

NN/LM Interim/Quarterly Project Report

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Youth Mental Health Outreach (Library Partnership with Sevier County School District)

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Yes

Executive Summary

Although equipment was projected to be used for the summer programming, the events did not require it. We have used the portable projector and screen during a two-day reference training for 30 rural librarians. Among other topics, they were introduced to Medline resources. As for the K-12 focus: school is just starting again, and we have located some strong partners and advocates in our suicide prevention efforts. We are moving forward with plans for our community dialogues on mental illness, for the youth dialogues in the (Native American high school students) Residential Hall, as well as planning new programs for our Youth In Custody initiative.

Description of Progress Toward the Project's Major Objectives

We have had an article in the local newspaper outlining our plans for community dialogs. We are strengthening our partnership with Sevier School District in that the new teacher for CUYC (Central Utah Youth Corrections) has a Masters degree in therapy and a strong desire to work in suicide prevention. She will assist with our dialogues to make sure we are presenting factual, helpful information while enabling participants to discuss and find solutions for their problems. The Library bore the cost of printing 1000 copies of an informational flyer on recognizing the signs of depression, how to ask a sufferer about suicidal intent, and providing contact information for suicide hotlines and local resources.

Evaluation Activities

We will evaluate using post surveys after the dialogs. It should be noted that we have begun more openly discussing suicide in our community: the rate of suicide has dropped dramatically. To my knowledge we have not had an attempted suicide in our tri-county area for more than four months. That is a huge accomplishment, due to the combined and concerted efforts of many agencies and individuals focusing on education, awareness, prevention and treatment.

Other

I will scan and email you the newsletter article and the suicide prevention flyer. The projector and screen we purchased with the grant will also be used for many of our programs. In fact we are starting a "Tai Chi for Seniors" program made possible with that equipment!