Youth Suicide Prevention Program

Virginia Department of Health
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Youth Suicide Prevention Program Goals

(1) Provide state-level leadership

(2) Raise statewide awareness
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(3) Community-based programming

(4) University/college based activities

Youth Suicide in Fairfax County

• Community concern regarding youth suicides

• Request for CDC assistance (Epi-Aid)
Objectives of the Epi Aid

• Examine trends of fatal and non-fatal suicidal behaviors

• Identify risk and protective factors

• Collaborate with state, local, and federal partners

Epi Aid Recommendations

• Educate youth and families

• Improve access

• Improve care coordination

• Develop partnerships

• Educate media on safe messaging

• Implement an evaluation plan
Contact for More Information

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