



INJURY CONTROL RESEARCH CENTERS:

# Suicide Prevention

CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control funds 10 Injury Control Research Centers (ICRCs). These centers study ways to prevent injuries and violence and work with community partners to put research findings into action.

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- University of Iowa
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Rochester
- West Virginia University



## Research: Studying Ways to Prevent Suicide

Examples of CDC-funded ICRC research projects are listed here:

- Discrimination Increases Suicidal Ideation in Black Adolescents Regardless of Ethnicity and Gender. (University of Michigan)
- Examining the Relationship Between Suicidal Behaviour and Psychopathic Traits through the Lens of the Interpersonal- Psychological Theory of Suicide. (University of Rochester)
- Using Social Determinants of Health to Assess Psychological Distress and Suicidal Thoughts and Behavior among Youth on Probation. (University of Rochester)

You can find a complete list of CDC-funded ICRC research projects for 2017-2019 on the ICRC web site at [www.cdc.gov/injury/erpo/icrc/projects.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/erpo/icrc/projects.html)



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## RESEARCH IN ACTION

**West Virginia University** studied a new computerized diagnostic tool to screen for major depressive disorder in the university's hospital emergency department. The tool could identify at-risk emergency department patients without requiring a psychiatric assessment, which can take significant time. The research showed the screening tool accurately identified at-risk patients and took less time than similar tools. The hospital is now using the tool consistently to identify and connect patients with treatment and services for depression.



### Outreach: Putting Research Into Action to Prevent Suicides

The **University of Rochester**, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and local and national stakeholders formed the Colorado National Collaborative to develop a system-based suicide prevention approach. This approach includes working with local stakeholders to implement evidence-based prevention strategies for at-risk youth, veterans, older adults, and middle-aged men. The collaborative plans to evaluate this comprehensive approach to serve as a national model for other states.



### Training: Building the Field to Prevent Suicides

The **University of North Carolina** partnered with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to train suicide prevention advocates and public health practitioners. The [Injury-Free NC Academy](#) provides participants with injury knowledge and skills to help them implement proven suicide interventions in their communities. This annual training educates participants in areas such as coalition building, community programming, logic model building, and funding. Training participants have reported increased knowledge in suicide prevention and in program planning and development.

