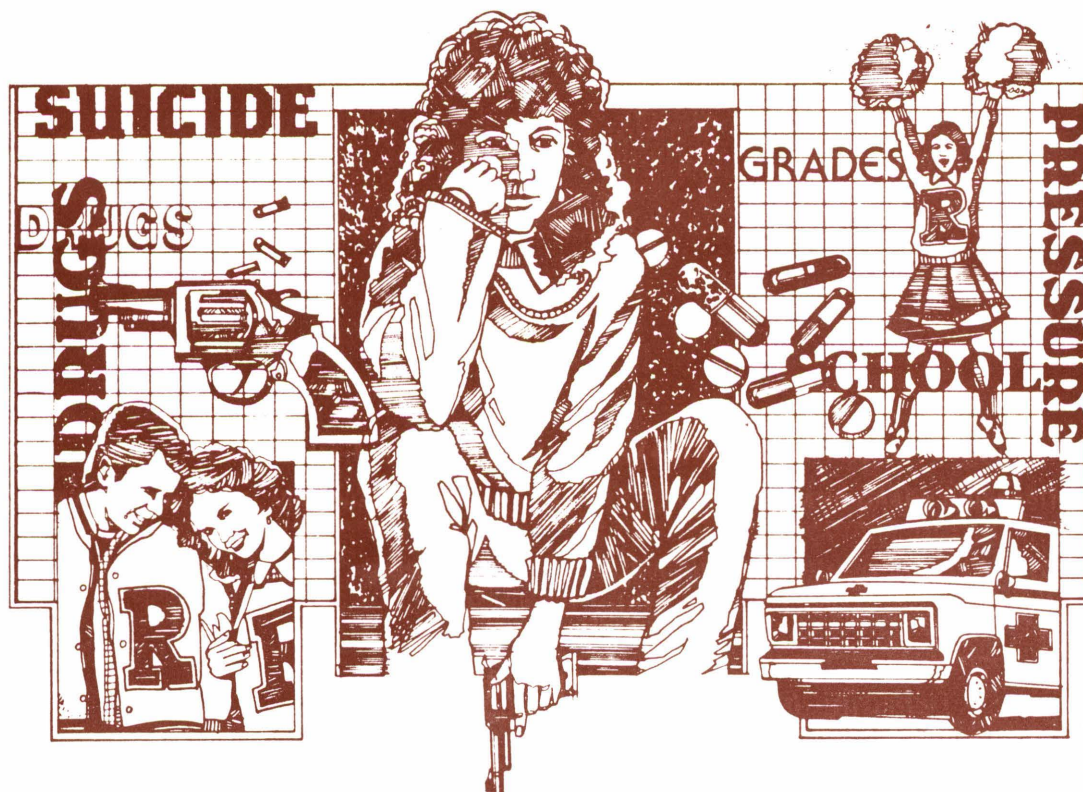


TEEN SUICIDE

The teenage suicide rate has tripled in the last thirty years. Half a million young people try to kill themselves each year and six thousand to fifteen thousand actually die by their own hands. Teenage suicide has been called an epidemic, but fortunately, psychologists have identified warning signs and developed effective methods of intervention. The VCR presentation **TEEN SUICIDE** emphasizes that there is hope for tomorrow.

The Community Resource Development (CRD) program staff of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service observes that the decision to commit suicide is generally a process rather than a sudden decision. Family problems, real or imagined failure, and loneliness create a climate of chronic depression. The program notes that almost all suicidal adolescents talk about their intentions before a final triggering event causes them to give up all hope.



Suggested Uses:

To provide select audiences with accurate, current knowledge of teen suicide. To provide an educational program to serve as an introduction piece for audience discussion.

Recommended For:

Community and corporate prevention and rehabilitation programs, schools, colleges, and universities, and 4-H youth programs. In addition, Chamber of Commerce and merchant associations.

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, parents, teachers, and friends must notice other warning signs: neglect of schoolwork, lack of interest in normal activities, loss of appetite, and withdrawal from human contact. The program notes that some unhappy teenagers mask their depression behind aggressive, wild, or out-of-control behavior. The true effectiveness of **TEEN SUICIDE** depends, in part, on the presenter's knowledge of the material and subject matter.

Detailed questions concerning any form of crime prevention should be directed to your local police or sheriff's department. Consult your local Extension office for additional crime prevention resources made available by the CRD program.



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