2018 Annual Report
Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition

Suicide isn't the answer
We are here 24/7
660-7500
Suicide Prevention Coalition
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Sedgwick County...
working for you

KU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
WICHITA
The University of Kansas
Thank You!

- Sedgwick County Health Department
  - Kaylee Hervey
  - Halley Maloy
- Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center

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2018 Suicide Rate

- 101 suicide deaths in Sedgwick County.
- 19.66 suicide deaths per 100,000 Sedgwick County residents.

- Highest rate on record since we started tracking these rates in 2001

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Comparisons with State and National Rates

Suicide Death Rate per 100,000 in Sedgwick County, Kansas, and the United States, 2001-2018

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Suicide Rates per 100,000 by Age

Suicide Death Rate by Age, Sedgwick County 2015-2018

Year

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

Rate per 100,000

- <15 years
- 15-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-54 years
- 55-64 years
- >64 years

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Suicide Rates per 100,000 by Gender

Suicide Death Rate by Gender, Sedgwick County 2015-2018

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Suicide Death Rate by Method of Death, Sedgwick County 2015-2018

- **2015**:
  - Gunshot: 5.5
  - Hanging/Suffocation: 4.8
  - Drug Overdose/Poisoning: 0.8
  - Other: 0.1

- **2016**:
  - Gunshot: 6.2
  - Hanging/Suffocation: 4.9
  - Drug Overdose/Poisoning: 0.9
  - Other: 0.2

- **2017**:
  - Gunshot: 6.8
  - Hanging/Suffocation: 5.1
  - Drug Overdose/Poisoning: 1.0
  - Other: 0.3

- **2018**:
  - Gunshot: 7.5
  - Hanging/Suffocation: 5.2
  - Drug Overdose/Poisoning: 1.1
  - Other: 0.4

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Sedgwick County Suicides by Race and Ethnicity, 2018

- Non-Hispanic White: 85%
- Hispanic: 5%
- Non-Hispanic Black: 3%
- Asian: 3%
- Other/Unknown: 2%
Mental Health and Suicide History

• 59 percent of deaths had known history of mental illness
  – Depression was the most commonly noted mental illness
  – Anxiety was the second most common

• 48 percent of deaths had known history of suicidal ideations

• 30 percent of deaths had known history of previous suicide attempts
Life Stressors by Age

Life stressors by Age from Suicide Case Files, 2018

- Health
- Relationship
- Job/Finance
- legal
- Other
- Not Mentioned

Age Groups:
- 15 - 24 years
- 25 - 34 years
- 35 - 54 years
- 55 - 64 years
- >64 years
Other Factors

- 12 percent of deaths were veterans
- 35 percent of deaths had a positive ethanol toxicology result
- 59 percent of deaths had a toxicology result positive for at least one drug
  - 29 percent were positive for at least one illicit drug
Know the Signs

- **BEHAVIOR:** Increased alcohol/drug use. Isolation from family and friends. Sleeping too little/too much. Withdrawing from activities. Seeking access to pills/weapons or other means.

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What can you do?

• Take it seriously, if someone mentions suicide.
• Talk openly and matter-of-factly about suicide.
• Be willing to listen. Allow expressions of feelings. Accept the feelings.
• Offer hope that help is available.
• Do not leave him or her alone.
• Get help immediately!

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Get Involved

• 4th Annual Party for Prevention
  – September 12, 2019
  – info@stopsuicideict.com

• Out of Darkness Community Walk
  – September 21, 2019
  – AFSP.donordrive.com

• Mental Health First Aid Trainings
  – September 27 and October 25, 2019
  – Tina.Prejean@Sedgwick.gov

• NAMI Candlelight Ceremony- “The Power of Listening”
  – October 6, 2019
  – Newman University

• ASSIST Training
  – October 9-10, 2019

• International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day
  – November 23, 2019

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