



United Way Lockbox Pilot

Zero Suicide State Learning Community
March 23rd, 2022

Patient Story

- Extended Day Treatment patient
- 12 year old
- High risk of suicide, familial challenges in the home
- CALM provided at intake along with lockboxes
- Broke into box, attempt via overdose



United Way Pilot

- **CT Suicide Advisory Board**
 - **Committee on reducing access to lethal means**
- **Funding for Lockboxes**
- **In conjunction with Counseling on Access to Lethal Means or CALM**
- **Report Demographic Data Monthly**

United Way Pilot State Wide

- Griffin Health Services
- Bhcare (3 sites listed below)
 - BHcare Valley
 - BHcare Shoreline
 - BHcare Parent Child Resource Center
- Wellmore
- United Services
- ECHN
- Bristol Hospital
- "Adult Behavioral Health Services Hartford Mobile Crisis & Assessment Center"
- Wheeler Clinic Youth Mobile Crisis
- Hartford Healthcare Natchaug Hospital Inpatient Unit
- Rushford
- Institute of Living
- McCall
- Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington
- Intercommunity
 - East Hartford
 - South Windsor
- CCMC
- Children's Center of Hamden
- Backus Hospital
- RiverEast



Pilot at IOL and Rushford

- **May 2020**

- **Rushford Academy at Stonegate**

- **Institute of Living:**

- Child & Adolescent PHP/IOP (at intake)

- Child & Adolescent Inpt & CARES (at discharge)

- ***High Risk Criteria: had 2 or more attempts of suicide, more than 2 admissions to inpatient in the last 6 months, or score higher than low on C-SSRS at discharge.***

- Child & Adolescent OP Clinic (at intake)

- Grace Webb School (joined December 2020) (at intake)

- Child & Adolescent Testing (joined May 2021) (at intake)

- STEP Clinic (working to join consistently) (at first session)

- **June 2021**

- **Natchaug Inpatient**

Requirements

- **Champion at Each Site**
 - **Review standard work and addend as appropriate to areas**
 - **Responsible for educating their team**
 - **Trained in Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (C.A.L.M.)**
 - CALM was completed by all who would deliver lockboxes
 - **Lockbox Supply**
 - Communicate with United Way to retrieve lockboxes (since May of 2021, one point of contact for United Way)
 - **Send demographic data monthly**
 - CALM was provided and lockboxes
 - CALM was provided and lockboxes were declined
 - **Include documentation in notes utilizing smartphrase**

Current Departments & Champions

Entity/Department	Champion
Rushford Academy at Stonegate	Juliana Palmieri, LMSW
IOL, D2N	Kate Keefe, LCSW, Elizabeth Strange, LMSW
IOL, CARES Unit	Lolitheia Lewis, LCSW & Karen Johnson, LCSW
IOL C & A Day Treatment	Patty Graham, LCSW
IOL Grace Webb	Wendy Twarkins, LCSW
IOL C&A Clinic	Maisha Smith, LCSW
IOL Testing Department	Marissa Sicley-Rogers, PsyD
Natchaug Inpatient	Ashely Perreira, PsyD

Interested Areas

Entity/Department	Contact
Backus ED	Kerrie Thiffeault
HH ED	Dr. Pepper
Additional Rushford Areas	Carolyn Camire
IOL Adult Day Treatment	Tracey Garbarino

Impact-May 2020-December 2021

	Lockboxes Given
D2N	113
D1S/CARES	216
PHP	69
IOP	66
OP	4
GWS	5
Psych Testing	5
Rushford	32
Total Families CALM	506
Total Lockboxes	510
Total Refused	60

Future Steps

- Pilot will end September 2022
- Feedback provided for larger boxes, will be distributed starting this month
- Standardized smartphrase for broader use
- Work to identify funding for lockboxes
- Incorporate CALM training for each area as part of standard work



Questions/Comments?

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