



# SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKS!

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HEALTHIER COMMUNITY



# Community Snap Shot

- Grays Harbor County
  - **39<sup>th</sup> of 39** counties for health behaviors & clinical care
  - **790:1** behavioral health providers
- Two hospitals
  - **1** Critical Access, Level IV trauma designation
  - **1** Public Hospital, Level III Trauma designation
- Youth Suicide Surveillance System
  - All self-harm attempts, age 10-24
  - Reports submitted to LHJ by emergency responders and emergency departments

# Challenges

- Staffing capacity for hospitals and emergency departments
- Infrastructural needs: such as safe rooms in hospitals
- Community need for BH providers and services
- Changes in leadership of local crisis response system and the hospitals
- Statewide: new organization of all behavioral health resources
- Coordination across sectors: hospitals, schools, EMS, and information sharing rules

# Opportunities & Next Steps

- Revision of surveillance form
- Sentinel alert
- Zero Suicide training opportunities
- **Service providers:** several organizations focusing on outpatient services, new organization coming in to provide crisis services
- **Collaboration among current providers:** ensure community needs are met during crisis/postvention
- **Tech. assistance, ideas:** support among grantees, listservs