#### **GLS Youth Suicide Prevention**

#### Implementation Team – Be the 1 Carroll County – October 16, 2024, 12:00-1:30pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscumvpzsoH9fCbMtMlsm7ce7NPMn74aDy

NAMI-NH, Northern Human Services & Carroll County Coalition for Public Health Garett Lee Smith Grant – NH Nexus Project 2.0

#### **Minutes**

-Introductions of team members around the table

Linda Dinndorf	Program and Education Director at Friends of Aine Center for Grieving Children and Families
BJ Parker	Welfare Director for the Town of Conway, <a href="mailto:bjparker1@conwaynh.org">bjparker1@conwaynh.org</a>
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Casey Kariuki	Behavioral Health Navigator at Memorial Hospital
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Heather Souther	LCMHC at Brewster Academy, <a href="mailto:hsouther@brewsteracademy.org">hsouther@brewsteracademy.org</a>
Crystal Sawyer	Executive Director at Carroll County Adult Education
Jen Thomas	Prevention Coordinator at C3PH, <u>Jennifer.thomas@graniteuw.org</u>
Catalina Kirsch	Continuum of Care Facilitator at C3PH, Catalina.kirsch@graniteuw.org
Emily McArdle	Young Adult Outreach (taking meeting minutes) at C3PH, <u>u25carrollcounty@outlook.com</u>

Grant Objectives – Current Focus	Status Updates, Discussion	Follow up Action (By Who?)
	Discussion.	
Guest Presentation	Guest: Linda Dinndorf Program and Education Director Friends of Aine Center for Grieving Children and Families	Friends of Aine can come to different areas around the state, connect with Linda to bring Friends of Aine to your area: <a href="mailto:linda@friendsofaine.com">linda@friendsofaine.com</a>



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Mission: To help children and families grieving a death navigate their path to a hopeful future. Offer SEA of Hope: Support for grieving children and families, Educate schools and communities about grief, Advocate to raise awareness of grief as a public and mental health issue. 1 out of 12 children in NH will experience the death of a parent or sibling before the age of 18 (this number doesn't include alternative "parental figures").

Services:

At the center: Provides peer-to-peer support groups for children (grouped by age) and adults (held at the same times as the children's groups). All services are free to grieving families.

Schools: Provides grief education trainings for staff, workshops for grieving students and peers, and a Grief Backpack Initiative that contains resources and activities for schools to use with grieving children/teens. Currently doing a 6-week peer-to-peer support group at Kingswood Regional Middle School.

Community: Provides grief education trainings for organizations, workshops for grieving children, teens, and their families, currently developing a Grief Resource Kit for community organizations, and has a Talk About Grief Traveling Art Exhibit.

Tip: Don't let grief become the elephant in the room- A person's grief and pain are caused by the death or loss, not by talking about it. Often hear that children feel like the adults in their life never reached out to them.

BJ will connect Linda to the Alternative Life Center (peer support center)bjparker1@conwaynh.org

Heather Souther would also like to connect with Lindahsouther@brewsteracademy.org

Linda and Jen will connect to talk about services for servicemembers and their families.

C3PH would also like to receive any giveaways/resources from Friends of Aine, especially for our Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event on Nov. 23, Catalina will give Linda the C3PH mailing address.

Please mail to Carroll Co. Coalition for Public Health 1230 Rt 16 Suite 4 Ossipee NH 03864

