

## Attention Franklin County Providers:

Franklin County experienced a 10% increase in total suicide deaths from 2020 to 2021. Key figures from the Franklin County Coroner's Office [2021 Suicide Deaths Data Brief](#) include:

- The largest number of suicide deaths in Franklin County in 2021 occurred in the 25-34 age group
- The majority of suicide deaths occurred in non-Hispanic white males
- The suicide rate amongst the Black community increased by 17%, compared to 2020
- The suicide rate amongst the Hispanic community increased by 5%, compared to 2020
- Firearms continues to be the most common method used
- When comparing suicide rate with Ohio, Franklin County saw less of an increase than statewide

We appreciate your partnership in working to decrease suicide in our community and are encouraging providers to take advantage of local trainings and resources to support your work:

### Training:

- [Question, Persuade & Refer](#): 90-minute training on identifying and responding to signs of suicide.
- [Conversations on Access to Lethal Means](#): training on inquiring about accessibility to lethal means and suggesting safe storage.
- [Preventing Suicide in Emergency Department Patients](#) is a free, 2-hour course on conducting screening, assessment, and brief interventions.
- [Mental Health First Aid](#): training on identifying and responding to a mental health crisis, including assessing for suicide risk of suicide.

### Referral Resources:

- [Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County](#)
  - [Interactive provider network](#) for identifying substance use disorder and mental health services
- [LOSS Community Services](#)
  - Services including [support groups](#) and a [companion program](#) for loss survivors
- [Mental Health America of Ohio](#)
  - [Get Connected](#): free service for Central Ohio residents living with a mental illness and their families. Assistance with navigating the mental health and substance use treatment system.
  - [Support Groups](#): free for people struggling with mental health challenges, as well as their families and loved ones.

Visit the Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition (FCSPC) [website](#) and join the FCSPC email distribution list to stay updated on upcoming trainings and learn more about the FCSPC.

Thank you for your partnership,

