

Why should schools get involved?

- Children are much more likely to come into contact with potential rescuers in the school than they are in other community settings.
- In many instances, the child's problems, particularly those related to academics or the peer group, are more evident in the school setting than they are in the home.
(Guetzloe, 1991)
- School and community prevention programs designed to address suicide and suicidal behavior as part of a broader focus on mental health, coping skills in response to stress, substance abuse, aggressive behaviors, are most likely to be successful in the long run.
(National Institute of Mental Health)