Strategic Planning – Identify needs, gaps & high-risk populations	Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event on Nov. 23 at Cook Memorial Library in Tamworth from 10am-1:30pm. Planning now. See flyer below.  NH MHCAP Educators Wellness ECHO- For professionals working in K-12 schools. See flyer below.  Carroll County Veterans Coalition reassessing needs and gaps. Inquiring about resources for the LGBTQIA+ population because the YRBS shows they're at higher risk.	Please help us promote and spread awareness for the Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event. See flyer below. Register here: <a href="https://tamworth-new-hampshire.isosld.afsp.org/">https://tamworth-new-hampshire.isosld.afsp.org/</a> C3PH reach back out to Kennett High School GSA?
	C3PH partnered with Growth Partners to create 2021 YRBS Infographics- Infographic for School Leadership and Infographic for the Public or see infographics below.	
Strategic Planning – Establish Protocols and Evidence Based Practices within/across systems	Carroll County SIM (Sequential Intercept Mapping) October 31 & Nov. 1, by invitation. Bringing together Criminal Justice, Mental Health resources and referral, and Human Services to do a better job of identifying the mental health needs of people moving through the criminal justice system and connecting them to appropriate resources and referrals.  Any protocol planning for the school year?	If you'd like more information about the Carroll County SIM, reach out to Catalina: Catalina.kirsch@graniteuw.org
Strategic Planning - Engage in regional, state and national initiatives and information as it relates to the project including webinars, conferences, meetings, subcommittees, grand rounds, etc.	Jen- Red Ribbon Week Oct 23-31: National substance use prevention campaign. Nine schools are interested in doing a red origami butterflies project and will write down one reason to not use substances and schools will be hanging the butterflies up. Another school put together posters about opioids and prevention and a couple local organizations will be displaying the posters around the community.  https://www.redribbon.org/	If any schools are interested in the red origami butterfly project for Red Ribbon Week, or would like some origami paper, reach out to Jen:  Jennifer.thomas@graniteuw.org  Resources - https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/observances/suicide-prevention-month https://988lifeline.org/promote-national-suicide-prevention-month/
	NH Suicide Prevention Conference on Nov. 14, Jen will be presenting there for the Carroll County Veterans Coalition. Scholarships are available: <a href="https://preventsuicidenh.org/2024-conference/">https://preventsuicidenh.org/2024-conference/</a> Apply for a scholarship <a href="https://preventsuicidenh.org/2024-conference/">here</a>	https://zerosuicide.edc.org/resources- parents  Under 25 Network of Carroll County: https://www.facebook.com/U25CarrollCountyNH https://www.instagram.com/u25carrollcountynh/

	Brochure: https://preventsuicidenh.org/wp-	
	content/uploads/2024/08/2024-SPC-Brochure-	
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Education and Training - NAMI Update – Susan Ward	<ul> <li>Connect Suicide Prevention Train the Trainer in Nov: 11/4 Training, 11/8 (trainers only), 11/13 (trainers only).</li> <li>Connect Young Adult Leader Training in the AM and a training with employers in the PM on 12/5 through Apprenticeship NH to target young adults in the workforce.</li> <li>Connect Postvention Training and Planning- 12/3 and 12/17 (Key stakeholders- DHHS, DBHRT, RPHN, etc.).</li> <li>NH National Guard Young Adult Leader Training- Will be coming late 2024 as the guard is going through leadership changes.</li> <li>Connect Youth Leader Training-Discussing with Inter-Lakes school</li> <li>Connect Online Training Slots</li> <li>CALM Training – October 18, VA Save and CALM</li> </ul>	Heather Souther is interested in the Train the Trainer on 11/4 and will connect with Susan about this: sward@naminh.org  Susan sent Catalina and Jen info about a GLS conference so Carroll County could share their work- if anyone thinks C3PH should highlight anything in particular, please reach out.
	- GLS Conference	
Community Awareness	<ul> <li>VA Save &amp; CALM training- Space is still available. VA SAVE is an introductory suicide prevention training- content is for anyone, data is related to veterans. CALM (Counseling on Access to Lethal Means) is a 3.5-hour training discussing statistics about lethal means, and how to provide information and help make someone's environment safer and reduce their access to lethal means if they are struggling with or having current, or a history of, suicide ideation. VA SAVE as universal support and CALM is for a selected higher risk group.</li> <li>C3PH tabled at 11 school open houses and provided resources to parents/caregivers, students, and school personnel.</li> <li>Broad targeted dissemination of 988/NSPL materials to reach vulnerable 18–24-year-old population</li> </ul>	Sign up here for VA SAVE and CALM training: https://forms.gle/4Mn2xqG3j9rBrsnB7 or email Jen if you're interested- Jennifer.thomas@graniteuw.org https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/ob servances/suicide-prevention-month https://www.samhsa.gov/find- help/988/partner-toolkit/social-media- shareables  C3PH Folder of 988 Shareables: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/ 1EF4t54wpglU5akkOGKEIRu4pWmlf6BK Z?usp=sharing

Tobacco and Nicotine Use Prevention	<ul> <li>Heather Souther- C3PH linked Brewster         Academy with Breathe NH and they         hosted a great Breathe NH         presentation.</li> </ul>	Bring a Breathe NH presentation to Kingswood, Kennett, or Carroll County Adult Education?  Info on Breathe NH: <a href="https://www.breathenh.org/">https://www.breathenh.org/</a> C3PH Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vaping Resource Guide
Community response to suicide events.	<ul> <li>List any pertinent updates or invite speakers to share info.</li> </ul>	

