



FRANKLIN COUNTY
**Suicide
Prevention**
COALITION

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN



Our Vision

An informed and responsive community that actively works to prevent suicide and bring hope and support to those affected by suicide.

Our Mission

We work to prevent suicide through education, awareness, and partnerships with our community.

Our Values

- Collaboration
- Communication
- Knowledge
- Outcomes
- Research
- Responsibility
- Strengths-Based Approaches

Introduction

The Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition (FCSPC) bridges Central Ohio organizations together to enhance the overall efficacy of collective suicide prevention efforts. It works to increase communication, coordination, and collaboration efforts to prevent suicide and bring hope and support to those affected by suicide. Its foci include decreasing stigma, increasing awareness of available support, increasing suicide prevention education, and improving suicide data quality. The FCSPC is hosted by Mental Health America of Ohio (MHAOhio) and funded by the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH). The FCSPC is one of the few suicide prevention coalitions in the nation with fully-dedicated staff positions.

In developing its 2024-2026 Strategic Plan, the FCSPC worked through the Assessment, Capacity, and Planning stages of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). As part of this process, Franklin County Public Health led the FCSPC Data and Research Action Team in developing the 2023 Franklin County Suicide Report, which includes data on high-risk populations and suicide prevention recommendations. Based on findings, the FCSPC has identified the following priority populations; the Black and African-American community, older adults, refugees and immigrants, veterans, and youth.

Additionally, the FCSPC assessed local readiness to prevent suicide by implementing a Brief Community Readiness Assessment (BCRA), utilizing the Tri-Ethnic Community Readiness Model. The 2023 Franklin County Suicide Report and the BCRA guided the identification and prioritization of suicide risk and protective factors for focus in the FCSPC 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. The selected strategies and goals align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Suicide Prevention Resource for Action. Starting in January of 2024, the FCSPC will move into the Implementation and Evaluation stages of the SPF.

This work would not be possible without the 55 FCSPC members representing 30 organizations. The FCSPC extends its immense gratitude to its members and member organizations for all the support, leadership, and collaboration in working to prevent suicide and bringing hope to those affected by suicide.



2024 - 2026 Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition Strategies

Strategy #1



Support Data-informed Planning & Decision-Making
for County-wide Suicide Prevention

Strategy #2



Increase Support from Partners, Friends, and Family

Strategy #3



Reduce Access to Lethal Means

Strategy 1: Support Data-informed Planning & Decision-Making for County-wide Suicide Prevention

Goal 1

Increase availability of suicide related data by developing reports with partners, focusing on priority populations



Lead Entities: FCSPC Data & Research Action Team, Columbus Public Health, the Franklin County Coroner's Office, and Franklin County Public Health



Objective: Update joint suicide report annually.



Measure: Number of suicide data products produced focused on priority populations.

Goal 2

Expand the Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition's Role as the Actionable Arm of the Franklin County Suicide Fatality Review Team



Lead Entities: FCSPC Data & Research Action Team and the Franklin County Coroner's Office



Objective: Work with partners and stakeholders to make actionable recommendations based on findings from the Franklin County Suicide Fatality Review Team.



Measure: List of recommendations is updated annually and aligned with other efforts in the county.

Goal 3

Increase utilization of suicide data by working with partners to develop shared indicators for suicide prevention



Lead Entities: FCSPC Data & Research Action Team



Objective: Work with partners and stakeholders to develop shared indicators for suicide prevention.



Measure: Number of shared suicide prevention indicators identified and adopted by partner organizations.

Strategy 2: Increase Support From Partners, Friends and Family

Goal 1

Coordinate Training and Education to Identify & Support People at Risk

In its most common recommendations, the Franklin County Suicide Fatality Review Team recommended to increase suicide prevention education, particularly the evidence-based Question, Persuade, and Refer training[1]. This aligns with the CDC's Suicide Resource for Action which recommends that communities increase support from partners, friends, and family through coordination of gatekeeper training[2]. Additionally, the FCSPC will lead the implementation of the 2023-2026 Franklin County Community Health Improvement Plans' activity of increasing access to Question, Persuade, and Refer trainings in Franklin County[3].



Lead Entities: Mental Health America of Ohio, FCSPC Education Action Team, and Health Works Franklin County



Objective: Coordinate FCSPC Speaker's Bureau



Measure: Number of community members reached through Speakers Bureau

Goal 2

Increase Awareness of Resources

Both the Franklin County Suicide Fatality Review Team and the 2023 Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition Brief Community Readiness Assessment identified the need to increase community member's awareness of suicide prevention resources[1].



Lead Entities: FCSPC Communications Action Team, Data & Research Action Team, and Education Action Team



Objective: Increase Franklin County's average knowledge of suicide prevention efforts (e.g., programs, activities, and services).



Measure: Franklin County community knowledge of prevention efforts, as measured by a Brief Community Readiness Assessment.



Objective: Ensure resources are available to diverse populations (e.g., FCSPC priority populations).



Measure: FCSPC membership (e.g., demographics and sectors).

