

executive summary 2018

“If any one sector could ‘solve’ the challenges of mental health, they would have. But they can’t. We need to work together.”

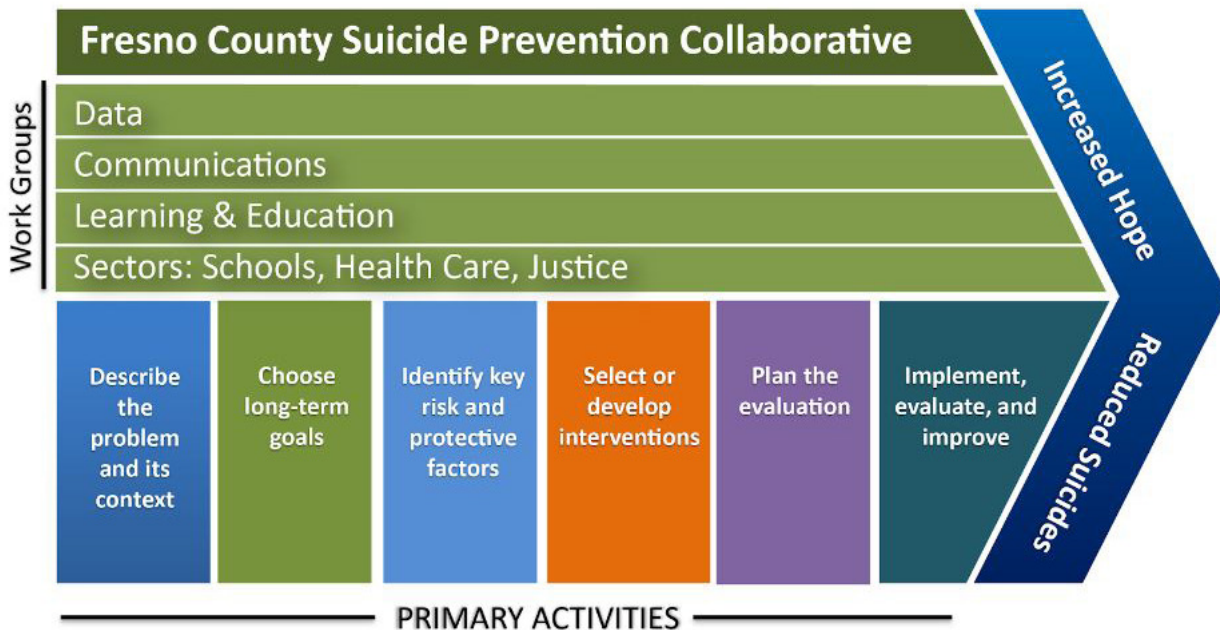
- Lynne Ashbeck

fresno county suicide prevention plan

a community conversations workgroup
funded by fresno county dept. of behavioral health

A large cross sector of individuals and entities across Fresno County came together to form the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative, an effort lead by the Community Conversations around Mental Health group. The main goal of the collaborative is to reduce suicides in Fresno County.

increased **hope** & reduced suicide



Through mutual efforts, the coordination of unified communication, surveillance and epidemiology, data collection and analysis, multi-sector involvement and linkages will be established. This facilitates a better utilization of resources, funding, and in-kind contributions.

From. Figure 1. The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative Integrated Value Chain and Suicide Prevention Resource Center's (SPRC) Strategic Planning model.

past **present** future

2016

Sept. - AB 2246 Signed into law

Dec. - Sheriff Margaret Mims calls community meeting

2017

Jan. - Community Conversations

Feb. - Valley Children's Forum

March - Community Conversations, Teen Suicide Prevention Workgroup becomes Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative with Work Groups identified

April - Fresno You Are Enough: the Church & Mental Health

June - Schools Training AB2246

Aug. - FresnoCares.org

Aug. - Facebook Page

Aug. - Collaborative Survey

Sept. - Community Survey

Dec. - Schools and Justice Part 1

Dec. - Key Informant Interviews

2018

Jan. - Focus Groups

Feb. - Media Communication Debate

March - Sequential Intercept Mapping

March - KMPH Town Hall

May - Schools Justice Part 2

June - CSSRS Training of Trainers

July - Draft Plan

Sept. - MHSAOAC Joint Meeting

Sept. - Finalized Plan

who **we** are

The Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative (the Collaborative) is a dynamic and diverse community stakeholder group that is working toward cohesive action to address suicidal behavior.



work **groups**

DATA: focused on working with local, state, & federal data collection methods for statistics, rates, and overall numbers regarding suicide in the Central Valley.

