

PREVENT SUICIDE  
WV



American  
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for Suicide  
Prevention



*Suicide Prevention in West Virginia:  
Present and Possibilities*

Suicide is a health issue





Avoid	Say
“Committed suicide”	“Died by suicide” “Killed him/herself” “Ended his/her life.” “Completed suicide”
“Failed” or “Successful” attempt	“suicide attempt” or “death by suicide”



Over 1 million  
people in the  
world die by  
suicide each  
year.



- Ranks as the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States
- In 2017, 47,173 individuals died by suicide in the United States
- 1 person every 11.7 minutes, 123 individuals per day
- Nationally 14 people per 100,000

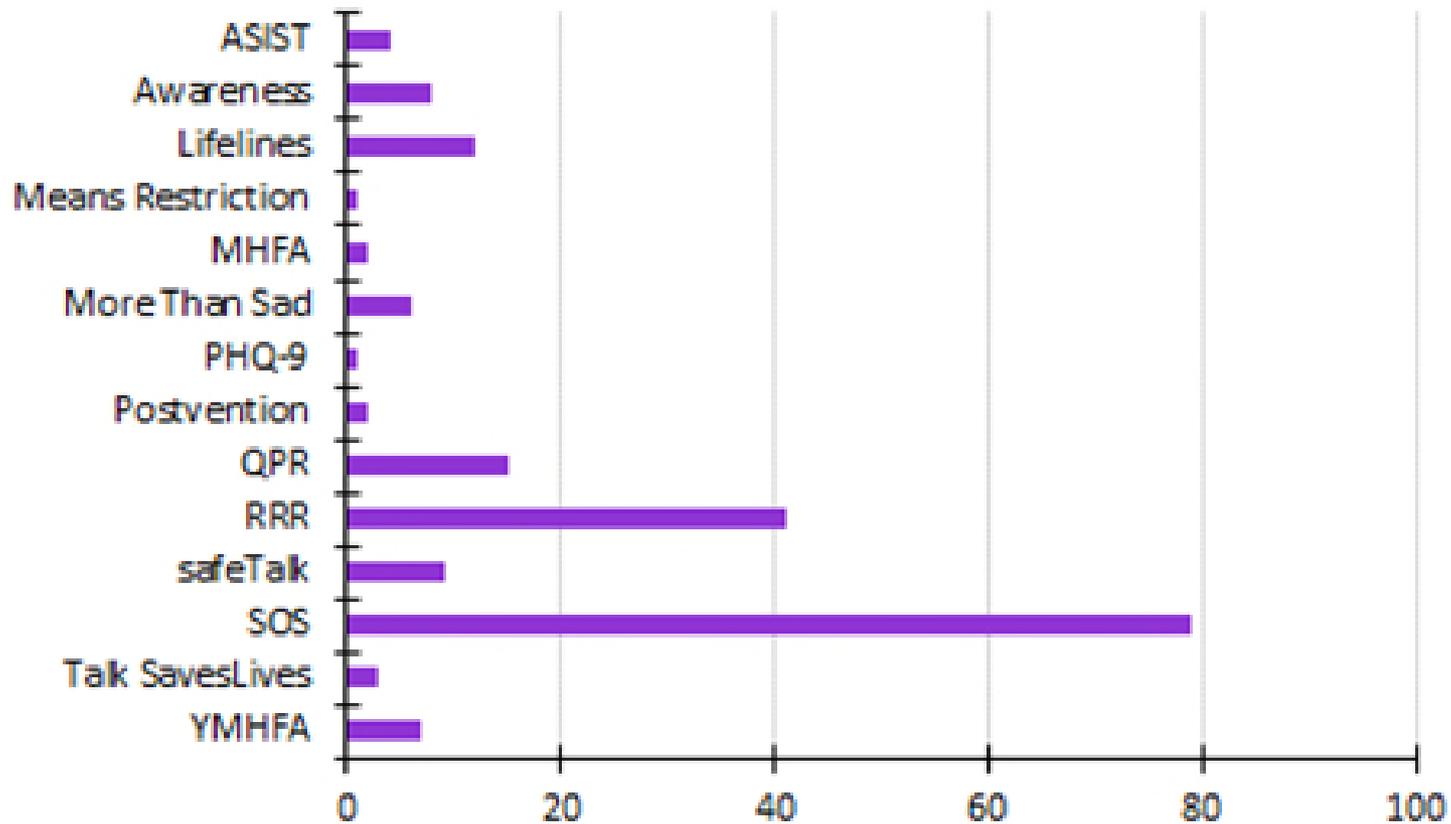
- In 2017, WV ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the US in suicide deaths.
- In 2017, we lost 393 fellow West Virginians to suicide
- In WV 21.6 people per 100,000 vs US rate of 14.5



