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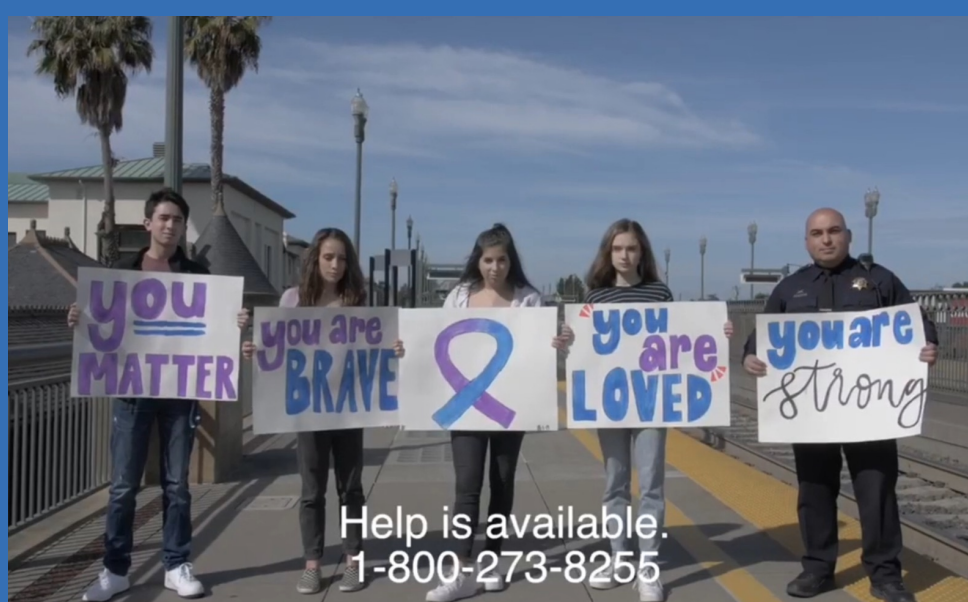
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INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Meeting the Community Where They Are At: Partnering with Mayors, Libraries and Transportation Agencies to Prevent Suicide *San Mateo County*

San Mateo County developed partners for suicide prevention and behavioral health stigma reduction, including the **Caltrain** since 2009, **San Mateo County Library System** and **Peninsula Library System Libraries** since 2019 and **San Mateo County Mayors Mental Health Initiative** since 2022. Examples of some outcomes of these partnerships include:

- Inclusive and humanizing language when reporting fatalities on the Caltrain railway
- Short suicide prevention film created by young suicide loss survivor in partnership with Caltrain and its first responders
- Libraries joining planning committees to receive and offer resources for annual observances
- \$200,000 funding to offer Mental Health First Aid and Be Sensitive Be Brave trainings in local cities



For more information, please visit www.SMCHealth.org/SuicidePrevention