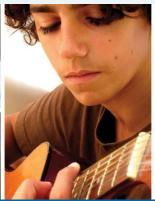


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Promoting a public health approach to suicide prevention











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Keeping Youth Safe: Reducing Access to Lethal Means

Oct. 24, 2013



Overview

- Learn more about the connection between suicide prevention and means restriction
- Find out how two campuses have implemented means restriction strategies
- Discuss opportunities for next steps to address means restriction in your community



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What is "Means Restriction?"

"Reducing a suicidal person's access to highly lethal means"



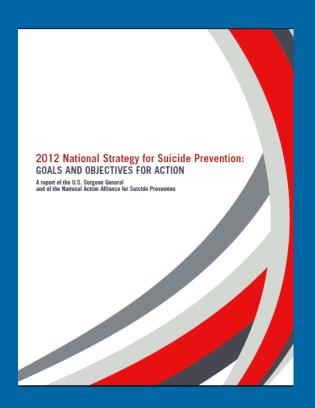
Poll

- Have you worked on means restriction?
- ✓ What means have you worked on restricting?



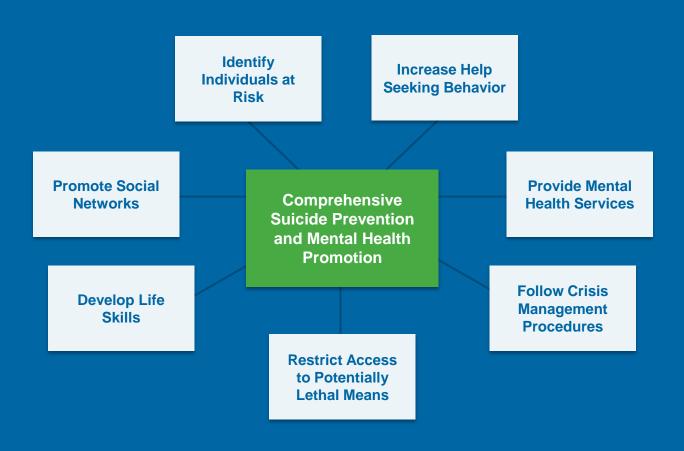
2012 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

✓ Goal 6: Promote efforts to reduce access to lethal means of suicide among individuals with identified suicide risk





Public Health Approach



SPRC/Jed Foundation Model



Why Means Restriction?

- Many suicide attempts occur in a short-term crisis with little planning
- Intent isn't all that determines whether an attempter lives or dies
- 90% of attempters who survive do not go on to die by suicide
- Access to lethal means is a risk factor for suicide completion

Means Matter Campaign, 2013

- Many people who attempt are ambivalent
- People do not typically substitute means





Why Means Restriction?

- Increase the time interval between suicide impulse and behavior
- Increase the effort required to act on an impulse
- Make highly lethal means less accessible
- Increase the opportunity for rescue



Success in Means Restriction

- ✓ Coal Gas in the United Kingdom: 1955-1974
- Pesticides in Sri Lanka: 1996-2005
- Paracetamol Blister Packs in the United Kingdom: 1998

Gunnell, et al. (2007), Kreitman (1976), Gunnell, et al. (2010)



Q&A





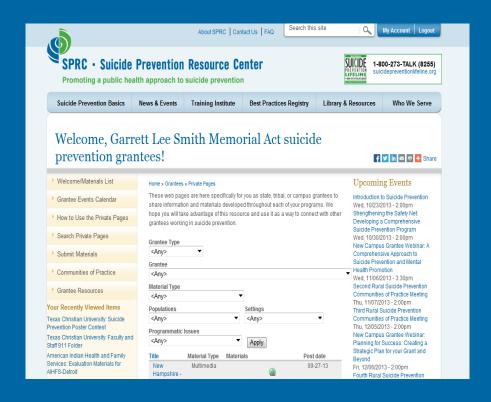
Take-Aways

- Gather information
- Identify partners
- Change policies and practices
- Work with the media



SPRC Resources

- ✓ SPRC Private Pages
- ✓ SPRC Online Library
- ✓ Best Practices Registry





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