Emergency Department Initiative

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Presentation Overview

• Why- trends in attempts and deaths
• Needs assessment
• What/ how- partners, training, merging substance abuse and suicide
Age-Adjusted Suicide Rates per 100,000 Residents by Year, Arizona Compared to the United States, 1999-2009
Age-Adjusted Suicide Rates per 100,000 Residents by Race/Ethnicity, Arizona 2005-2009

American Indian (-12%)
African American (+218%)
White, non-Hispanic (+8%)
Hispanic (-14%)
Asian (-15%)
All Arizonans (+3%)
Suicide-related Inpatient Discharges by Principal Diagnosis and Year, Arizona Residents, 2009

- Injury
- Mental disorders
- Other chronic or infectious disease

2004: 2,723
2005: 2,823
2006: 2,673
2007: 2,806
2008: 3,379
2009: 3,721

Leadership for a Healthy Arizona
National data

• 1 in 10 suicides is by a person who has already been seen by an ED staff member within 2 months of death

• Not-identified or over-identified
Key Informant Interviews

ED staff feedback
Experience in screening and conducting brief interventions
Focus on triage
Risk management
Medical Integration

- On-line simulation training for ED professionals
- Manual on screening, brief intervention and referral for ED professionals
- Distribution of after care materials for patients and families on community resources, recovery, and home safety
- Development of policies and procedures to institutionalize screening in EDs
Online Training

- Current suicide prevention trainings
- Features of the online training
Training demonstration
THANK YOU!

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