

The Lackawanna County Suicide Prevention Alliance

The Lackawanna County Suicide Prevention Alliance seeks to create a community that is resilient and responsive to the tragedy of suicide. Our Alliance aims to evaluate our county's current suicide prevention efforts, identify new opportunities to increase awareness for evidence-based programs and protocols, and investigate new treatment and prevention options. We will mobilize community stakeholders to plan, prioritize and collaborate on suicide prevention efforts that will impact this serious problem.

We recognize that Suicide is a complex issue. Mental health conditions are often seen as the cause of suicide, but suicide is rarely caused by any single factor. In fact, many people who die by suicide are not known to have a diagnosed mental health condition at the time of death, and preventing suicide takes a coordinated effort between government, faith leaders, family, friends, law enforcement, mental health providers, neighbors, schools, social service agencies, etc. While suicide is generally the act of an individual, it occurs in the context of the individual's relationships, community, larger society, and culture in which we live. Certainly, the suicide death of an individual has a lasting harmful impact on family, friends, coworkers, and our community.

The Lackawanna County Suicide Prevention Alliance welcomes all members of our community to join this important discussion. We know that preventing suicide requires community partners, multiple prevention strategies and engaging individuals with lived experience who are bereaved by a suicide loss in planning for suicide prevention activities.

Please contact the Alliance at 570-346-5741 or sohnsd@lsbhidei.org for more information on meeting dates and locations.