On average, one person dies by suicide every three hours in the state.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death overall in Florida.

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 25-34.

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for ages 10-24.

Suicide is the 5th leading cause of death for ages 45-54.

Suicide is the 8th leading cause of death for ages 55-64.

Suicide is the 16th leading cause of death for ages 65 & older.

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Suicide is the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44.

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Based on most recent 2014 data from CDC

Suicide cost Florida a total of $2,841,739,000 of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of $1,018,910 per suicide death.

Over twice as many people die by suicide in Florida annually than by homicide; the total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 49,282 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

- Florida’s Office for Suicide Prevention was relocated to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) in 2011 (SB 2104). While there was no state funding for the Office between 2010-2014, DCF allocated new funding for a staff position within the Office of Suicide Prevention in 2014.

- The Florida Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council, whose role is to advise the Office of Suicide Prevention, is comprised of 27 statutorily designated voting members and other non-voting members held accountable to the Legislature for designing strategies to implement the state’s suicide prevention strategy.


- In 2011, the Florida legislature repealed §1006.07, which had previously required that all instructional and administrative personnel be provided with access to suicide prevention educational resources as part of the school district professional development system.

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LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST SUICIDE

We fund research, offer educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support those affected by suicide. Headquartered in New York, AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states.