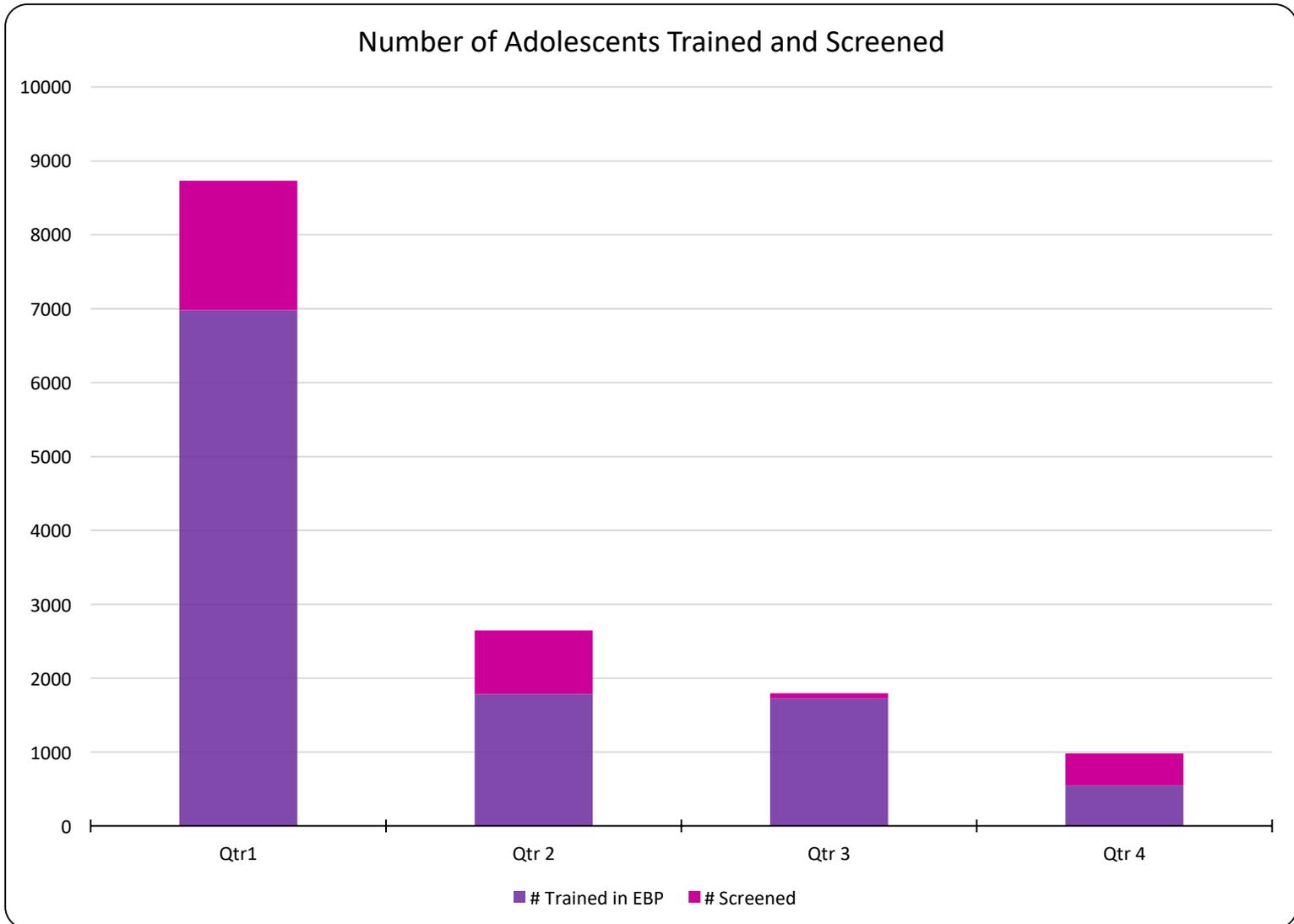


During the course of last year, there were 190 trainings offered, resulting in 25,259 individuals trained.