SCHOOLS: focused on efforts in the school districts and addressing the need for youth suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

HEALTHCARE: focused on making connections between clinical providers including hospitals, community health centers, emergency rooms, clinics, and other agencies to promote suicide prevention.

JUSTICE: focused on efforts in the Justice system including law enforcement, probation, and incarcerations.

COMMUNICATION: focused on conveying information to the public, the media, and other organization's in the Central Valley.

LEARNING AND EDUCATION: focused on organizing the public education and training opportunities in the Central Valley.

terms to **know**

SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR includes suicide attempts and all actions that a person takes based on thoughts of killing himself or herself.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT is when a person does something harmful to himself or herself with at least some intent to die as a result.

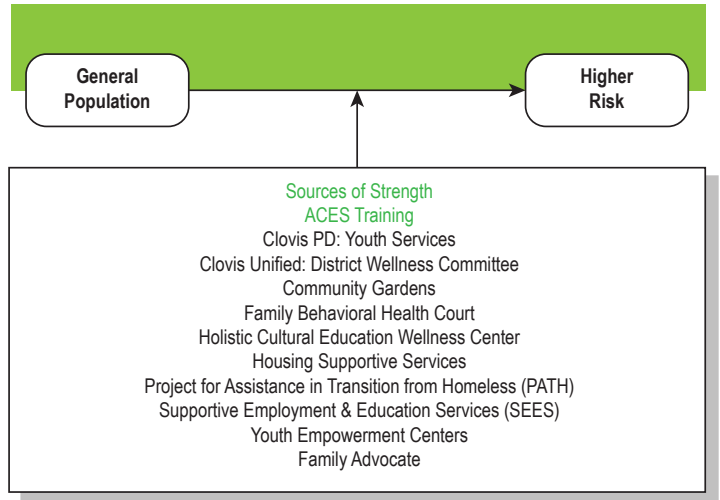
SUICIDE is when a suicide attempt ends in death.

recommendations & existing assets

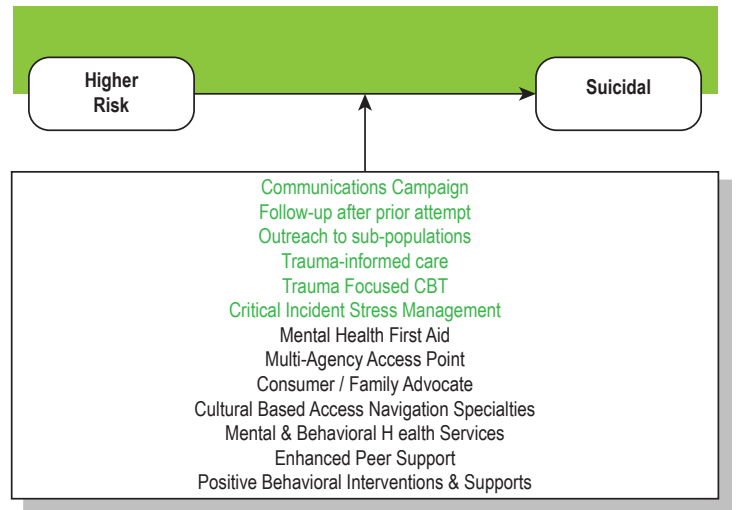
Suicidal behavior develops because of a mix of biology, life events, and/or environment. In the Socio-Ecological Model there are interactions between individual, interpersonal, organizational, community, and public policy factors that influence risk for suicidal behavior.

