

# QPR: Ask a Question, Save A Life

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#### **Suicide Statistics**

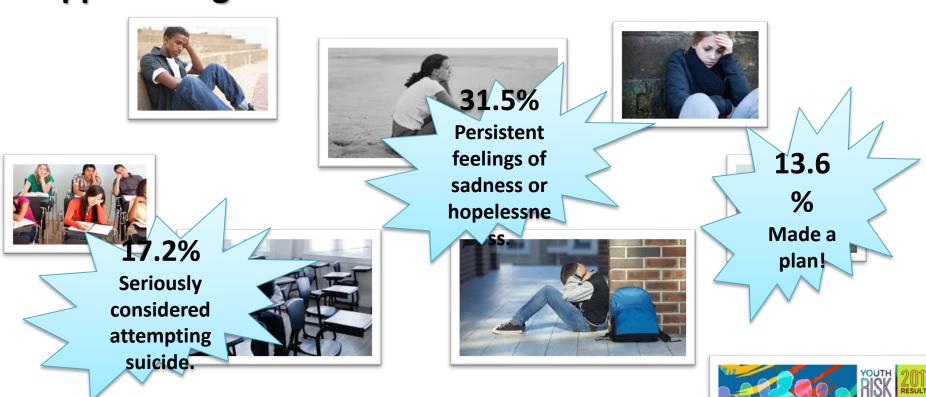
◆ The WHO estimates that each year approximately one million people die from suicide and there is one death every 40 seconds.

Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US. On average, there are 129 suicides per day.

◆ In 2017, suicide and self-injury cost the US \$69 Billion.

Zero Suicide framework creates a systemic approach to quality improvement.

 HRSA/National Center for Health Workforce Analysis predicts significant deficit in behavioral health workforce. During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless, almost every day for two weeks or more, that you stopped doing some usual activities?



## Question, Persuade, Refer

 QPR is <u>not</u> intended to be a form of counseling or treatment.

QPR <u>is</u> intended to offer hope through positive action.

 The more clues and signs observed, the greater the risk. Take all signs <u>seriously</u>.

### What was the goal of this project?

 A primary goal for this project is to recognize suicide prevention as a universal precaution.

 As a population-based approach, the greater the percentage of the members of a given community who are trained, the fewer suicide-related adverse events should occur.

 As with CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, the use of QPR can save a life.

### What was the goal of this project?

Create a pipeline of QPR certified trainers

◆ To train over 1,000 staff members

Create a plan for sustainability

Partner with the community to increase people trained in QPR.

#### **Pre and Post Knowledge Assessment**

	Knowledge concerning suicide prevention	Warning signs of suicide	How to ask someone about suicide
Pre-Test	3.0	3.2	3.3
Post-test	3.5	4.0	4.1

1= Poor

2= Fair

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4= Very Good

5= Excellent

#### Pre and Post Knowledge Assessment

	Persuading someone to get help	How to get help from someone	Information about local resources for help with suicide
Pre-Test	3.0	3.4	3
Post-test	4.0	4.0	4

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# **Three- Month Follow-up**

Have you been able to identify warning signs for suicide?	Have you had a conversation with anyone about suicide?	Have you supported anyone to seek help?
Yes: 100%	Yes: 70 %	Yes: 50 %
No: 0 %	No: 30%	No: 50 %

## QPR QPR for Youth

#### REMEMBER

When you apply QPR, you plant the seeds of hope. Hope helps prevent suicide.



#### For more information...

#### Please contact the

#### **Statewide Traumatic Loss Coalitions for Youth**

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