SECTOR UPDATES	Status Updates, news, announcements	Follow up Actions? – By Who?
Middle/High School/Higher Ed - WMCC Updates	Crystal/Carroll County Adult Ed- Crystal is now a Connect Trainer and will be offering trainings with other adult educators to all adult education employees and another training for students. CC Adult Ed will be having someone from Harbor Care coming to provide a suicide prevention training. Crystal will be attending the first day of the SIM mapping.	
	Heather Souther/Brewster- Seeing a lot of grief in the school. Started some group support every other week called the Mental Health Matters Club where kids can sign up that week for different topics. Heather met with another faculty member who is interested in promoting mental health care and wellbeing in the school, proposing an interim study project in March to talk about mental health, maybe have someone from NAMI or Carroll County come or do a training in Teen Mental Health First Aid.	C3PH would be happy to collaborate with Heather Souther/Brewster to help make the interim study project successful. Mckenzie and Catalina are both certified in Teen Mental Health First Aid and could come provide that training.
	Shannon/Kingswood- Health and Wellness class is doing peer-to-peer education about suicide prevention, students are participating and engaged. Completing NAMI trainings in November and talking about how to push that out to schools.	
Healthcare Updates – Memorial Hospital Community Health Need Assessment	Casey/Memorial- Memorial has 2 new psychiatric nurse practitioners so they now have a team of 5 psychiatric nurse practitioners.  Amanda/Huggins- No updates at Huggins, Amanda and other LCSW doing individual therapy services, seeing an influx of people dealing with grief.	Catalina and Jen can talk to Amanda about bringing Friends of Aine to Huggins.
First Responder Updates		

Social Services, Other	Peter/New Futures- Legislative session starts in	C3PH has funding from the NH
Social Services, Other	Peter/New Futures- Legislative session starts in January so New Futures does not have specific action items yet. Fellowships going on every week to get advocates ready to testify, trying to stay in touch with everyone and spread the word about New Futures and their trainings. Will send out action items when available and can provide trainings for organizations. This year will be a budget year so anything involving government dollars will be debated this year.  Heather/DOE- NH Suicide Prevention Conference on Nov. 14. NH MHCAP Educators Wellness ECHO- For professionals working in K-12 schools. See flyer below.  Mckenzie/NAMI GSL- Mckenzie works with highrisk youth and young adults who have experienced a recent suicidal incident. She can step in for 90 days to talk about coping skills, resilience, stress management, and connect them to services. Not currently taking referrals because the grant may end in January, but currently has 8 clients with 6 in Carroll County. Susan- NAMI NH will apply for a no-cost extension which could extend the Care Liaison position for 6 months to a year, but they can't apply until Nov. and then will have to see if it's	C3PH has funding from the NH Charitable Foundation to do community engagement and would like to partner with New Futures to do some type of legislative breakfast/round table to talk to legislators about public health, behavioral health, etc. C3PH and New Futures can connect once the legislative session is underway.
Faith Community	approved. Susan will keep the group updated.	
Updates		
Awareness Campaigns	October	
	<ul> <li>Health Literacy Month</li> <li>Substance Use Prevention Month         <ul> <li>https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/observances/substance-use-preventionmonth</li> </ul> </li> <li>November</li> </ul>	https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/observances/suicide-prevention-month.https://988lifeline.org/promotenational-suicide-prevention-month/
	<ul> <li>Clocks "fall back" to Eastern Standard Time 2am Nov 3, 2024.</li> <li>Review presentation on YouTube:         Seasonal Affective Disorder, with Donna Torney LCMHC from 2023     </li> <li>Space to share Awareness Day/Week/Month campaigns and related resources.</li> </ul>	health literacy resources for health professionals  National Youth Sports Week
Other		
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Next Steps for the Implementation Team-C3PH Carroll County is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BE THE 1 CARROLL COUNTY - Youth Suicide Prevention Team

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Nov 20, 2024 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscumvpzsoH9fCbMtMlsm7ce7NPMn74aDy

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Jennifer Thomas

Jennifer.thomas@graniteuw.org

Catalina Kirsch

catalina.kirsch@graniteuw.org

#### **\*\* WHO WE ARE**

#### **CONTACT US**

#### Mission

To help children and families grieving a death navigate their path to a hopeful future.

Values Children are our greatest gift.

