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PARENT FOCUS GROUP GUIDE

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- 1. Number of participants:
- 2. Parent organizations participants represent:
- 3. How long have you all lived in the area?
- 4. How large of a problem is suicide in your school? How about your community? Do you think this problem is larger, smaller, or similar to other schools and communities?
- 5. How has your community been affected by the recent suicides in the community? How have you personally been affected by the recent suicides in the community?
- 6. How do people in the community respond when a young person dies by suicide?
- a. How does the media respond?
- b. How does the town respond?
- c. How do schools respond?
- d. How do parents respond?
- e. How do young people respond?
- 2. What are issues in the community that affect the way people think about or respond to suicide?
- 3. What are issues in the community that you think increases the risk for youth suicide?
- 4. What are issues in the community that you think decrease the risk for youth suicide?
- 5. What resources are available in the community to help young people who might be depressed, anxious, or thinking about suicide?
- a. Are resources accessed by young people? Why or why not?
- 6. What resources are available in the community to help families? Are these resources being accessed? Why or why not?
- 7. When it comes to addressing the needs and problems of young people, what do you think the community needs most?
- 8. What additional activities or resources should the community be using to prevent suicide among youth? Who should be responsible for these activities/resources?
- a. What do parents need in order to help prevent suicides among youth?
- 9. What are barriers to seeking and accessing mental health care/resources? Any particular barriers for youth? Any barriers to accessing family services?
- 10. What role, if any, has social media played in the recent suicides in the community?

- 11. What role, if any, had traditional media (newspapers, TV, radio) played in the recent suicides in the community?
- 12. Is there anything else you think we should know?