

GOAL 3

People Know What to Look for and How to Help

Increase Awareness of and Competency in
Suicide Prevention and Intervention

AREA OF ACTION	WHAT WASHINGTON CAN DO 2009 – 2014 OBJECTIVES
POLICY	1. Increase the number of licensed and certified health professions that require knowledge and skills in suicide assessment and intervention.
ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICES	2. Increase use of guidelines for assessment of suicidal risk in primary health care settings, emergency departments, and mental health and substance abuse treatment centers.
COALITIONS AND NETWORKS	3. Increase the number of local coalitions with community education programs.
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION	4. Increase the number of Washington colleges and universities that have courses in suicide risk assessment and intervention.
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	5. Increase the number of education opportunities specifically for people who have close relationships with youth at risk for suicide.
INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	6. Increase the number of people who report more knowledge and skills in recognizing and reaching out to those at risk of suicide.