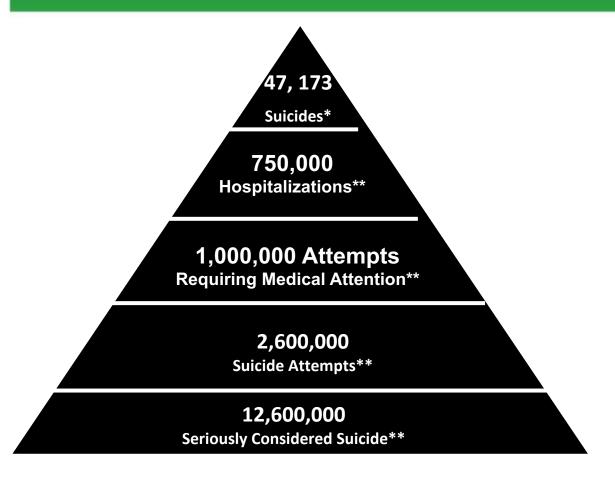


The Tale of Tragedy and Misery



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Changing the Conversation

12,600,000 Seriously Considered Suicide** 2,600,000 **Suicide Attempts**** 1,000,000 Attempts **Requiring Medical Attention**** 750,000 Hospitalizations** 47,173 **Suicides** themselves.

For every one suicide.... there are 280 who think seriously about suicide who don't kill



Stories of Coping: "Papageno Effect"

"Healing, hope and help are happening".

- Stories of positive coping with suicidality, hope and recovery
- Research demonstrating treatments or actions that prevent suicide

"Reporting of individual suicidal ideation (not accompanied by attempted or completed suicide) was associated with a decrease in suicide rates



The study suggests that prevention of suicidal behavior by media reports is possible."

Niederkrothenthaler et al, Brit. Jrnl Of Psychiatry, 2010



Top Suicidal Coping Strategies

198 adults with history of mental illness/treatment and at least one suicide attempt were asked:

"If your darkness and despair escalated to actual thoughts of suicide, what has helped you in the past to not take that action?" (write up to 5 coping strategies) Alexander et al. 2009

- Spirituality/religious practices 18 %
- Talking to someone/companionship 14 %
- Positive thinking 13 %
- Using mental health system 12 %
- Considering consequences to people close to me 9 %
- Using peer supports 8 %
- Doing something pleasurable 8 %
- Protecting myself from means 5 %
- Doing grounding activities 4 %
- Considering consequences to myself/fear 2 %
- Doing tasks to keep busy 2 %
- Maintaining sobriety 1 %



"Everybody Can Take Actions..." #BeThe1to.com 5 Action Steps









