

# SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN

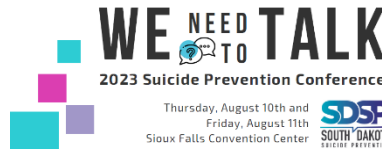


## July – September 2023 Newsletter

### SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

#### Second Annual Suicide Prevention Conference

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, along with their state partners, are excited to announce that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Suicide Prevention Conference is happening on August 10 and August 11, 2023, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. This no-cost, 2-day conference is a great opportunity to continue the conversation that was started last year around suicide prevention in South Dakota. Featuring key speakers Kevin Hines, a suicide attempt survivor, Dr. Craig Bryan, a board-certified clinical psychologist and Veteran, and Dr. Kari Oyen, Program Director and Associate Professor of the School of Psychology at the University of South Dakota. As capacity is nearing full, it is encouraged to register as soon as possible, if interested. Registration will close when capacity is reached for the conference. Click [here](#) to register for the event. Please note that next year's conference dates have been reserved for August 1 and August 2, 2024, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.



### EVENTS

For more information on events, or to add an event, visit the South Dakota Suicide Prevention [Calendar](#).

#### July

17 – Helpline Center Open Golf Tournament, Sioux Falls. More information [here](#).

#### August

5 | 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Helpline Center's [Step Forward to Prevent Suicide](#), Riverside Park Amphitheater, Yankton

10 & 11 | South Dakota Suicide Prevention Conference “We Need to Talk”, Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls – More information [here](#)

#### September

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Remember, free training is available! To find the [list of trainings](#), and to request a training for your community, [click here](#).

### SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

#### September is Suicide Prevention Month

Suicide Prevention Month is a time to raise awareness and shift public perception, as well as spreading hope and vital information to people affected by suicide. All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness. This month, challenge yourself to get involved. Attend a training or event or choose a different activity to help promote Suicide Prevention Month. For ideas on ways, to get involved, there are some upcoming events listed to the right. Suicide prevention [materials](#) can be ordered through the SDSP website and can be disseminated in the community. Interested in hosting a suicide prevention training? Request a free [training](#) through the South Dakota Suicide Prevention [website](#)!

### SOUTH DAKOTA EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OUTCOMES

#### Behavioral Health Indicators Executive Summary

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health - Epidemiologist, has completed the state [Epidemiological Outcomes Executive Summary](#). See how South Dakota trends historically against substance use and mental health as compared to our nation for both youth and adults. The goal of this document is to inform, educate, and shine a light on the different areas that impact South Dakotans, both professionally and personally. This document is a tremendous resource of knowledge that can be utilized to gain a greater understanding of the needs communities may have.