- Kindness
- Connections
- Compassion
   Courage

#### Strategic Goals

Support grieving children and families

Educate our schools and our community about grief

Advocate to raise awareness of grief as a public and mental health issue

Honor our

Organization, our

People, and our

Evolution

#### **Our Inspiration**

After suddenly and unexpectedly losing our 8-year-old daughter, Aine Phillips, we realized there were few grief resources for our younger daughter, Bella. We founded Friends of Aine in 2013 to ensure bereaved children will always feel understood and supported by both

peers and trusted adults as they navigate their grief. Everyone who encounters our services is part of Aine's legacy of kindness and compassion.



-Christine and David Phillips

#### Friends of Aine

Center for Grieving Children and Families 226 Coolidge Avenue, Manchester, NH 03102

**General Inquires** (603) 669-1120

<u>info@friendsofaine.com</u>

FriendsofAine.com

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**CREATING A WORLD** WHERE NO CHILD **GRIEVES ALONE** 



## Save the Date Saturday, October 26

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

23 24

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(26)
Take them back

30 31

**DEATakeBack.com** 



## **Empowering Educators**

Strategies for Staff Well-Being ECHO

#### **Learn about:**

- Vicarious Trauma
- Self Regulation and Coping Mechanisms
- Time Management and Work/Life Integration
- Building Supportive Relationships
- And more!



#### When:

Wednesdays
October 2nd - November 20th
8:00am - 9:00am

#### **Audience:**

Professionals working in K-12 schools

#### Register here

Questions?
Please contact
Cait.McAllister@unh.edu













# (603) 650-4741

# Provider-to-provider child psychiatry support

Dartmouth Health Children's. Consults are available to primary care providers that care for children NH MCAP is your connection to provider-to-provider support from the Child Psychiatry team at and adolescents in NH and are provided by phone, during regular business hours.

# **HOW IT WORKS**



PCP needs support managing a pediatric behavioral health concern

Support needs may
be patient-specific or more
general and include diagnosis,
medication, and other
treatment options.



PCP or support staff
call the Access Line at
(603) 650-4741 to schedule
a provider to provider
phone consultation

Be prepared to provide patient



Child & Adolescent
Psychiatrist returns call
at scheduled time to
complete consult

Most consults are scheduled within 1-3 business days and last about 15 minutes. PCPs can bill for time spent preparing and completing the consult.

demographic data, a direct line to

the PCP (back office or cell), and

scheduling availability.



# Consult recommendations are e-faxed to PCP

A summary of the consult is sent to include in the patient chart.

















#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q. What kind of questions can providers call NH MCAP Access Line about?

A. The Dartmouth Health Children's Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist that supports the Access Line can answer mental health questions about assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning including medication management or other treatments. Examples include questions about specific medication dosing or side effects and help with differential diagnoses or appropriate levels of care.

#### Q. What's the best way to frame my question?

A. Prior to speaking with the Dartmouth Health Children's Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist we will collect some basic intake data. During the consultation, it is helpful to understand what you are looking for help with and what you have tried so far.

#### Q. What is the average wait time to speak with a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist?

A. Most consults are available within 2 days of request, depending on the overall volume of requests.

#### Q. How long will a call take?

A. The average consultation takes about 15 minutes, but you will get as much consultation as you need.

#### Q. What if I need a response right away?

A. The NH MCAP Access Line is not a crisis service, but NH does have resources to help! NH Rapid Response Access Point (833-710-6477) is a 24-hour service that can help you and your patient determine next steps which may include phone support, dispatch of a Rapid Response Team, or referral to an Emergency Department. More information can be found here:

\*\*Acute Crisis Care | Children's Behavioral Health Resource Center (nh.gov)

#### Q. How do I bill for this?

A. Interprofessional telephone/internet Electronic Health Record Consultation code 99452 may be reported by the treating/requesting physician, NP, or PA for 16-30 minutes in a service day preparing for the referral and/or communicating with the consultant.

#### Q. How does NH MCAP manage patient data?

A. Patient data and recommendations made during the consultation are recorded in Dartmouth Health's secure, HIPAA protected electronic health record and e-faxed to the requesting provider following the consult. All data used by NH MCAP for program evaluation is de-identified.









#### November 23, 2024

Each year, AFSP supports hundreds of large and small Survivor Day events around the world, in which suicide loss survivors come together to find connection, understanding and hope through their shared experience. While each event is unique and offers various programming, all feature an AFSP-produced documentary that offers a message of growth, resilience and connection.

