

## **SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**

MSD of Wayne Township recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Indiana youth. This policy is meant to increase child suicide awareness and prevention. The District believes there must be a partnership between families, the community, and the District.

To that end, the District cooperates with the larger community including suicide prevention services. Information regarding such suicide prevention services located in our community can be found in the Indiana State Suicide Prevention Plan. Further, information regarding crisis intervention referral and information concerning suicide prevention services in the community is available to students, parents, and District employees through each school building's counselor and/or District Social Worker.

The District provides counseling services for students and families related to suicide prevention. Students, parents, or employees should contact their school building's counselor and/or the District Social Worker to assess and arrange counseling services provided by the District or by a community organization.

The District recognizes the relationship between suicide and drug and alcohol use. The plan, training, and any other program authorized under this policy shall increase awareness of this correlation.

The District shall provide training to District employees consistent with Indiana law. The training will address warning signs and tendencies that may evidence a student is considering suicide.

Consistent with Indiana law, the Superintendent or his or her designee shall develop a plan to assist survivors of attempted suicide and to assist students and District employees to cope with a suicide or attempted suicide. The Superintendent or his or her designee may develop any other program or activity appropriate to increase awareness and prevention of child suicide.

I.C. § 20-26-5-34.4

I.C. § 20-26-3-6

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MSD of Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana

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