

School-Based Suicide Prevention in Southern Nevada

An Evaluation of Current Implementation
Practices in Clark & Nye County Schools



WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

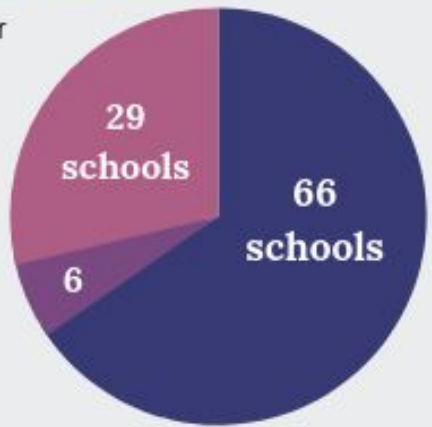
224 schools eligible in Clark & Nye Counties

101 schools completed survey

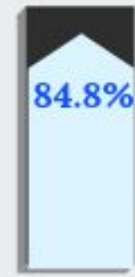
45.1% response rate

Clark Private & Private Charter
28.7%

NCSD Public
5.9%



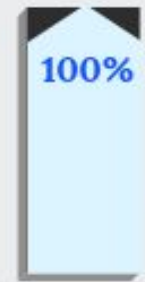
SCHOOLS USING A SUICIDE PREVENTION CURRICULUM, SCREENING, OR BOTH:



CCSD: Of the 54 schools that reported using a curriculum, **96.3%** use SOS.



Clark Non-CCSD: Of the 12 schools that reported using a curriculum, **75.0%** use SOS.



NCSD: Of the 6 schools that reported using a curriculum, **100%** use SOS.

CCSD Public & Charter
65.3%

91% of all participating schools reported having a suicide prevention policy in place

SUICIDE PREVENTION CURRICULUM

90.3%

Of all surveyed schools use Signs of Suicide (SOS) program alone.

7.0%

Of all surveyed schools use another suicide prevention program alone or with SOS.

Other Programs Used:

- **Student Risk Assessment**
- **Character Development Curriculum (infused in daily class content)**
- **Erika's Lighthouse**
- ***"We tell students that if they are to say anything or write anything that would communicate they were having suicidal thoughts, that I will speak with them and ask them questions, and they will be sent home from school and won't be able to return until they've been evaluated by a mental health professional."***

SCREENING ACTIVITY

SCHOOLS COMPLETING A SCREENING ACTIVITY:

62% of schools using a curriculum, screening, or both, consistently complete a screening activity



Of the 79 schools that reported using a suicide prevention curriculum, screening, or both:

- 83.6% use BASD
- 14.5% use some other activity
 - SOS Student Response Card
 - CCSD Screener
 - Student Risk Assessment
 - No Harm Contract

Only 21.5% of schools TRACK the implementation of their screening activity.



WHAT DO SCHOOLS NEED?

Of the **67** schools that currently implement SOS:

