

Focus Group Guide Questions

1. What are each of your roles when it comes to suicides in the county or state?
 - a. How long have each of you served in your role?
2. Are you aware of increases in suicide deaths in your community?
 - If aware, how did you become aware?
 - If not aware, how can/should this information be shared?
3. What are the issues in the community that may be contributing to suicide and/or this increase?
4. What current suicide prevention programming and initiatives are you aware of?
 - a. Who is the target population?
 - b. How well do you believe these initiatives address the challenges these populations experience with suicide?
5. Are there barriers to accessing current suicide prevention and programming initiatives?
6. What suicide prevention programming and initiatives does your agency lead or participate in?
 - If there are initiatives/programs:
 - a. Who is the target population?
 - b. Which populations are not targeted, and why?
 - c. Are there barriers to accessing your agency's programs that you are aware of?
 - If none, how can your agency contribute to new or existing programs or initiatives?
7. What partners, state or otherwise, does your agency work with?
 - If there are partners:
 - a. Are there opportunities for other partnerships?
 - If no:
Who may be some potential partners?

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