### Number and Types of Trainings

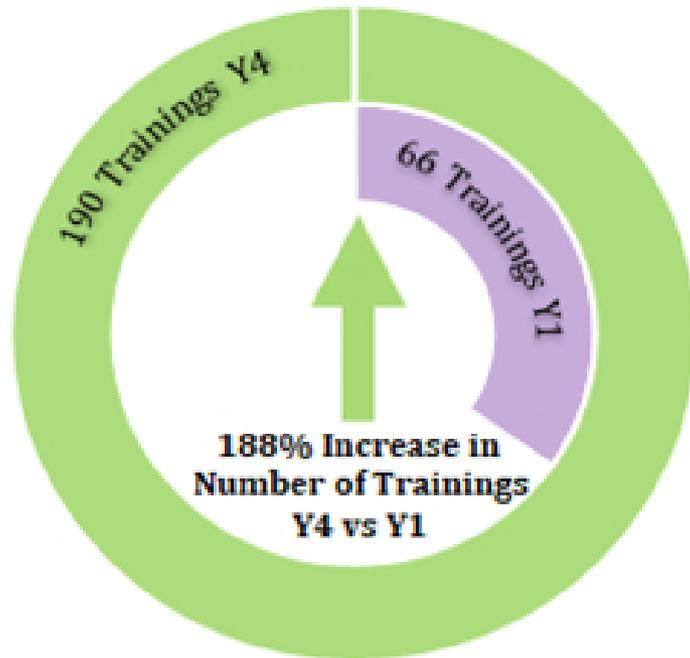


During Year 4, there were 22,855 youth trained and 3,115 youth screened.



