

# Elkhart County Suicide Prevention Coalition



[Home](#) [Resources](#) [History](#) [Support Group](#) [Annual Awareness Walk](#) [Contact](#) [News](#)

Printer Friendly  
Version (PDF)

## REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

The Elkhart County Suicide Prevention Coalition is a nonprofit organization consisting of community entities and individuals working together to reduce the number of suicides in Elkhart County.

**Mission Statement:** *To provide alternatives to suicide.*

**Goal:** *Reduce incidents of suicide.*

**Objectives:** *Assistance, Education, Counseling,  
Resources, Research, Understanding*

---

**IF YOU ARE THINKING OF SUICIDE, please [click here](#) for resources**

---

## ELKHART COUNTY

Elkhart County's suicide rate is above both the national and state average. The Coalition has data from 2000 through 2009. Consider the following facts about suicide in Elkhart County:

\* Average rate of suicide is 17 for the years 2000 to 2009.

- \* Of the 171 suicides,
  - o 17% are in the 12-24 age bracket
  - o 42% are in the 25-46 age bracket
  - o 29% are in the 47-65 age bracket
  - o 12% are in the 66-85 age bracket

Indiana's suicide rate has been higher than the national average for nearly a decade. For more state-wide information [click here](#) to visit the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition site.

---

## COALITION MEETINGS

Meetings are on the 4th Wednesday each month, 8:30am, at the Health Department, Lincoln Center at 608 Oakland, Ave, Elkhart. [Click here for a map.](#)

2010 Dates: 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/22

***New members are always welcome!***

Please contact Barb at 574-523-2119 for more information.

---

*This fall the Elkhart County Suicide Prevention Coalition displayed artwork throughout Elkhart County that was created by those whose lives have been affected by suicide. Note cards were created from the artwork and are now available for a suggested donation of \$12.00. If interested, please contact Barb at 574-523-2119. Thank you!*

For more information [click here](#) for note card descriptions.

---

***MEMORIALS, HONORARIUMS AND DONATIONS***

**Holiday Wish List**

\$2,000 to create and post two billboards, one Goshen and the other in Elkhart, which briefly discuss ways to identify potential suicidal emotions and resources to get help.

[Click here](#) to support the ECSPC