



## Community-Based Suicide Prevention Grant Program

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, Prevention and Early Intervention Services section coordinates the [Community-Based Suicide Prevention Program](#). The program provides support and assistance to Alaskan communities to develop and implement locally-designed suicide prevention projects to reduce self-destructive behavior and suicide and to increase individual, family and community health and wellness. Assistance is in the form of grants, training, postvention planning, survivor support, data and evaluation and other resources which includes periodic conferences, [Alaska Gatekeeper Training](#), the gatekeeper electronic list serve and the statewide suicide prevention web portal [www.stopsuicidealaska.org](http://www.stopsuicidealaska.org). The program includes small, rural communities to larger communities and non-profits representing neighborhoods and regions across Alaska.

### Alaska Community-Based Suicide Prevention Grantees - FY 2012

This document shows how Alaska State General Funds, Alcohol Tax Revenue Funds, and Federal Grants are funding suicide prevention services and the programs that are being funded.

**Grant Title:** Comprehensive Behavioral Health Prevention & Early Intervention Grant  
**Grant Period:** State fiscal years 2012-2014  
**Funding Source:** Federal, State General Funds and Alcohol Tax Revenue  
**Total State Suicide Funding:** \$639,288

*Below are the comprehensive prevention grantees that are listed within the Division of Behavioral Health, Rural Services Suicide Prevention (RSSP) category funding. The RSSP is a portion of the total grant funding available for the comprehensive prevention program.*

<p><i>“Juneau Suicide Prevention Task Force”</i>, Juneau Youth Services</p> <p>Contact: Walter Majoros, E-mail: <a href="mailto:walterm@jys.org">walterm@jys.org</a> Phone: (907) 523-6511</p>	<p>Suicide Funds \$ 286,512 Total Grant Award \$286,512</p>
<p>Maintains a broad based task force and subcommittees: school-based services, public awareness/training and postvention. Maintains websites, <a href="http://www.juneausuicideprevention.org">www.juneausuicideprevention.org</a> and <a href="http://www.juneaumentalhealth.org">www.juneaumentalhealth.org</a>. Implements Signs of Suicide (SOS) and depression/suicide ideation screenings in two high schools and the alternative high school. Also utilizes SOS curriculum to serve all middle school students and presents a booster curriculum for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in the two high schools. Provides behavioral health support to at-risk students in all middle and high schools. Provides ongoing “Understanding Suicide” training and other public awareness activities in the Juneau community. Currently developing a community-wide postvention plan. Recent evaluation completed in 2011.</p>	
<p><i>“Alaska Careline”</i>, Fairbanks</p> <p>Contact: Susanna Schackman E-mail: <a href="mailto:susanna.schackman@gmail.com">susanna.schackman@gmail.com</a> Phone: (907) 452-2771</p>	<p>Suicide Funds \$ 144, 057 Total Grant Award \$144,057</p>

Statewide suicide and mental health crisis hotline 1-877-266-HELP (4357) available 24/7. Also is developed a website, [www.carelinealaska.com](http://www.carelinealaska.com) and chat line. Offers presentations and assessment training to other health providers and community mental health centers.

*Youth Advisory Group.* Asa'carsarmiut Tribal Council, City of Mountain Village

Suicide Funds \$ 65,000

Total Grant Award \$65,000

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Building capacity grant to identify suicide prevention needs, resources, capacity and community planning development. Will soon begin implementation of youth services, job skill training, after school programming, Elder program and other cultural activities that support Alaska Native values.

*"Nulato Life Project"* City of Nulato

Suicide Funds \$ 33,158

Total Grant Award \$ 55,263

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Youth mentoring, traditional Athabaskan culture, community involvement, subsistence life skills and outdoor and other recreational activities. Promotes life and healthy choices for youth and prevents self-destructive behaviors including suicide. Go to <http://nulatolife.blogspot.com/>.

*Petersburg Mental Health Services,* Petersburg

Suicide Funds \$ 36,505

Total Grant Award \$73,011

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Prime for Life, a drug and alcohol prevention program for middle school students and parents and adults in the community. Will implement Alaska Gatekeeper Training and will conduct screening, identification and referral for suicide. Participates in Community Action Planning team to provide postvention resources for both survivors of suicide loss and the community as a whole including schools, local churches, clergy, police, emergency first responders, local media and radio and other groups.

*"We Are All in this Together" Sub Regional Community Prevention Project:*

Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks

Suicide Funds \$ 37,500

Total Grant Award \$150,000

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This newly developed project will be working primarily with the region's Alaska Native villages and communities. Will be implementing suicide prevention and postvention protocols, provide training among key leaders, health aids and in schools to include adult advisors and peer leaders. Will implement Sources of Strength, a peer led model that connects youth in crises to adults. Will also develop and implement media/awareness campaign "Hope, Help and Strength".

<p><b>Grant Title:</b> Alaska Youth Suicide Prevention Program Grant  <b>Grant Period:</b> State fiscal years 2010-2012  <b>Funding Source:</b> Federal (Garret Lee Smith) SAMHSA  <b>Total Federal Suicide Funding::</b> \$1.5 million for 3 years at \$500,000 per year</p>
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*Below are sub-grantee recipients of the federal Garret Lee Smith Memorial Authorization Act who have assembled and organized a Regional Suicide Prevention Team for implementing projects and services to their local communities.*

<p><b>Southeast Suicide Prevention Task Force, SEARHC, Sitka</b></p> <p>Contact: Wilbur Brown  E-mail: <a href="mailto:wbrown@searhc.org">wbrown@searhc.org</a>  Phone: (907) 966-8753</p>	<p>Total Grant Award \$113,000</p>
<p>Developed regional suicide prevention team including task force representative of key leaders, health, Tribal and youth organizations throughout southeast Alaska. Implemented new SEARHC Helpline, social marketing campaign “<i>I is 2 Many</i>”, Alaska Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training, cultural activities, community and village outreach.</p>	
<p><b>Northstar Borough Regional Suicide Prevention Team, Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption, Fairbanks.</b></p> <p>Contact: Paul Beals  E-mail: <a href="mailto:pbeals@fcaalaska.org">pbeals@fcaalaska.org</a>  Phone: (907) 456-4729</p>	<p>Total Grant Award \$113,333</p>
<p>Organized regional community action planning team to address high risk youth including homeless teens, Alaska Native youth, and gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender youth and young military service members. Provides Alaska Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training, screening, assessment and treatment for individuals with active ideation and/or history of recent attempts through Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption. Also provides monthly suicide survivors group. Survivors meet twice monthly; 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays</p>	
<p><b>Middle Kuskokwim Healing and Wellness Journey, Akiak, Akiachak, Tuluksak, Kwethluk.</b></p> <p>Contact: Lillian Alexie  E-mail: <a href="mailto:lillian_alexie@yahoo.com">lillian_alexie@yahoo.com</a>  Phone: (907) 825-4626 ext. 205</p>	<p>Total Grant Award \$113,215</p>
<p>Organized Bethel regional suicide prevention team made up of multiple villages along the Central Kuskokwim River. Holds annual gatherings focused on healing from suicide as well as using cultural values and strengths to promote wellness. Mobilized emergency response teams. Began to hold regular talking circles and involving Elders in school based programs. Started summer fish camp mentoring youth to learn subsistence skills including native crafts, beading and ulu making. Outreach includes use of Facebook and other social networking to reach out to youth among the villages.</p>	

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