

## Resources

### 24-Hour Crisis Services

#### Crisis Center

300 Crooks Street, Green Bay, WI  
920-436-8888

#### Suicide Hotlines

1-800-784-2433  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
1-800-799-4TTY (4889)

#### Veterans Suicide Hotline

1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
Option 1

### Mental Health Services

#### Bellin Health Psychiatric Center

920-433-3630

#### Brown County Human Services

Community Treatment Programs  
3150 Gershwin Drive, Green Bay  
920-391-6940

#### NAMI Brown County

920-430-7460

#### Oneida Behavioral Health

920-490-3790

#### Survivor Support

#### Survivors of Suicide

920-339-8952

#### HOPES

[www.hopes-wi.org/SurvivorsGuide/index.htm](http://www.hopes-wi.org/SurvivorsGuide/index.htm)

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Suicide Prevention is a proud partner of the  
statewide suicide prevention initiative.

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[www.preventsuicidewi.org](http://www.preventsuicidewi.org)

## Current Partners

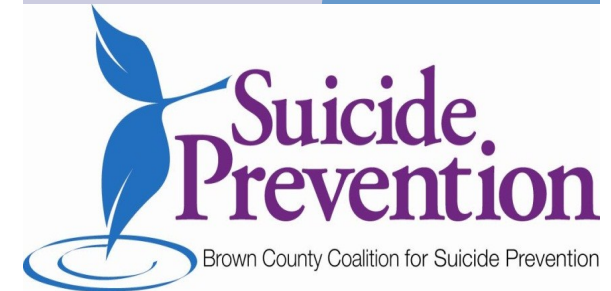
Local Survivors ✦ Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County ✦ AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk Committee  
Bellin Health Psychiatric Center ✦ Brown County Human Services ✦ Brown County Health Department ✦ Brown County Medical Examiner's Office ✦ College of Menominee Nation ✦ Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance ✦ Family Services ✦ Green Bay Fire Department ✦ Green Bay Police Department ✦ Green Bay Public Schools ✦ HOPES (Helping Others Prevent & Educate about Suicide) ✦ Mental Health America-Brown County ✦ NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)-Brown County ✦ Oneida Behavioral Health Survivors of Suicide (SOS) ✦ St. Mary Catholic Community St. Francis Xavier Parish of De Pere ✦ St. Norbert College Counseling Services ✦ St. Vincent de Paul ✦ UW-Green Bay Counseling Services ✦ Zablocki VA Medical Center -JH Bradley VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic.



For more information about the Coalition please  
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*Promoting Awareness*

*Overcoming Stigma*

*Providing Education*

## The Coalition

Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention formed as a small work group in 2006 in response to the number of lives lost to suicide in Brown County and with a desire to change that outcome. This dedicated group of survivors, professionals, agencies, organizations and advocates has grown to more than two dozen and meets on a monthly basis.

The Coalition is committed to promoting awareness that suicide is a public health problem that is preventable by providing education to decrease the stigma associated with mental health and suicide. The group engages in prevention strategies to reduce suicide in Brown County through grass roots efforts, including outreach, education and gatekeeper training utilizing the Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) program.

Over the past several years, the Coalition has accomplished much but has more work to do as our community continues to lose lives by suicide. In 2005, Brown County lost 32 lives to suicide, in 2006, 33 lives were lost and in 2007, a record high number of 42 suicides were completed. Despite a decrease in deaths due to suicide to 29 in 2008, 33 in 2009, and 28 in 2010, suicide is still the second leading cause of death for Wisconsin young people and it is the tenth most common cause of death in all ages in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin suicide rate is more than three times greater than the state homicide rate, and eight times greater than the number of deaths related to HIV.

## Prevention & Education



### QPR Gatekeeper Training

What is QPR?

**QPR is CPR for suicide prevention.**

*Question* the person about suicide  
*Persuade* the person to get help  
*Refer* them for help

Question, Persuade, and Refer- 3 simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to get needed help. Each year thousands of Americans, like you, are saying "Yes" to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor.

QPR is a community-based gatekeeper program. A gatekeeper is someone trained to recognize a suicide crisis and, because of their training, know how and where to find help. The more members of a community that are trained as gatekeepers the more effective that community will be in preventing the loss of life due to suicide.

There is no cost for the QPR Suicide Prevention Training, however, donations are appreciated and support the continuation of prevention efforts.

## Getting Involved

Working together we CAN make a difference and save lives in our community. Partner with us by:

⇒ **Joining the Coalition.** The group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 2-4PM.

For more information about the Coalition, Tana Koss at 920-436-4360 x1252 or [tkoss@familyservicesnew.org](mailto:tkoss@familyservicesnew.org)

⇒ **Hosting a QPR Training** for your organization, workplace, club, or group.

To schedule a QPR training, contact Christel Giesen at 920-448-4297 or [giesen\\_cd@co.brown.wi.us](mailto:giesen_cd@co.brown.wi.us)

⇒ **Making a Donation.** You can support suicide prevention efforts in Brown County by making a tax deductible donation to the Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention. Bellin Health Foundation serves as the fiscal agent for the Coalition.

All checks should be made payable to **'Brown County Suicide Prevention Program Fund'** and mailed to:

Bellin Health Foundation  
740 S Van Buren St  
Green Bay, WI 54301