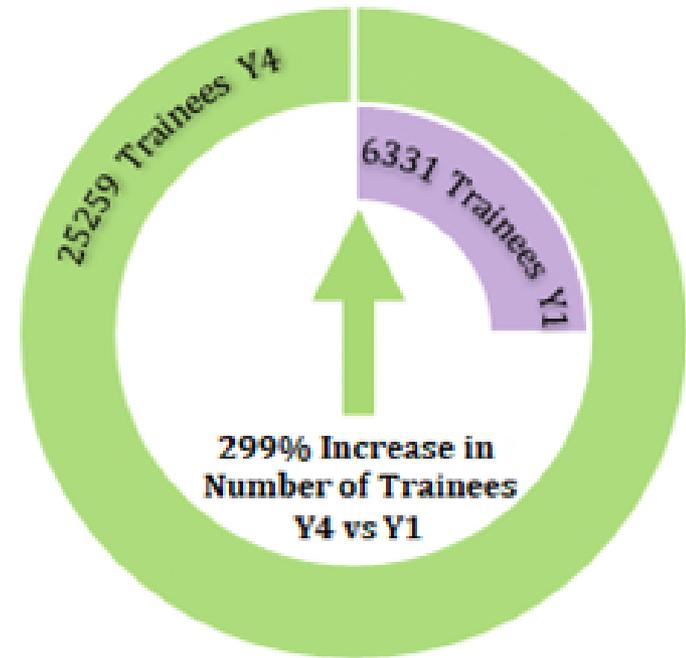
# Trainings

694 trainings



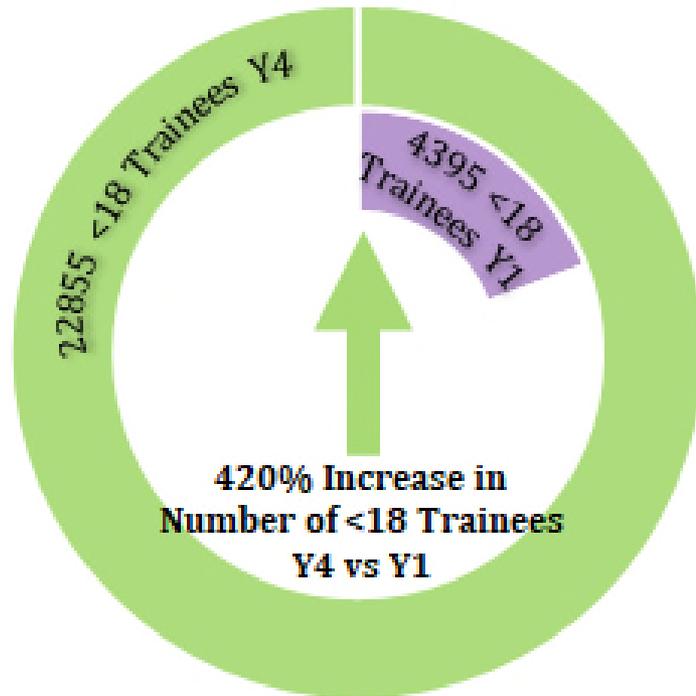
Trainings	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
	66	202	216	190

76,813 trained



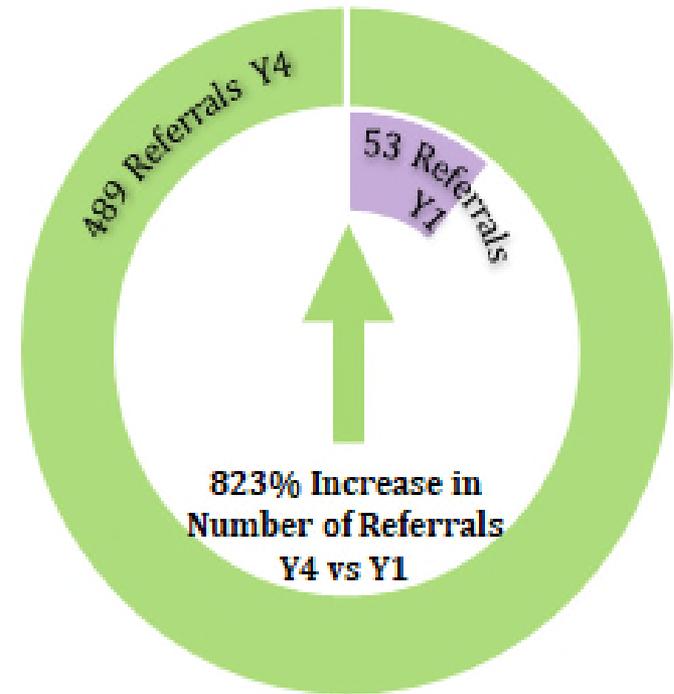
Total Trained	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
	6331	19515	25708	25259

## Youth Trained



<18 Trained	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
	4395	16076	23666	22855

