



Support Children & Youth in Louisiana By:

Teen Suicide

1. **ISSUE STATEMENT:** Teen suicide is a big issue in Louisiana , and the Lake Area is no exception to this problem. When it comes to youth suicide rate and prevention, there is not enough being done about it.
2. **THE CURRENT PICTURE/ALARMING STATISTICS...**
 - ⊗ 90% of people who commit suicide have a mental illness such as depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or alcoholism.
 - ⊗ 15.5% of LA suicides are in Calcasieu Parish
 - ⊗ LA 12th in the Nation for suicide rates
 - ⊗ 214 deaths from 2008-2010 , 10-24 years old
 - ⊗ 1 out of 5 thought about, 1 out of 6 made plans, 1/12 attempted based off a survey taken by the National Youth Violence Prevention Center.
 - ⊗ Males 4 times as likely to die from suicide
 - ⊗ 25 attempted suicides for everyone completed
 - ⊗ Females more likely to attempt
 - ⊗ Males more likely to succeed
3. **AS YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR HUMBLE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE...**
 - ⊗ **Suicide Tip Hotline**
 - ⊗ Anonymous
 - ⊗ Non-profit organization
 - ⊗ No hotlines in all of Calcasieu
 - ⊗ **Fundraising:**
 - ⊗ Walks in Lake Charles
 - ⊗ Donation jars in local businesses
 - ⊗ Utah started something like this, and it is very successful
 - ⊗ **School wide assembly (CIT)**
 - ⊗ Support Groups
 - ⊗ Peers could get together in a safe place led by councilor