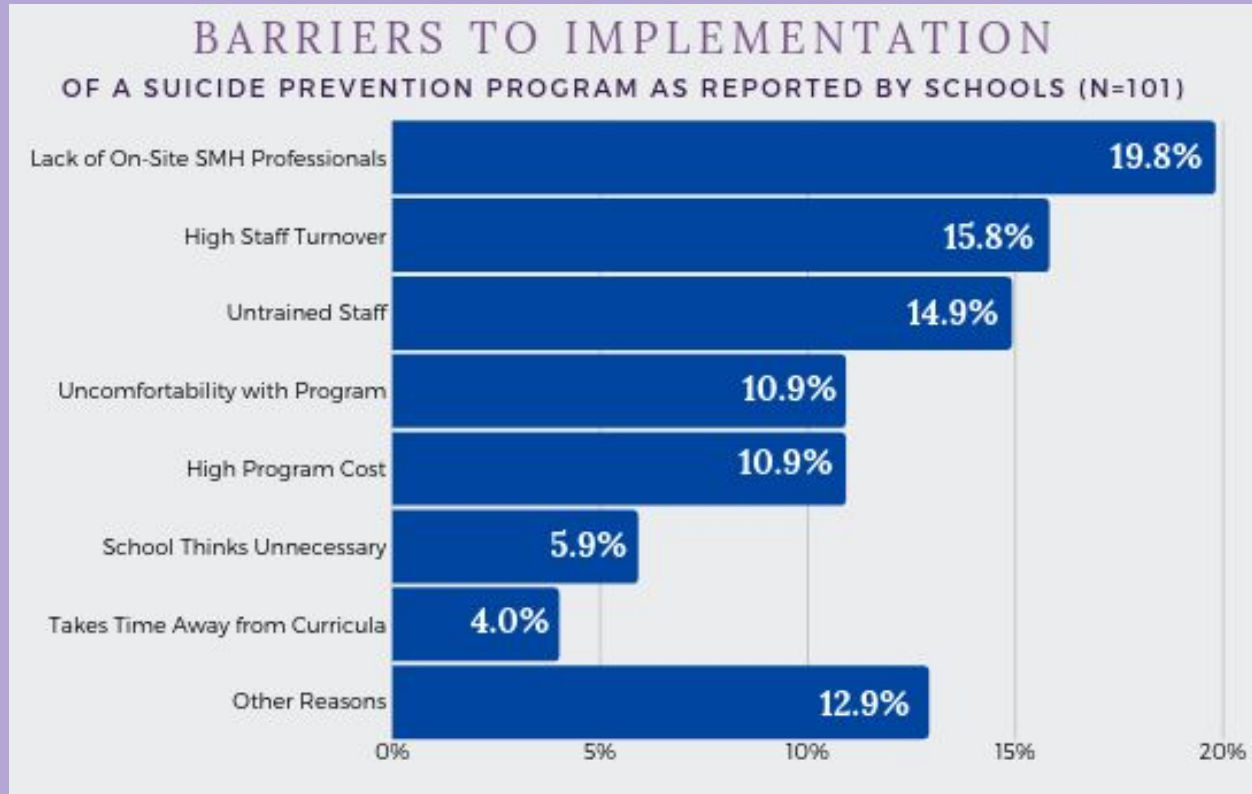
- *85.1% show complete video*
- *77.6% provide group discussion*
 - *49.3% facilitated by teacher*
 - *19.4% facilitated by school mental health professional*

Of the **79** schools that using a curriculum, screening, or both:

- *64.6% have procedures in place to ensure consistent implementation*
 - *40.5% use SOS tracking tools*
 - *20.3% track with non-SOS tools*
 - *11.4% **don't** track implementation*



WHAT DO SCHOOLS NEED?



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



SOS kit access provided to schools in need

School-based Suicide Prevention Program Resource Guide



Seek additional funding to expand evaluation efforts



View full Evaluation Report & Resource Guide at:

nic.unlv.edu/reports.html

COMPARISON CHART OF SCHOOL-BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

		SOS	YAM	Lifelines	Sources of Strength	LEADS	CARE	CAST	Jason Foundation	Trevor Project	Reconnecting Youth	
Program Design	Grades/Ages Covered	6 th – 12 th	13 - 17	5 th – 12 th	14 - 18	9 th – 12 th	14 – 19	6 th – 12 th	7 th – 12 th +	6 th – 12 th +	9 th – 12 th	
	Type of Program	Universal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
		Gatekeeper										
		At-Risk						✓	✓			✓
	Number of Lessons	1	5	2 - 4	NA	3	1	12	3 – 5	1 - 2	75 (1 semester)	
	Length of Each Lesson	50 mins	1 hour	1 class period	NA	1 hr	3 ½ - 4 hrs	55 mins	45 mins	1 90-mins or 2 45-mins	1 class period	
	Setting	Individual		✓				✓				
		Classroom	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓
		School-wide				✓						
		Family				✓		✓				
Implementer	Community				✓							
	Teacher	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
	Counselor		✓	✓			✓					
Training Required	Paid Program Staff		✓	✓								
		90 mins	5 days	1 day	4 – 6 hours annually	None	Unknown	4 days	2 hrs	20 mins	4 days	
Evidence of Effectiveness	Decreased Suicide Attempts	✓	✓									
	Decreased Suicide Ideation	✓	✓				✓					
	Decreased Risk Factors		✓				✓	✓			✓	
	Increased Knowledge					✓			✓			
	Increased Help-Seeking Behavior				✓							
	Increased Peer Support				✓							
	Increased Protective Factors				✓		✓	✓			✓	

Note: "Evidence of Effectiveness" refers to outcomes that have been proven through a formal evaluation of the program.

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