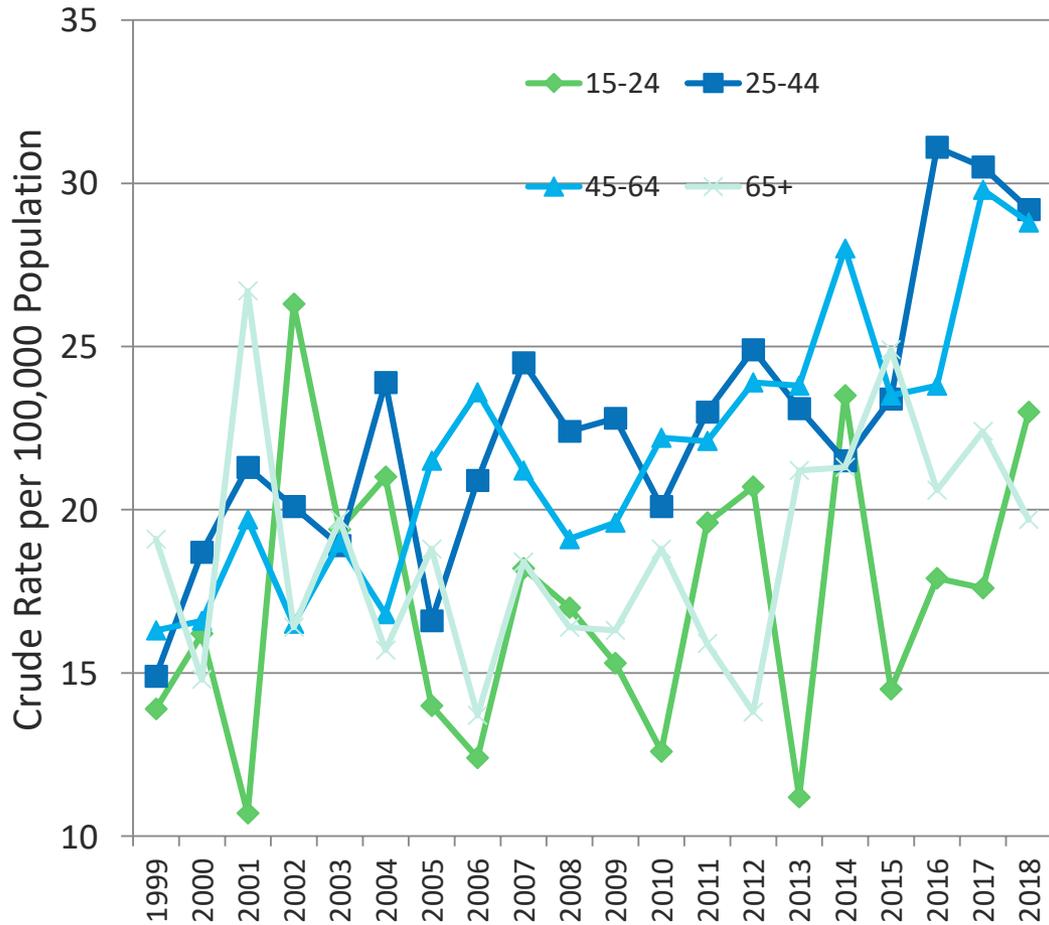
## Referrals to Treatment



Referrals	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
	53	426	608	489

# Vital Statistics Data

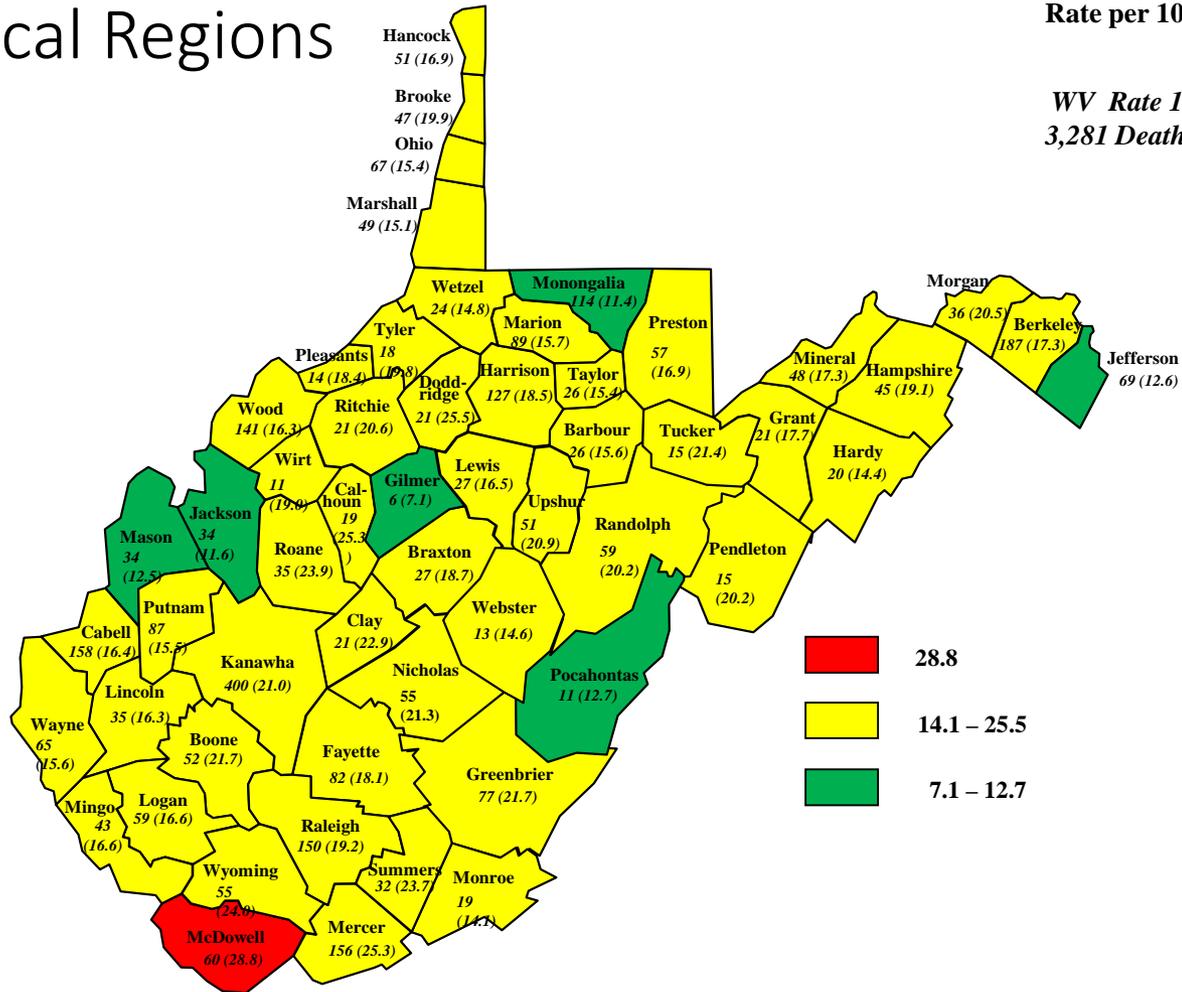
- Demographic trends
  - Age Groups
  - Gender
  - Ethnicity



# Vital Statistic Data: Geographical Regions

West Virginia Suicides by County  
All Ages  
2008-2017  
Rate per 100,000 Population

*WV Rate 17.8/100,000*  
*3,281 Deaths by Suicide*





# Fatality Review Data

- Geographic Regions
- Identifying systems in which the individual intersected
- Opportunities to intervene
- Utilization of means
- Correlational circumstances
- Substance Use



Survivors of Loss and  
Lived Experience

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## Opioids and Suicide: From the Research

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Adults who receive high doses of opioids are at increased risk for suicide

