

Mental Health America of WI

Piecing Together an Infrastructure for Suicide Prevention

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The Infrastructure: Circa 2005

- Wisconsin Suicide Prevention Strategy
 - County/community-based model
- Suicide Prevention Initiative
 - HOPES, MHA, DHFS, DPI
- Department of Public Instruction
 - State law on SP education for youth
 - Study, trainings
- State Prevention/Early Intervention Grant
 - Minigrants

The GLS Experience

- The mentoring and TA model
 - 9 sub-grantees, minigrantees, consults
- Resources development
- Statewide resources
 - web resources, CD, brochures, Well Aware, Burden of Suicide Report
- Trainings
 - AMSR, QPR, regional trainings, conferences

The Infrastructure: Circa 2008

- Confidence in the model
- Sustainable sub-grantee programs
- A wider pool of expertise
 - QPR, AMSR, TeenScreen, SOS, Coalition-building
- Additional interested communities
- A lack of a broader infrastructure to support expansion

The Summit

- Bring together representatives from as many local coalitions as possible
- Bring in key state agencies and some provider groups with broad reach
- Keynotes
- Facilitated discussions
- Action-planning