[1] Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition. (2023). Franklin County Suicide Report

[2]Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2022). Suicide Prevention Resource for Action.

[3] Franklin County Public Health. (2023). Community Health Improvement Plan.

[4] Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition. (2023). Brief Community Readiness Assessment.



Strategy 3: Reduce Access to Lethal Means

Goal 1

Coordinate Safe Storage Practices, Policies, & Education

Firearms were used in 50% of all Franklin County suicide deaths between 2016-2020[5]. The CDC recommends that communities reduce access to lethal means by coordinating safe storage practices, policies, and education[6]. Safe storage of lethal means is identified as a county-wide suicide prevention priority in the 2023-2026 Franklin County Community Health Improvement Plan[7].



Lead Entities: FCSPC Education Action Team, Columbus Public Health, Health Works Franklin County, and Columbus Public Health



Objective: Lead the 2023-2026 Franklin County Community Health Improvement Plan Action Step of *Reducing Access to Lethal Means through Community Lockbox Distribution*.



Measure: Number of lock boxes distributed with education.

[5]Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition. (2023). Franklin County Suicide Report.

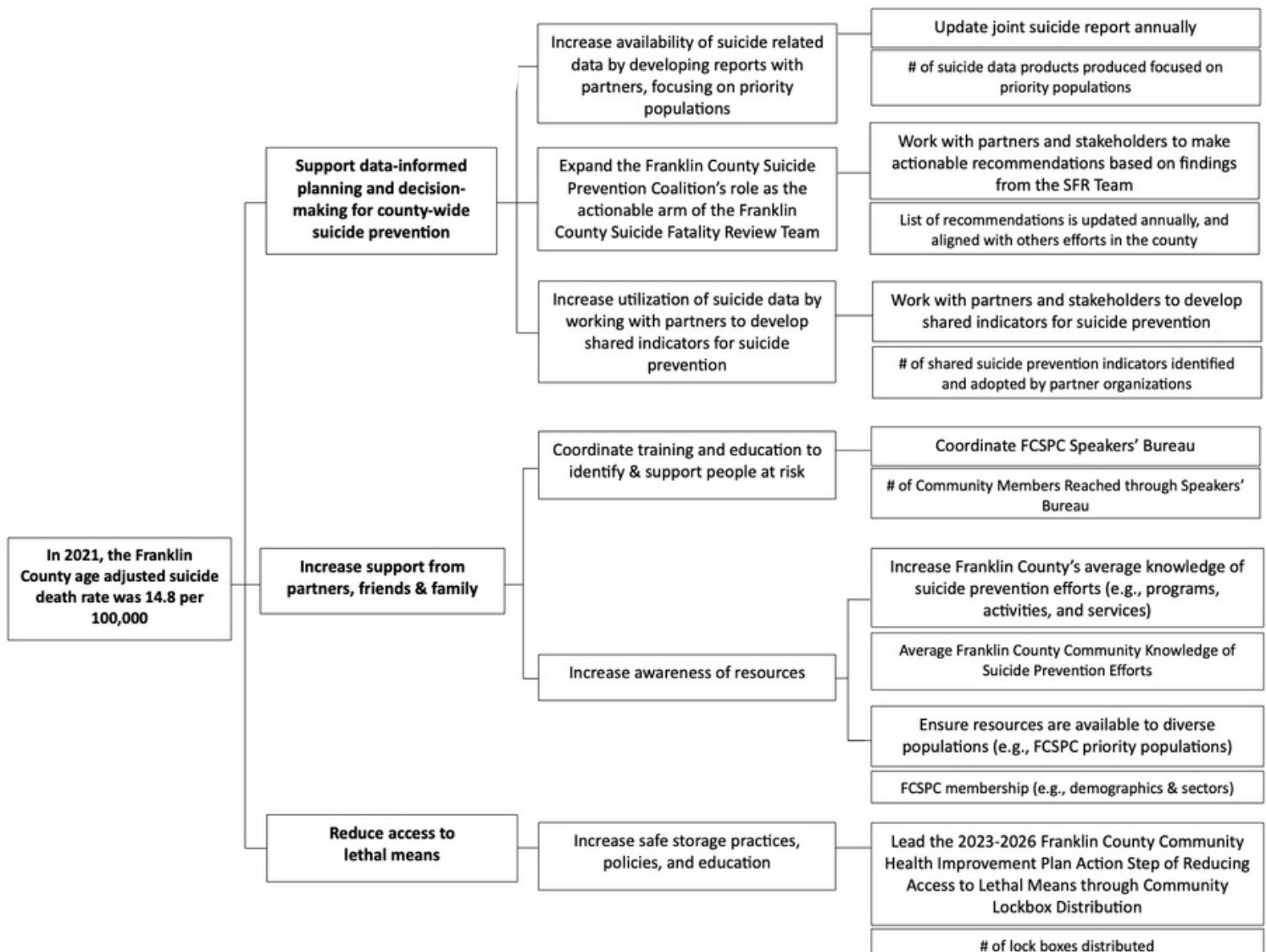
[6]Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2022). Suicide Prevention Resource for Action.

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2024-2026 Logic Model



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