



# Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program

## Our Work

**Wisconsin's Comprehensive Suicide Prevention (CSP) program works to prevent lives lost to suicide** by using data to identify populations most at risk and building local partnerships to address suicide prevention in Wisconsin communities.

Two populations at increased risk in Wisconsin are rural males aged 25 and older and adolescents aged 10–19.



**Suicide** is among the **top 10 leading causes of death** in Wisconsin.



**70%** of all violent deaths in Wisconsin are suicides.



**Firearms were involved** in more than half of Wisconsin suicides in 2022.

## Funding

This work is supported over five years at \$868,730 annually by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program.

## Priorities

### Decreasing suicide among rural men

Addressing the high rates of suicide among men age 25 and older who live in rural communities.

### Reducing youth self-harm

Preventing and decreasing self-harm among Wisconsin adolescents ages 10–19

### Addressing firearm injury and suicide

Partnering with firearm retailers and health care agencies to prevent injury and suicide by promoting secure storage of firearms.

## Impact

### Community-based approaches

Over 1,260 children now have access to Sources of Strength, a school-based mental health program supporting health and well-being.

### Health care-based approaches

One hundred and thirty-six providers are now trained in Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM), helping ensure those at risk don't have access to lethal means during crisis.

### Upstream approaches

Forty family coaches are now trained in Strengthening Families Program, a program helping improve family relationships and well-being in the home.

## Looking ahead

The CSP program looks forward to expanding training for family coaches, increasing use of computer kiosks in rural counties to improve access to mental health care, and expanding CALM across the Aspirus Health and Children's Wisconsin health care systems.