COMMUNITY IS THE HEALER THAT BREAKS THE SILENCE

SUICIDE IS THE 2ND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR AI/AN YOUTH 15-24 YRS OLD

AI/AN MALES 15-24 YRS OLD HAVE THE HIGHEST SUICIDE RATE THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS’ RATE IS 17.54

3X’S MORE WOMEN ATTEMPT SUICIDE THAN MEN

IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW... Threatens suicide, talks about wanting to die, shows changes in behavior, appearance or mood, abuses drugs or alcohol, deliberately injures themselves, appears depressed, said or withdrawn...

YOU CAN HELP! Stay calm and listen, let them talk about their feelings, be accepting and do not judge, ask if they have suicidal thoughts, take threats seriously, and don’t swear secrecy—tell someone!

• BUILD SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL ROOTS IN NATIVE TRADITIONS
• INCLUDE TEENS IN FAMILY DECISION-MAKING
• EAT BREAKFAST 5-7 TIMES A WEEK
• REACH OUT AND MENTOR SOMEONE YOUNGER
• MAINTAIN GOOD PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH
• LET OTHERS KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT THEM
• AVOID DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
• TALK ABOUT YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS

To learn more visit: www.wernative.org • us.reachout.com www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org Or call 1.800.273.TALK (8255)

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