



# Suicide Prevention is More Than Black & White

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# WHAT'S KILLING OUR KIDS?



A close-up portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a light-colored top. She is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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# Social Determinants of Health

- ◆ Economic Stability

*Tackling unemployment, food insecurity & housing instability*

- ◆ Education

*Raising the bar on child development, literacy, language & adult education*

- ◆ Health & Healthcare

*Providing access to quality health care services.*

# Social Determinants of Health

- ◆ Neighborhood  
& Build Environment

*Mitigating crime, violence & poor housing conditions.*

- ◆ Social &  
Community Context

*Paving the path to parity for marginalized communities.*

<https://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/about.html>

# Are we Accomplices?

- ◇ Do we create barriers to care?
- ◇ Do we have culturally intelligent staff serving people?
- ◇ Is our staff's diversity reflective of the population we serve?
- ◇ Are we creating pathways for employment and economic empowerment within our organizations?
- ◇ Do we have a culture of inclusion and belonging?

# Are we Accomplices

- ◇ Are we advocating with our partners for a higher standard of care?
- ◇ Are we advocating with our funders and officials for more funding and innovative approaches to care being prioritized?
- ◇ Are we moving further up stream to support the health and wellness of this community?
- ◇ Have we checked our bias and implemented programs specifically for the Black community?



# The Real Question We Must Answer

◆ Are we reaffirming through our actions or inaction that their lives don't matter?

# Call to Action

◆ Move with intention from accomplice to hopeful advocate.

# Resources

◇ **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

◇ **1-800-273-8255**

◇ **TTY: 1-800-799-4889**

◇ **Behavioral Health  
Response ACI Hotline  
1-800-811-4760**

**Local**

**314-469-6644**

◇ **Call the Youth Connection  
Helpline**

◇ **1-844-985-8282**

◇ **Text**

◇ **BHEARD to 31658**