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Adults who abuse opioids weekly or more are more likely to engage in suicide planning and attempts

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Adults who have an opioid use disorder are 13x more likely to die by suicide than the general population

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1. Ilgen et al., 2016; 2. Ashrafioun et al., 2017; 3. Wilcox, Conner & Caine, 2004

# WV's Collaborative Approach

- BUILD an infrastructure within the state to address the intersection of overdose and suicide.
- Cross train individuals who work with those in the field to dually assess for suicidality and substance abuse.
- BUILD Suicide Prevention in State Opioid Crisis Response Grants.
- Work with the Quick Response Teams and Emergency Departments to ensure rapid follow-up and linkage to care for both suicide attempts and non-fatal overdoses.



# PROJECT 2025

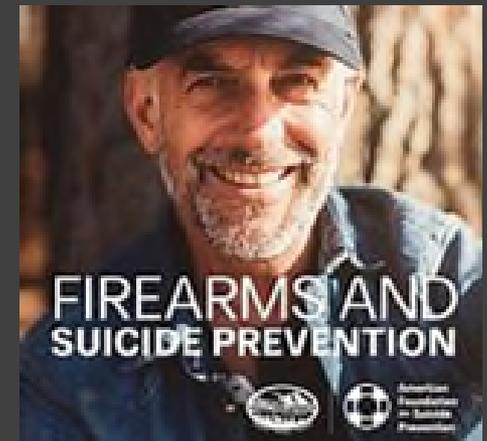
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**The Goal:** Reduce the  
National Suicide Rate  
20% by 2025

