

Below are the members of the Arkansas Suicide Prevention Council and their representative organization. Attached are a few talking points as well (on the reverse side of this page). I will provide additional information and answer questions as needed. If there are specific handouts that any member would like addressed please let me know and I will make sure to provide that information.

| Act 1067 Position | Business Entity Line 2 |
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| Office of Attorney General | Cindy Murphy |
| Division of Behavioral Health Services | FreEtta Hemphill |
| Arkansas Department of Education | Suzanne Knowles |
| Division of Youth Services | NA |
| Arkansas Children's Hospital | Greg Adams |
| Arkansas State Police | Mark Hollingsworth |
| Arkansas Department of Higher Education | Kristy Davis |
| Arkansas Education Association | Marquis Cooper |
| Employee Assistance Program | Tyler West |
| Licensed Mental Health Professional | Dr. Angie Waliski |
| Substance Abuse Treatment Provider | Bruce Trimble |
| Primary Medical Care Provider | NA |
| First Responder | Steele Kelly |
| Hospital Emergency Department | Tabitha Breshears |
| Hospital-based Social Worker | Jan Sims |
| Elected Coroner | Daniel Oxford |
| Active Duty Military Veteran | Tanya Phillips |
| Survivors | Steven Blackwood |
| Survivors | Christopher Epperson |
| Non-profit | Cindi Blackwood |
| Arkansas Prevention Network | Max Snowden |
| Interfaith Organization | Rev. David Gill |
| Youth Suicide Task Force | NA |

(Suicide Prevention Data Sheet On Reverse Side)

Arkansas Department of Health
Suicide Prevention Data Sheet

Suicide Statistics

- 503 Arkansans died by suicide in 2014
- Arkansas ranks 16th nationally per capita in suicide deaths
- Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in Arkansas
- Twice as many people died by suicide than by homicide in Arkansas in 2014

ADH Suicide Prevention Program Achievements

- Awareness Campaigns – billboards, print and radio ads promoting the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL), received Governor’s proclamation declaring September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, local news coverage of suicide events, distribution of suicide prevention awareness materials at area fairs and conferences
- Prevention Education – safeTALK trainings around the state, purchase of training materials to support trainers, model policies sent to school counselors, planned presentations in area schools
- Community Collaboration -- ADH collaborates with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Garland County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Arkansas Suicide Prevention Council, Arkansas Suicide Prevention Network, Central Arkansas Veterans Mental Health Council, and many others.
- Follow-up Care – developed a follow-up plan and will utilize the clinicians we train this fall to gather data on follow up care in Pulaski, Saline, and Garland counties. We are developing an “after an attempt” care packet to distribute to hospital emergency departments

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- Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for October 5th to finalized legislative recommendations

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) Call Center Data

- An average 909 Arkansans per month called the NSPL from January through July 2016
- 35% of the calls were from veterans
- From April to July, all calls were answered by out-of-state call centers