#### **Mission Statement**

To raise awareness about suicide prevention and promote emotional wellness in Herkimer County through education, training and resource development.



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### **Talk to Someone Now**

If you're thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the <u>988 Lifeline network is</u> available 24/7 across the United States.

The 988 Lifeline is available for everyone, is free, and confidential.

See below for additional crisis services and hotlines.

Herkimer County Department of Mental Health (315) 867-1465 Available week days

Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (315) 732-6228 or (844) 732-6228

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Call or Text 988

988 Lifeline Options for Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Dial 711 then 988

Veterans Crisis Line Dial 988, press 1

## Herkimer County Suicide Prevention Coalition

A collaboration between
The Neighborhood Center, Inc. and
Herkimer County community
partners.





#### **Know the Risk Factors**



Risk factors are characteristics that make it more likely that someone will consider, attempt or die by suicide. They include:

- Mental Illness
- Substance use disorders
- Feelings of helplessness or hopelessness
- Perceived burden on others
- Close history of suicide
- Recent losses or traumatic events
- Easy access to lethal means
- Lack of supports and access to resources

These factors cannot cause or predict a suicide, but It's important to be aware of:

## **Know the Warning Signs**

Some warning signs may help you to determine if a loved one is at risk for suicide. If you or someone you know exhibits any of these signs, reach out or help them seek help!

- Talking about wanting to die or end their life
- Researching suicide
- Making preparations to end their life
- Expressing hopelessness, helplessness or lack of desire to live
- Changes in someone's "typical" behaviors or activities
- Social isolation or withdrawal



## **Have the Conversation**

These steps can help others to find hope and support:

- Ask Open the conversation to loved ones about suicide and help remind them it is okay to not feel okay.
- Be There Being physically and emotionally present can show your support for loved ones.
- Help Them Connect Inform loved ones about the resources available to help them!

Suicide can impact anyone. Knowledge and empathy can help break down the stigma around suicide.

# Be a part of the change!

For additional information on available community resources, training and support please contact:

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