

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021



WE CAN ALL HELP PREVENT SUICIDE

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, youth, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.

FACTS ABOUT YOUTH SUICIDE

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among youth age 10-24 (CDC).
- Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual youth are almost 5 times as likely to have attempted suicide compared to heterosexual youth (CDC)
- 15% of Kane County 10th and 12th graders reported seriously considering suicide in the previous 12 months (Illinois Youth Survey)

CREATE ART TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION

Young people (under the age of 26) are invited to create art that raises awareness and inspires community conversations about suicide prevention. Art submissions will be displayed in art galleries in September. Masks are required for ALL regardless of vaccination status. FREE art supply kits and space to create your project are available at the following locations in Kane County:

- Wednesday, 8/25/21 - Fox Valley Hands of Hope will hold a drop in event from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Address: 200 Whitfield Dr, Geneva, IL 60134
- Thursday, 8/26/21 - Simply Destinee will hold a drop in event from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Address: 122 W W Downer Pl #124, Aurora, IL 60506
- Saturday, 8/28/21 - The City of Aurora will have a table at Alley Art Festival from 12:00pm-5:00pm. Location: Alley Art Festival will take place in downtown Aurora at Waterstreet Mall
- Monday, 8/30/21 - Side Street Studios will host a drop in event from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Address: 15 Zeigler Ct, Elgin, IL 60120



Art supply kits can be taken to go and completed projects can be dropped off at the Kane County Health Department (1240 N. Highland Ave., Aurora, IL 60506) by 8/31/21 care of Anna Czerniak and will be included in the art showcase in September.

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH - YOUTH ART SHOWCASE

Children, youth, families, and community members are invited to view the art created by young people for suicide prevention month in galleries across Kane County. MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

		AURORA CITY HALL	SIDE STREET STUDIOS	GENEVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS
		Tuesday, 9/7/21 from 5:00pm-8:00pm	Wednesday, 9/15/21 from 5:00pm-8:00pm	Friday, 9/17/21 from 5:00pm-8:00pm
		44 E Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60505	15 Zeigler Ct, Elgin, IL 60120	321 Stevens St Ste Q, Geneva, IL 60134



Check <https://kanehealth.com/Pages/Childrens-Mental-Health.aspx> for COVID updates related to these events

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