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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

LEARN HOW TO HELP: QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING



Suicide is a serious public health issue in Kentucky, especially among young people. It's the second leading cause of death for people ages 10 to 34 in our state. The good news is that we can all be part of the solution. The University of Kentucky is working to make sure that every Kentuckian knows how to help someone in a crisis. They're asking a powerful question: If someone you loved were struggling, would you know what to do?

Many people don't. That's where QPR comes in. **QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer.** These are three simple steps that anyone can learn to help

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someone who might be thinking about suicide. It's similar to CPR, which is used in heart emergencies. Just like CPR can save lives, QPR can help save someone going through a mental health crisis.

The QPR training is quick and easy. It's free, it's online, and it only takes about 30 minutes to complete. During the training, you'll learn how to see warning signs of suicide, how to start talking with someone who might be struggling, and how to connect them to life-saving help.

The University of Kentucky and the Healthy Kentucky Initiative are encouraging everyone to take the training, especially during September, which is Suicide Prevention Month. The more people who learn QPR, the stronger the safety net becomes for those at risk.

Whether it's a friend, family member, or someone in your community, you have the power to make a difference. QPR gives you the tools to help when it matters most. You can take the free QPR training now at kyqpr.ukhc.org.



Also important to know, **Kentuckians in crisis can now connect with suicide prevention, mental health, and substance use counselors using a nationwide, easier-to-dial phone number — 988.** This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, at no charge. Callers to 988 connect with a compassionate, highly trained counselor who can help address their issues as smoothly as possible. You can also call anonymously on behalf of someone else or to obtain information about options for helping someone in need.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, please reach out for help.

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