a. A Public Health Crisis

*What issue are we trying to address?*

Suicide is a leading cause of death among youth in the United States.¹

*How are we trying to address it?*

**Community Conversations**

Building a Web of Hope

How can communication help with suicide prevention?

**Communicative Resilience (CR)**²

b. Community Comes Together

*What do we want to learn?*

“*How are communicative resilience processes enacted for youth suicide prevention in Pinellas County?*”

*How did we learn more about it?*

**Growing Hope** hosted a town hall in April 2022

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**3 questions Inspired by Appreciative Inquiry framework⁴**

1. What has helped you or someone you know during a time when you felt hopeless?
2. What would an ideal community look like if there were more feelings of hopefulness?
3. What actions should be taken to reduce suicide in our community?

**Responses collected via post-its; qualitatively coded and analyzed**

- Responses entered in Excel
- Inductively coded by constant comparative method
- Deductive coding and secondary analysis using CR
- Findings reviewed & consensus provided by community partners

**c. What We Learned**

We learned that peer support, feeling accepted, practicing mindfulness, and community connectedness can help save the lives of youth in Florida.

**Adults (n=80) Youth (n=8)**

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**d. Implications for the Community & Our Next Steps**

- Access to existing resources may be difficult for some youth experiencing thoughts of suicide, particularly youth living with poverty and discrimination.
- Resources which increase connectedness and communication are vital to supporting youth with their mental health.

**We would like to thank:**

- You...for stopping by to learn more about this critical issue and the adaptive-transformative power of communication².
- All who attended, volunteered, and participated...particularly those who shared their own stories, strategies, and hopes for a community free of suicides.

**Our References**