#### Questions?

Catalina Kirsch catalina.kirsch@graniteuw.org

Phone: 603-662-4811

#### Tamworth, New Hampshire

Cook Memorial Library 93 Main Street

10am-1:30pm

To learn more or to Register, visit: afsp.org/NewHampshire
Or scan the QR code:





# Save the Date

21st Annual New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Conference

Where You Are:

Building Hope and Preventing Suicide in the Places Where We Work, Live, & Play

November 14, 2024 Grappone Conference Center Concord, New Hampshire





Brochure here: <a href="https://preventsuicidenh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-SPC-Brochure-1.pdf">https://preventsuicidenh.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-SPC-Brochure-1.pdf</a>

Conference website: <a href="https://preventsuicidenh.org/2024-conference/">https://preventsuicidenh.org/2024-conference/</a>

#### Beginning June 1, 2024:

# From Grieving to Living

A Bi-Monthly Grief Support Group 💛



### All burdens are lighter when shared



Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month 11 am-Noon



Wakefield Family Medicine 131 Meadow Street Sanbornville, NH 03872



patti@pattischmoock.com

Please Note: This group is an offering of
Patti Schmoock Coaching
and not affiliated with Wakefield Family Medicine

**Group Facilitator:** 

Patti Schmoock

Mental Well-Being Coach &
3 Principles Practitioner

Curious what people are saying? Scan QR code for more information



#### "THE FIRST WEALTH IS HEALTH." - RALPH WALDO EMERSON

#### JOIN US IN NOVEMBER FOR:

# MENTAL WEALTH Wednesdays

A 3-PART, IN-PERSON WORKSHOP DEDICATED TO IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING:

- DISCOVER THE SECRET TO MENTAL HEALTH
- LEARN TO LET GO OF STRESS AND ANXIETY
- FIND PEACE OF MIND, MORE OFTEN

THE PROGRAM IS FREE; HOWEVER, DONATIONS ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

\*YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP SUPPORT FUTURE PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE COACHING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THOSE IN NEED.

WHERE:

131 MEADOW STREET SANBORNVILLE, NH 03872

WHEN:

11/6, 11/13, 11/20

WHAT TIME: 6 PM - 7:30 PM Facilitator:



Patti Schmoock

Mental Well-Being Coach & 3 Principles Practitioner Space is limited
Scan Below to Register:



- Mental Health is as important as Physical Health.
- But, finding someone to help with our Mental Health isn't always easy.
- Luckily, there is an alternative to the mainsteam.

#### **COMING NOVEMBER 2024**

## MENTAL HEALTH COACHING

WHERE:

131 MEADOW STREET SANBORNVILLE, NH 03872

WHEN:

**TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS** 

WHAT TIME: 9 AM TO 4 PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY Scan to Schedule a Free 30-minute Consultation (Available Until Offer is Cancelled)



THIS COULD BE THE BEST 30 MINUTES
YOU'VE EVER GIVEN YOURSELF, DON'T LET
FEAR TALK YOU OUT OF IT.

Your Coach:



Mental Well-Being Coach & 3 Principles Practitioner

#### WHAT IS CARROLL COUNTY'S

#### **2021 YRBS**

CARROLL COUNTY COALITION **EPUBLIC HEALTH** 

TELLING US?



**Most Carroll County youth** DO NOT use alcohol or tobacco

In the past 30 days...

of students did not binge drink

85%

of students did not use marijuana

of students have never used an electronic vapor product

Most Carroll County youth DO NOT take illicit drugs

**97%** 

of students have **never** used ecstasy

90%

of students have **never** taken prescription pain medication without a doctor's prescription



#### What increases students' chances of substance use?

Students who reported...

#### **Ease of Access**

...higher perceived ease of obtaining marijuana had up to 13 times greater likelihood of more frequent marijuana use in the past 30 days.

...higher perceived ease of obtaining prescription drugs without a prescription had up to 40.35 times greater likelihood of ever having used ecstasy.

#### **Violent** Relationships

...being forced by a dating partner to engage in unwanted sexual activities one or more times in the past 12 months are 22.2 times more likely to have vaped in the past 30 days.

...experiencing more instances of physical harm from a parent or other adult at home had up to 12 times higher likelihood of using a prescription drug without a prescription in the past 30 days.

#### **Poor Mental** Health

...more frequent days of poor mental health are associated with up to 7.2 times higher likelihood of using prescription pain medicine without a prescription or contrary to a doctor's instructions.

...missing more days of school due to feeling unsafe are up to 31 times more likely to have ever used ecstasy.

