Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention is a proud partner of the statewide suicide prevention initiative.

For more information about the Coalition please contact Tana Koss at 920-436-8888 or tkoss@familyservicesnew.org

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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

Partners

Local Community Members and Survivors of Suicide ♦
Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) ♦
Bellin Psychiatric Center ♦
Brown County Health Department ♦
Brown County Human Services & Community Treatment Center ♦
Brown County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center ♦
Brown County Medical Examiner’s Office ♦
Crisis Center Family Services ♦
Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Brown County (DBSA) ♦
City of DePere Public Health ♦
Golden House ♦
Green Bay School District ♦
Harmony Café, GLBT Partnership ♦
HopeNet360 & Q90FM ♦
Lakeland College ♦
Mental Health America-Brown County ♦
NAMI Brown County ♦
Oneida Behavioral Health ♦
Prevea ♦
St. Willebrord ♦
Prevent Suicide Fox Cities ♦
Pulaski School District ♦
St. Norbert College ♦
St. Vincent de Paul ♦
Survivors of Suicide (SOS) ♦
Helping Others Prevent and Educate about Suicide (HOPES) ♦
Unified School District of DePere ♦
Unity Hospice ♦
UWGB ♦
West DePere School District ♦
Wisconsin Public Service ♦
Woodland Worship Center

Promoting Awareness

Overcoming Stigma

Providing Education

Prevent Suicide Wisconsin
Partners Saving Lives in Our State

www.preventsuicidewi.org

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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 thirty 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 2007, Brown County lost 40 lives when a record number of suicides were completed. Suicide is still the third leading cause of death for Wisconsin adolescents.

In 2011, suicide was the 11th most common cause of death in all ages in Wisconsin and the suicide rate was more than five times greater than the state homicide rate, and eighteen times greater than the number of deaths related to HIV.

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

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

To schedule a QPR training, contact Chelsea McGuire at 920-436-8888 or cmcguire@familyservicesnew.org

⇒ 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
744 S Webster St
Green Bay, WI 54301