



The Suicide Care Connection

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THE RURAL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: Suicide rates increased by 46% in rural areas from 2000 to 2020. Rural communities face unique challenges that may increase suicide risk, for example: lack of mental health resources, lack of reliable internet to support telehealth, social isolation, and general poverty issues. While rural areas may be known for close-knit communities, this can also heighten stigmas around seeking mental health services or speaking up about emotional struggles.

The **Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)** includes \$50 billion in funding intended to provide awards to all 50 states to strengthen and modernize health care in rural communities, including mental health. This year's state awards range from \$147 million for New Jersey to \$281 million for Texas.

Reach out to your state's RHTP representatives and encourage them to use some of this funding for evidence-based, suicide-focused treatments. For each \$100,000 investment, 240 clinicians could be CAMS Trained™ in your state.

For more information, don't miss our upcoming May 15th webinar with Dr. Paul Norrod, University of Cincinnati's College of Nursing, who will discuss unique challenges of delivering suicide-focused care in rural contexts and discuss some of the solutions they have considered, including novel applications of the CAMS framework. [Registration opens soon.](#)

WHAT'S NEW

- [Psychiatric predictors of first-onset suicidal thoughts and behaviors throughout preadolescence: longitudinal associations in a US population-based study](#); *Translational Psychiatry*.
- [State Gun Laws and Firearm Suicide Rates](#); *JAMA Network Open*.
- [Mental health under pressure: a scoping review of suicide dental workforce](#); *British Dental Journal*.
- [Stigma and suicidal thoughts and behaviors among Black American emerging adults](#); *SSM- Mental Health*.

- [Identification of suicide brain transcriptomic signatures using meta-analysis of multiple cohorts](#); *Translational Psychiatry*.
- [Risk factors for suicidal ideation among bereaved adolescents in a psychological support hotline](#); *Scientific Reports*.
- [Investigating PTSD, mental disorders, and suicide through self-comparison: a self-controlled case series study over two decades](#); *Translational Psychiatry*.
- [Childhood Mortality by Parental Cause of Death](#); *JAMA Network Open*.
- [Beyond geopolitics: Greenland's suicide crisis](#); *The Lancet*.
- [Independent association of indirect self-destructiveness with suicidal behaviors in young adults](#); *Scientific Reports*.
- [Independent and interactive effects of wet bulb globe temperature and air pollution exposures on suicide mortality](#), *Environmental International*.
- [Fifteen-year trends in depression symptoms by sex, race, and financial stress among U.S. College Students](#); *Journal of Affective Disorders*.
- [Loneliness, Anxiety Symptoms, Depressive Symptoms, and Suicidal Ideation in the All of Us Dataset](#); *JAMA Network Open*.
- [Effectiveness of brief interventions and contacts after suicide attempts: a systemic review and meta-analysis](#); *eClinicalMedicine*.
- [Hidradenitis Suppurativa and Risk of Self-Harm and Suicide](#); *JAMA Dermatology*.
- [Pursuing the elusive biosignature for suicide: a decennial update](#); *Molecular Psychiatry*.
- [In-Depth characterization of the shared genetic architecture of suicide attempts with other major psychiatric disorders](#); *Translational Psychiatry*.
- [A methodological proof-of-concept of data-driven, personalized, blended digital health intervention for suicidal thoughts and behaviors: A case series](#). *Internet Interventions*.
- [LGBTQ+ Community Center Providers' Perceptions: Tensions and Solutions for Serving LGBTQ+ Youth With Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors and Their Families](#); *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*.
- [Prevalence and associated factors of non-suicidal self-injury \(NSSI\) among university students: the role of Generalized Anxiety Disorder and substance use disorder](#); *Humanities and Social Communications*.
- [A strengths-based approach to suicide prevention among Black youth: Advancing the Black youth thriving framework through a systemic review](#); *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*.

- [Alcohol and substance use differentially impact suicide ideation in a longitudinal cohort of bipolar disorder](#); *Psychiatry Research*.
- [Genetic risk of chronic pain conditions associated with risk of suicide death through an integrative analysis of HER and genomics data](#); *Translational Psychiatry*.
- [Benefits, limitations and potential solutions for defining good practices in Online Counselling Chat Services for Youth](#); *Internet Interventions*.

LATEST RESOURCES

- [CAMS Brief Intervention: 360 Degrees of Support](#); Regardless of your job or position in your healthcare setting you can play a critical role in supporting the patients who are receiving the CAMS Brief Intervention. This 30-minute video provides tips and strategies on how anyone, including volunteers, can therapeutically interact with patients struggling with suicidal ideation and behaviors.
- [Annual Report on Suicide in the Military, Calendar Year 2024](#).
- [2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People](#); *The Trevor Project*.
- [The State of Kids and Families in America 2026](#); *Common Sense Media*.

GOOD READ

- [Kevin Crowley's CAMS Clinical Corner](#), This quarter's newsletter features: Clinical Musings: How Do Multidisciplinary Teams Use and Support CAMS?

ADVOCACY

Advocate for better federal policies to reduce suicide rates. Contact your members of Congress and encourage them to support the following mental health legislation. You can locate your representatives by using the "[Find Your Members](#)" tool.

- [The STOP Suicide Act](#), will expand access to evidence-based stabilization care for individuals with serious thoughts of suicide and create a new

SAMHSA grant program to expand access to effective and timely outpatient and virtual stabilization care and treatment.

- [The 9-8-8 Connect Act](#), will connect individuals experiencing a behavioral or mental health crisis with follow-up services and expand access to the 988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.
- [The Child Suicide Prevention Act](#) will fund suicide prevention initiatives, ensure health care providers receive training to prevent intentional harm, and create a centralized hub to provide safety information to at-risk youth and their support networks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **EmPATH Summit 2026, May 12-13, Salt Lake City, UT:** Emergency, Psychiatric, Assessment, Treatment, Healing (EmPATH). This Summit brings together hospital leaders, clinicians, designers, policymakers, and innovators working to create systems that are more compassionate, more effective, and more connected. **CAMS-care is a proud sponsor – we look forward to meeting you at our booth.** [Register Now.](#)
- [Upcoming CAMS Training](#)

Organizations: Set your own training dates by contacting training@cams-care.com

Training Dates for Individuals:

- **CAMS Consultation Calls:** April 20, 27 May 5, 13
- **Advanced CAMS Training: Mastering Drivers Focused Care:** April 24
- **Live Online CAMS Role-Play Training:** April & May (**sold out**), June 15
- **CAMS Brief Intervention Role-Play Training:** July 20
- **CAMS-4Teens Live Online Training:** April 30
- **Pacific Rim Role-Play Training:** June 8 & 9

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[CAMS-care Grant Writing & Consultation](#)

- [Implementing Zero Suicide in Health Systems](#); SAMHSA. Applications due: **April 20, 2026.**
- [Children's Mental Health Initiative](#), SAMHSA; Applications due: **April 20, 2026.**

- [Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program](#), SAMHSA; Applications due: **April 20, 2026**.
- [Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program Funding Opportunity](#): *Department of Veterans Affairs*. **Applications due: June 12, 2026**
- [Social disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), NIH; Applications due: **September 7, 2026**.
- [Social disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), NIH; Applications due: **September 7, 2026**.
- [Social disconnection and Suicide Risk in Late Life \(R21 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), NIH; Applications due: **September 7, 2026**

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