CONSIDER

Suicide is the TENTH leading cause of death overall in the U.S.

Males are four times more likely to die by suicide

Females attempt suicide three times as often

LGBTQ+ youth are 3.5 times as likely to attempt suicide as their heterosexual peers

50% TO 75%

OF ALL PEOPLE WHO ATTEMPT SUICIDE, TELL SOMEONE ABOUT THEIR INTENTION.

CONTACT

A Better Way Services, Inc.
Available 24/7

Muncie: 765.747.9107
Richmond: 765.966.0538
Crisis Support: 765.288.4357
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
abetterwaymuncie.org

In partnership with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and the Division of Mental Health and Addiction and accredited by The International Council for Helplines.

Our Supporters

OUR MISSION
To reduce domestic abuse, sexual assault, suicide and homelessness through service, shelter, crisis intervention and prevention initiatives.
In cooperation with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, A Better Way provides regional hotline support for persons feeling suicidal or in any type of crisis in Indiana.

CALL OR TEXT 24/7
CHAT: 988lifeline.org/chat
24-HOUR CRISIS LINE: 765-288-HELP

What is suicidal ideation?
Thinking about or planning suicide. There are two types of suicidal ideation:

Passive Suicidal Ideation
Occurs when you wish you were dead or that you could die, but you don’t actually have any plans to commit suicide.

Active Suicidal Ideation
Not only thinking about suicide, but having the intent to commit suicide, including planning how to do it.

What is suicidal behavior?
Behavior that is self-directed, non-fatal, and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury, and for which there is evidence of suicidal intent.

The Warning Signs
The warning signs of suicide are indicators that a person may be in acute danger and may urgently need help.

Does the person...
- Talk about wanting to die or to kill oneself?
- Look for a way to kill oneself?
- Talk about feeling hopeless or having no purpose?
- Talk about feeling trapped or being in unbearable pain?
- Talk about being a burden to others?
- Increase use of alcohol or drugs?
- Act anxious, agitated, or reckless?
- Sleep too little or too much?
- Withdraw or feel isolated?
- Show rage or talk about seeking revenge?
- Display extreme mood swings?

ACTION STEPS FOR HELPING SOMEONE IN EMOTIONAL PAIN

ASK
“Are you thinking about suicide?”

KEEP THEM SAFE
Reduce access to lethal items or places.

BE THERE
Listen and acknowledge their feelings

HELP THEM CONNECT
Text or Call 988

STAY CONNECTED
Follow-up and stay in touch!

What can ABW do for you?

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SUICIDE PREVENTION CHAT/TEXT
A Better Way is part of a national back-up service provided by the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for anyone in crisis or experiencing thoughts of suicide.

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CRISIS SUPPORT
Our staff are ready to take your call and provide you with immediate, confidential support. We will listen, offer encouragement, and believe you.

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FIND COUNSELING RESOURCES, SUPPORT GROUPS, AND OTHER FREE OR REDUCED COST PROGRAMS.