September Is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. National Suicide Prevention Week is September 8 – 14, 2024, with World Suicide Prevention Day on the 10th. Throughout the month, and especially during the week of September 8, organizations and individuals across the country will be conducting activities to draw attention to the tragedy of youth suicide.

Currently, suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death for ages 10 – 24. We lose an average of more than 125 young people each week to suicide in this age group. The number of suicide deaths for ages 10 – 14 has more than doubled since 2006. However, suicide has been declared a leading cause of PREVENTABLE death.

The Jason Foundation, Inc. is a nationally recognized leader in youth suicide awareness and prevention. They provide programs to youth, parents, educators, and the community to help recognize when a young person may be struggling with thoughts of suicide and how to assist them. All programs and materials are offered at no-cost to those with whom they contract. Since 1997, The Jason Foundation has never charged a school, community, or individual for the use of any of its programs.

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