

NATIVE AMERICAN SUICIDE PREVENTION CLEARINGHOUSE

UNM CENTER FOR COMMUNITY
AND RURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
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Overview

- Suicide prevention in Native communities
- Supporting tribal prevention programs
- Update on Clearinghouse implementation



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Suicide in New Mexico

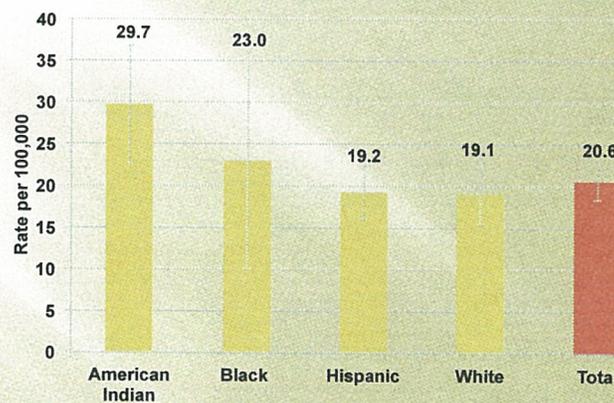
- Our state suicide rates for young people are still higher than the rest of the US
- For youth, Native Americans have a higher rate of suicide
- For adults, Non-Native individuals have the higher rate of suicides



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Suicide rates among NM youth 15-24 years by race/ethnicity, 2005-2009



Source: NMBRVHS, NMDOH; BBER, UNM.

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Like Any Community...

- Stigma and other cultural barriers
- Awareness of warning signs
- Access to mental health supports/ services
- Substance abuse issues
- Potential unique aspects related to historical trauma, cultural/community identity, or isolation



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CRCBH Tribal Partnerships

- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Navajo Nation Department of Behavioral Health Services
- Mescalero Apache Tribe



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SB 417 – Clearinghouse

- Develop suicide prevention clearinghouse
 - Technical assistance and support
 - Intervention and post-event assistance
 - Data coordination
- Three pilot projects
- Enacted on March 31, 2011 without funding
- UNM Center for Rural and Community Behavioral Health is coordinating site



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CRCBH Activities Since Enactment

- Inform and engage tribes – November 17, 2011
- Initiate joint data work group
- Website development
- Grant-writing support, consultation and training



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Support Provided to Date

- \$20,000 from the Indian Health Service
- Vista volunteer through the New Mexico Department of Health Office of School & Adolescent Health
- Reconfigured support from existing Behavioral Health Collaborative contracts to CRCBH



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Thank You

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