

EDUCATION and ADVOCACY 2025



To provide positive education about mental health to our community in hopes of removing the stigma and allowing individuals to talk and be able to identify signs of mental illness and suicide.

OUTPUTS

INPUTS

- Executive Director
- Administrative Assistant
- Laptop/ Computer
- PowerPoint Projector
- Brochures/ Evaluations
- Screenings tools
- Operation Santa/Rocks for Hope
- Referral by phone / website
- National Depression Screening Day
- Monthly Support Group
- Community event for Suicide Awareness through the Coalition for Suicide Prevention
- Annual Out of the Darkness Walk
- Preventing suicides websites

Activities

- Attend civic meetings to discuss impact of mental illness in our community.
- Facilitate training for individuals on suicide prevention.
- Curriculum to Aiken County schools for their use.
- Communicate with Aiken County Coroner regarding suicide statistics.
- Reproduce materials to be used in training.
- Conduct confidential depression screens and refer as needed.
- Coordinated presents and party for Operation Santa clients.
- Hold monthly Suicide Coalition meetings for suicide prevention.

Participants

- People seeking help through
- Individuals seeking support for themselves, friends or family member call our agency.
- Individuals seeking education/ preparedness on mental health issues.
- Families and loved ones that have had a person in their life complete suicide.
- Community and school age children participate in community education events.

OUTCOMES

- 2,100 students were trained in Signs of Suicides prevention curriculum.
- 37,000 website visitors and over 4,000 phone referrals. 10,853 total since crisis line began.
- 375 suicide saves by phone in 2025. 2,323 total since 2020.
- Annual Suicide Prevention Summit we had 190 people attendance.
- Out of the Darkness Walk more than 300 were in attendance.
- Over 3,000 rocks were painted and hid in Aiken County.
- Served 234 individuals Christmas.