culture and Teachings to guide families
“We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For”

~Peter Levine
Questions & Answers

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