



SCCDAT NEWS

Sumner County Community Drug Action Team

September 2017

Our Mission:

To combine efforts within the community to prevent and decrease drug use, and to increase the known factors that help to reduce the risk for drug, alcohol and tobacco use in youth.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. Each year, more than 41,000 individuals die by suicide, leaving behind their friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. In many cases, friends and families affected by a suicide loss (often called "suicide loss survivors") are left in the dark.

While you may not think suicide would be a big issue in Sumner County, data from the Kansas Communities That Care 2017 survey shows that our students not only suffer from depression but have actually had serious thoughts about killing themselves. 22.3% of students surveyed in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 have had those thoughts.

We can all help prevent suicide by being informed. There are many resources available to help each of us reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect individuals with suicidal ideation to treatment services. The National Alliance on Mental Illness is a great place to start.

www.nami.org



DCCCA will be hold a **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING** in Wichita on September 26th from 9 AM—3:30 PM. This dynamic, interactive training is an opportunity for our coalition to learn and enhance the skills of the adults who work with young people to effectively engage them in their coalition and initiatives.

This is a free conference but registration is required so if you are interested in attending, please let us know so we can make a reservation for you. Lunch and training materials are provided at no cost. Your SCCDAT staff will be attending and would love to have any of our coalition members attend with us.



KANSAS

Communities That Care
Student Survey



The Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) scales are markers that reflect students' character development, personal development, and social development as suggested in "Kansas Social, Emotional, and Character Model Standards" adopted by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE).

KCTC tracks a number of scales that demonstrate whether students are "at risk" due to factors such as 'low commitment to school' or 'approval of antisocial behavior'. The percentage of students considered 'at risk' is calculated based on students' answers to several individual but related questions that make up the scale score. Certain scales have been identified as pertaining to KSDE's social-emotional learning standards. All districts participating in the KCTC survey will receive data concerning SEL data collected. This is a new report. If you need additional information you can contact Nancy White or Lisa Chaney at Greenbush. Watch for it soon!

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Prescription drug
disposal available at
Wellington
HealthMart
Pharmacy



OUR NEW VIDEO

Check out our new video, just released on our Facebook page. It's a great representation of what we do and why we do it! Visit us and Like us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SCCDAT>



Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about the coalition and our programs.

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