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North Dakota Receives Youth Suicide Prevention Grant

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health recently received a State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, according to State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D.

The goal of the grant is to reduce youth suicide in tribal and rural areas of the state. To reach that goal, the state health department will coordinate suicide-prevention and early intervention strategies in collaboration with the Mental Health Association of North Dakota and the North Dakota Adolescent Suicide Prevention Task force. The one-time grant is for \$1.2 million over three years.

“Even one youth suicide is too many,” Dwelle said. “This grant will help us reach at-risk youth on our reservations and in rural areas by helping us to fund, train, monitor and evaluate community-based suicide-prevention programs.”

Through the grant, the Department of Health will focus on one or more universities and four tribal and two rural areas of the state that have high rates of suicide. In addition, a statewide public awareness campaign will be developed and launched.

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