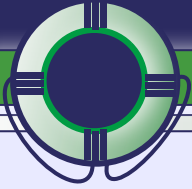


Elkhart County Suicide Prevention Coalition



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History

The Coalition's Story and Mission

The Elkhart County Suicide Prevention Coalition first came together in October of 2003 as a result of a growing concern about the increased rates of suicide in Elkhart County. In 2003, Elkhart County experienced 19 deaths by suicide, 7 more than the state average of 12. As a result of this concern, a collaborative effort of many local organizations and concerned citizens began.

The Coalition meets at the Elkhart County Health Department, Lincoln Center the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome you to join us.

As a part of their mission, the Coalition:

- Provides informational programs for schools, community groups, employers and agencies.
- Provides information on resources available.
- In partnership with Ryan's Place, offers a support group for those who have lost a loved to suicide.
- Organizes an Annual Walk to raise awareness and to honor World Suicide Prevention Day.

For more information about Elkhart County Suicide Prevention coalition, contact Barb at 574-523-2119.