



# **Partnerships and Coalition Building**

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**Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Grantee Meeting  
U.S Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
Administration**

**Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Project  
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# Agenda

- Overview of Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Project (IYSP)
- Determining roles and responsibilities of IYSP Advisory Group
- Challenges
- Advisory Group Successes
- Lessons Learned

# Overview of IYSP Project



The goal of the Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention (IYSP) project is to reduce suicide attempts and completions among all Idaho youth ages 10–24

# IYSP Objectives

- 1. Initiate a state-level public/private partnership (Youth Suicide Prevention Intervention Coalition) comprised of statewide stakeholders.**
- 2. Facilitate making available culturally competent appropriate/accessible best practices for youth suicide prevention/early interventions- including adaptations for Tribal, Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander youth.**
- 3. Develop, use, or adapt materials for training university residence hall and other student staff and community gatekeepers**
- 4. Encourage the use of early identification programs to identify youth at risk.**

# IYSP Objectives Cont.

- 5. Identify and review statewide suicide prevention referral resources for the 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine database available via phone and on their Website 24/7.**
- 6. Assemble and make available through multiple venues low-cost campaign materials to increase awareness of suicide risks and available prevention resources**
- 7. Design and implement a system for providing information and statistics on Idaho youth suicide.**

# Advisory Group Members

- SPAN Idaho
- Advocates
- Agency Representatives
- Young Adult
- Child Psychiatrist
- Judge
- School Nurse



# Determining Roles and Responsibilities

## IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



International Association  
for Public Participation

*Increasing Level of Public Impact*

**Public  
participation  
goal**

### **Inform**

To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

### **Consult**

To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

### **Involve**

To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

### **Collaborate**

To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

### **Empower**

To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.

Source: International Association for Public Participation

# IYSP Advisory Group Charter

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## Mission Statement

*The mission of the Youth Suicide Prevention Coalition is to supply guidance, insight, and cohesion to the implementation of the Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Intervention Project .*

## Expectations for YSP advisory group members

- Regular attendance at quarterly meetings.
- Active participation during meetings.
- Promotion of grant objectives in their communities, as they are able to do so.
- Networking by sharing resources and information as appropriate.



# Challenges



There wouldn't be family  
- *without you*

if you or someone you know is  
contemplating suicide,  
*there is a way out.*  
Give us a call because  
whether you feel like it or not,  
*there is someone who cares.*

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
**1-800-273-TALK**

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- Attendance decreased over time
- Problems with technology
- Maintaining purpose of the group

# Overcoming the Challenges

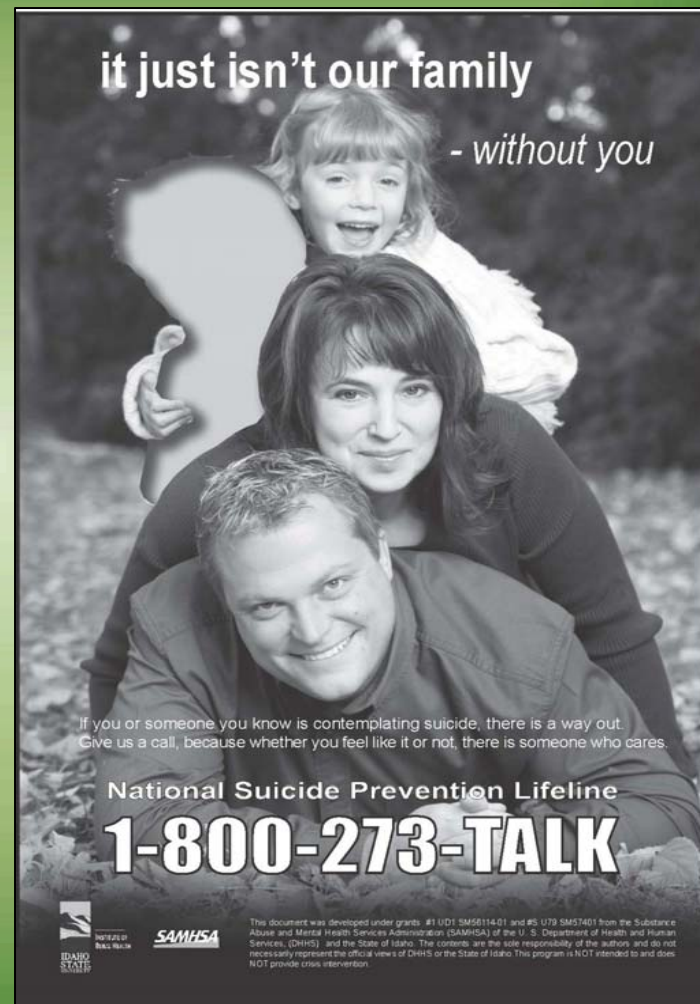
- Review of Charter
  - Project Staff
  - Key informant interviews
- Looking Towards the Future
  - Building group sustainability
  - The logic model

# Advisory Group Successes

- Revising Logic Model
- Invitations
  - State Victim Witness Coordinators Conference
  - 2009 trainings for Juvenile Justice, Detention and Probation personnel
  - Trainings at Duck Valley and Fort Hall
  - Table Top Display at Idaho Voices for Children Conference
  - Awareness Campaigns

# Lessons Learned

1. Stay with group purpose
2. Stay connected with group members
3. Link group purpose to community efforts
4. Be flexible



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