S.C. Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative
Our vision is a South Carolina free of suicide in youth and young adults.

Who is affected in S.C.?

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Suicide Attempts for Ages 10-24

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43% in suicide attempts for the last 5 years in S.C.

Suicide attempts rates for 10-14-year-olds DOUBLED in the last 5 years in some S.C. counties

SUICIDE DEATHS

18% in suicide deaths for the last 5 years in S.C.

Suicide Deaths for Ages 10-24*

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* = Some categories were eliminated due to small numbers & privacy concerns
**What is happening?**

**Suicide Attempts Methods**
- Drug Overdose
- Cutting/Stabbing

**Suicide Deaths Methods**
- Stakeholders say DRUG USE can influence the decision to die by suicide
- Firearms

**Factors include.....**
- **DRUG USE**
  - 19% increase in drug use rates for 10-24 yr-olds
- **BULLYING**
- **FAMILY TRAUMA**
- **FINANCIAL STRESS**

**Vulnerable Populations Include....**
- LGBTQ Community
- Military Members
- Disability Community
- Low Socioeconomic Status
- College Students
- Youth and Young Adults who have experienced trauma

**What can YOU do?**
- Know the signs and symptoms of suicide risk
- Talk to friends and family
- Text the Crisis Text line: text START to 741-741
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- Use the YSPI Website: www.scyspi.org

Sources:
- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance 2014
- Attempts: Hospital and ED visits, 2010-2014
- S.C. Hospital Discharge Database, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, Health and Demographics Section
- Stakeholder Interviews