# How do schools and communities use YRBS data?

- + School guidance counselors and principals use YRBS data during back-to-school nights.
- + School districts use YRBS data to develop appropriate educational health initiatives and establish curriculum objectives.
- + Teachers use YRBS data to teach students data interpretation and critical thinking by analyzing trends, comparing years, and evaluating intervention effectiveness.
- + Health education teachers use YRBS data to discuss current health issues facing youth and to compare current levels of healthy and unhealthy behaviors.
- + Schools and communities can use YRBS data to develop and strengthen health promotion and disease prevention programs and access funding for grants.

# What is the Youth Risk Behavior Survey?

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) asks students about risky behaviors and those behaviors that keep them safe. YRBS data is used to enhance state and local grant applications, develop more effective youth prevention programs, and offer a consistent long-term tool for measuring progress in reducing youth health risk behaviors.



For more resources, go here











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CARROLL COUNTY COALITION EPUBLIC HEALTH

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) asks students about risky behaviors and those behaviors that keep them safe. Data from the YRBS helps pinpoint health issues that are common among students so that schools and communities can create programs to help students make safer and healthier choices.



#### How was the 2021 data analyzed?

YRBS data is **completely anonymous**; it isn't linked to individual students or classes. The data from the YRBS is analyzed to understand patterns and trends in behavior over time. The data doesn't point out causes, but it does **help schools understand links between conditions in students' lives and the behaviors they engage in.** 



#### **Protective Factors**

Protective factors are traits or conditions that make positive outcomes more likely or lessen the impact of risk factors. Things like sleeping at home most nights, feeling safe going to and from school, and having friends who disapprove of smoking are all protective factors. For Carrol County youth, an important protective factor was being able to talk to a caring adult about their feelings.

Students who reported increased levels of being able to talk to an adult in their family or to another caring adult about their feelings have up to ...

... 2.7 times reduced odds of having poor mental health most of the time during the past 30 days. ... 12.6 times greater odds of getting the help they need when they feel sad, hopeless, angry, or anxious.

... 5.1 times greater odds of reporting not getting sad, hopeless, angry, or anxious.

... 4.2 times reduced odds of having made a plan about how they would attempt suicide during the past 12 months, compared to students who never had a caring adult to talk to about their feelings.

... up to 5.1 times reduced odds of having seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months, compared with students who reported never having a caring adult to talk to about their feelings.

#### **Risk Factors**

Think of risk factors as stumbling blocks on the way to positive outcomes. YRBS data shows us that some of the strongest risk factors Carroll County youth face are at home.

Students who reported increased lifetime instances of parents or other adults in their homes slapping, hitting, kicking, punching, or beating each other up have **up to 55.6 times greater odds of ever using ecstasy.** 

Students who usually slept away from home during the past 30 days have 29.7 times greater odds of having had a suicide attempt during the past 12 months that resulted in treatment by a doctor.

#### How To Be a Caring Adult

Having a caring adult to whom they can talk is a powerful protective factor for Carroll County youth. Being a caring adult who reaches out and shows support is a simple way to help teens and the whole community thrive.

#### Here are five critical aspects of a caring relationship that can support youth:

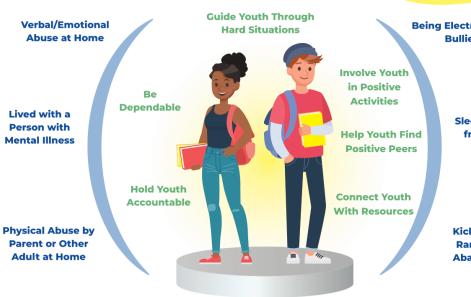
- 1. Showing students you care about them.
- 2. Challenging students to become their best selves.
- 3. Providing ongoing support.
- 4. Sharing power and showing respect.
- 5. Expanding their sense of possibilities and opportunities.



Teens who have stronger relationships with non-family adults (e.g., through involvement in volunteer work, youth programs, religious organizations) have higher levels of positive support, engage in less risky behavior, and have increased levels of overall well-being.

well-being by nonfamily adults: An examination of developmental assets as contexts and processes. Journal of Community Psychology. 34:401-413. 10. 1002/jcop.20106

#### **How Adults Can Support Youth**



SOURCE: The Search Institute. Developmental Relationships: The Framework. https://d2pck61xhq74q6.

**Being Electronically Bullied** 

> **Sleeping Away** from Home

**Kicked Out.** Ran Away, **Abandoned** 

cloudfront.net/Resources-Hub/Bevond-the-Classroom/DevRelationships\_framework\_english-1.pdf