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IN HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

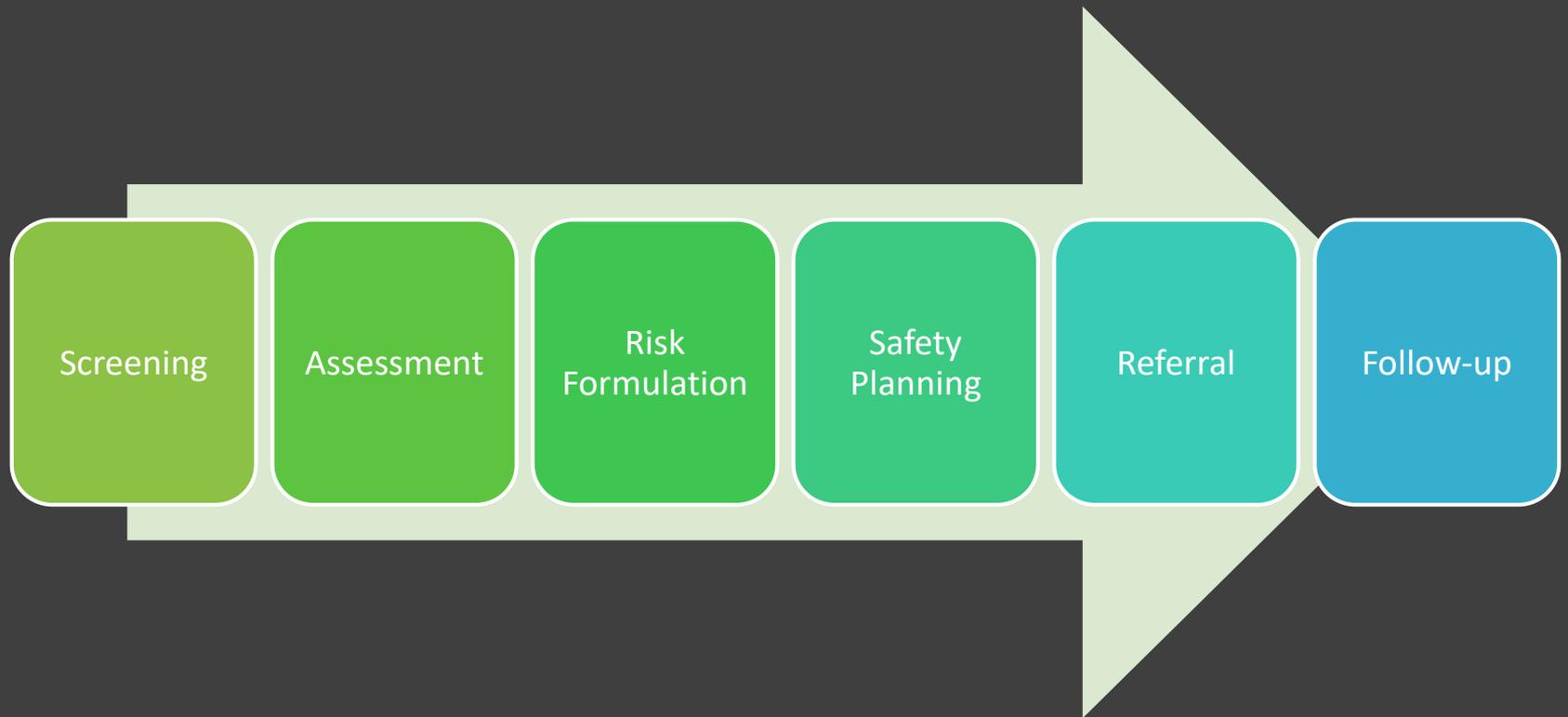


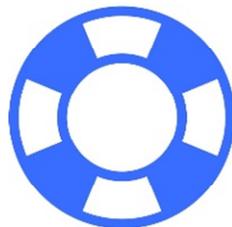
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# Suicide Care Pathway





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