In addition to communication and social marketing campaigns, programs intending to promote health and wellness or prevent suicidal risk from developing act by:

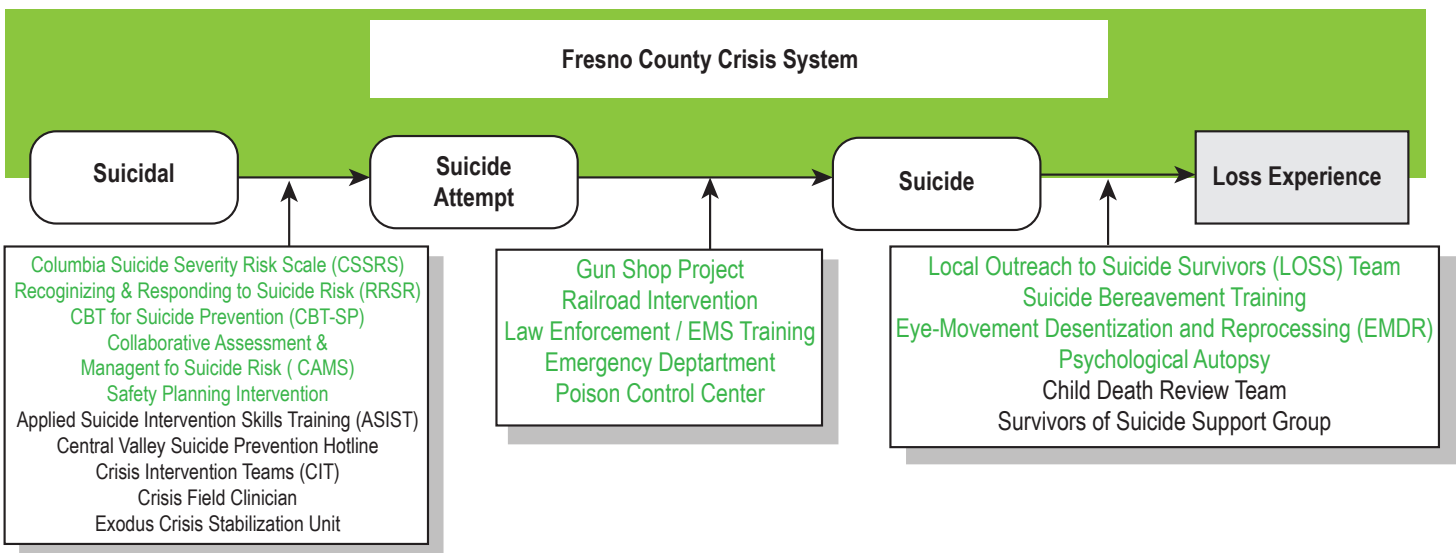
- Fostering connectedness
- Teaching life skills
- Increasing help-seeking



The goal of early intervention is to help someone with elevated risk of suicide to avoid having a suicidal crisis. The early intervention prevention programs, sometimes referred to as “early intervention,” focus on helping a person through a crisis in a way that prevents it from turning into a life-threatening situation.



The crisis system works to interrupt the parts of the Suicidal Crisis Path from when someone enters a suicidal crisis through postvention that takes place after a suicide death.



fresno facts



For each teen who dies by suicide in Fresno County approximately 70 youth were treated in the emergency department following self-injury¹, and more than 5,000 adolescents thought seriously about ending their lives but likely did not attempt suicide².

Each year, over 10% of the households³ in Fresno have directly faced issues related to suicide.



Based on recent estimates, the total economic cost for suicide death and injury in Fresno County might be more than \$140 million per year⁴.

A community survey conducted in Fresno County found that 79% of participants had personal or professional experience with suicide or suicide attempts.



recommended next steps

1. Implement a Zero Suicide in Healthcare initiative
2. Expand community partnerships in Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative
3. Develop a strategic and coordinated communications plan
4. Implement community training
5. Continue needs assessment and evaluation planning
6. Conduct outreach to specific populations
 - * agriculture and farming
 - * business sector
 - * racial and cultural groups
 - * colleges
 - * faith-based organizations



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