



**Court-Involved Youth
& Suicide**

Who Is MOST at Risk To Die & 10 Ways We Often Get It Wrong

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**WHO NEEDS TO WORRY ABOUT
COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH & SUICIDE**

JUVENILE JUSTICE

- ❖ 1 in 10
- ❖ Over 1 in 10
- ❖ More Than Once
- ❖ Less Than _____

ARE YOU??

- ❖ Mental Health/Mood Disorder
- ❖ Alcohol/Drugs
- ❖ Anger/Aggression
- ❖ Family
- ❖ School
- ❖ Abuse
- ❖ Neglect
- ❖ Death
- ❖ Discipline/Legal
- ❖ Past Suicidal Thoughts/Behavior

- ❖ Risk Factors
- ❖ Stress

- ❖ _____ Relationships

- ❖ GLBTQIA

- ❖ School _____

- ❖ Court Involvement

- ❖ Incarceration

BAD NEWS

- ❖ 50

- ❖ Complex

- ❖ Research

- ❖ Group

- ❖ New & Different

SI TO SA

❖ **Belonging**

❖ **Burden**

❖ **Capability**

(Joiner, 2005)

SLEEP

- ❖ **Ideation**
- ❖ **Attempts**
- ❖ **Ask**
- ❖ **Address**

The Other “Big 3”

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

❖ **Want to die?**

- **Relief**
- **E _____**
- **Unbearable**

❖ _____, _____, _____ pain

❖ **Situation, Future**

❖ **End their _____**

SOME COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH.....

❖ Angry, Frustrated, _____

❖ 9 Times More Likely

❖ Planned vs. Impulsive

❖ _____ Attempts

❖ Chronic _____

COULD YOU BE SUED?

❖ N _____

❖ C _____

❖ Didn't Do/Did Something

❖ Agency, Group, Individual

❖ R _____ P _____

❖ Best Way to Protect Yourself From Liability

HOW DO WE DETERMINE WHICH YOUTH ARE MOST AT RISK?

1)

2)

3)

4)

❖ **Observe**
❖ Current
❖ Behaviors
❖ Statements
❖ Symptoms of _____

❖ **History**
❖ Past
❖ Risk Factors
❖ Protective Factors

❖ **Support/Environment**
❖ Alone
❖ A _____
❖ Supervision
❖ Caretaker A _____
❖ Support

❖ **Interview**
❖ Key Question
❖ F _____, D _____, I _____
❖ P _____, Control
❖ Exaggerate

❖ **Examples of Questions**

❖ S _____
❖ A _____
❖ L _____

❖ **Additional Questions**

STANDARDIZED SCREENING TOOLS*

- ❖ C-SSRS
- ❖ SIQ
- ❖ SPS
- ❖ SBQ-R

- ❖ ASQ

- ❖ RFL-A

❖ Pros & Cons

❖ Over- _____

❖ No substitute for

❖ If made a recent Suicide attempt

**10 WAYS WE SOMETIMES
MISS COURT-INVOLVED
YOUTH WHO ARE
SUICIDAL**

1) MAY NOT RECOGNIZE

IN TEENAGERS

2) SOLELY RELY ON

**3) FORGET _____
IS A RISK FACTOR
FOR SUICIDE**

4) _____
**NOW HAVE THE
HIGHEST RATE
OF SUICIDAL THOUGHTS
& ATTEMPTS**

5) MINIMIZE _____
OF _____
TEENAGERS

*S.O.??

6) **SUICIDE RISK GETS
LOST AMONG YOUTHS'**

**7) WE DON'T REALIZE
HOW IMPORTANT
_____ IS**

**8) NOT ENOUGH EDUCATION,
TRAINING & EXPERIENCE
IN**

<p>“When to Worry” \$15 (reg \$25)</p> <p><u>*TODAY*</u> Only</p>	
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9) TREAT IT LIKE A

10) SEE ASSESSMENT AS A

11) WAIT TOO LONG TO INVOLVE

“SAFETY PLANS”
VS.
“NO SUICIDE CONTRACTS”

SUICIDE SPECIFIC TREATMENT

1)
2)
3)

- ❖ **Mental Health Treatment Facilities**
- ❖ **Juvenile Justice Facilities**
- ❖ **Key Components**
- ❖ **Clinically _____**
- ❖ **Liability _____**
- ❖ **Risks?**

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION

- ❖ Important for _____ and _____
- ❖ Transport
- ❖ What NOT to Do
- ❖ High-Risk Period
- ❖ Follow-up _____ is essential
- ❖ School

- ❖ What Not to Do
- ❖ Empathize and _____
- ❖ Resist the Urge
- ❖ Court-Involved Youth
- ❖ Say vs. Listen

DECREASING SUICIDALITY

- ❖ _____ Analysis
- ❖ _____ Thinking
- ❖ Problem-_____
- ❖ Increase _____ for _____
- ❖ Hope _____

_____ is key

- ❖ Reach out
- ❖ They matter
- ❖ _____ Beyond Court Involvement

Ensure:

- ❖ Respond
- ❖ Refer/Self
- ❖ SRA
- ❖ Treatment
- ❖ Hope

RESOURCES

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line
crisistextline.org
- Michigan Assoc of Suicide Prevention
mymasp.org
- Trevor Project
thetrevorproject.org







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