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## Blair

- Structure- task force since 1995. multiple agencies, community, family, survivors. Some county money was being used for facilitation of this group but this is changing. The information shared here is shared with other leadership programs, SOC, SAP, etc. Everything that goes on with SP task force is shared. Partner with AFSP- annual walk and annual suicide loss day.
- Train the trainer. send family survivors to be trained. out in the community a lot. monthly they are promoting SP awareness. work well with schools. two biggest schools rep on sp task force. have had aevidum, minding your mind, color run come to schools. Columbia protocol- developed an app
- took on initiative to start using columbia assessment. Worked with Lighthouse Project and partnered with software developer to create the columbia app. the app is programed to tell you to call crisis numbers when necessary and will give the person the appropriate numbers. They have the ability to track when the app is used and the zipcode. They advertised app with social media, posters, and word of mouth.
- Have implemented Talk saves lives, more than sad, QPR, MHFA trainings
- Healthy Blair county coalition- three years needs assessment of community. Over 140 community stakeholders involved in the coalition. They have support from the local newspaper and tv station to put things out

## Mercer

- Suicide prevention network- relatively new. active for about 4 years. It is an informal network, meet monthly. Don't have official funding stream.
- Stakeholders- pull in diverse group. They have been able to maintain the group in the virtual format. They partner with the community sector, guidance counselors, mh administrators, mh outpatient providers, inpatient mh provider, county crisis (housed at BHC), sap liaisons and regional coordinators, coroner (shares data regularly with group), family members. Many people in the community now recognizing them as resource for suicide prevention and have been receiving donations because of this.
- Leadership- top of county, support from exec director at BHC and communities that care group.
- Commissioners are aware of the work that the network does and have attended trainings (talk saves lives). From the CARES Act, they developed messaging to the county for covid, warm line, MH, etc.
- Have become the go to entity for mental health awareness and suicide prevention resources.
- Have a data subcommittee that meets quarterly. The group includes the crisis director, inpatient mh liaison, Tracy. They meet regularly to do deeper dive over trends annually and quarterly.
- Sending resource packets to schools, farmers resource sheets.
- Liaisons connected with BHC, so schools are able to rely on them directly for support on MH concerns/resources.