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## Evidence-Based Health Policy Project to host Capitol Briefing on Suicide Prevention among Youth and Young Adults

*Thursday, November 15 – Press Release*

**Madison** – The University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Evidence-Based Health Policy Project (EBHPP) will host a briefing on preventing suicide among youth and young adults, with panelists discussing data, programs, and policies for lawmakers and others to consider. The event will be held at the Wisconsin State Capitol, Room 411-South, on **Wednesday December 12, from 10:00am to 12:00 pm**. Program registration is available through [this link](#).

The event, **Preventing Suicide Among Youth and Young Adults**, will feature perspectives from academic, public and private sectors on ongoing research and evidence-based programming across the state:

- Sara Kohlbeck, Assistant Director, Comprehensive Injury Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, will discuss the Center’s work and collaboration with the state Department of Health Services (DHS) on tracking the burden of suicide in Wisconsin.
- Kate McCoy, Evaluation Consultant, Youth Risk Behavior Survey Coordinator and Gregg Curtis, Education Consultant, School Counseling and Suicide Prevention from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, will present finding from the biennial [Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#), and provide an overview of school-based efforts to prevent suicide.
- Valerie Donovan, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Coordinator, University of Wisconsin-Madison, will discuss programs and activities to prevent suicide on campus.
- Leah Rolando, Suicide Prevention Specialist, Mental Health America of Wisconsin, will present on the state’s current [Suicide Prevention Strategy](#), developed in collaboration with DHS.

The EBHPP is a partnership of the [UW Population Health Institute](#), the [La Follette School of Public Affairs](#), and the [Wisconsin Legislative Council](#). The non-partisan project bridges medicine and health policy, as well as research and practice, to serve the Wisconsin Legislature and other decision-makers. Originally formed in 2002, the EBHPP aims to connect localized health research with key stakeholders in Wisconsin, with the goal of encouraging an evidence-informed approach to policy-making.

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