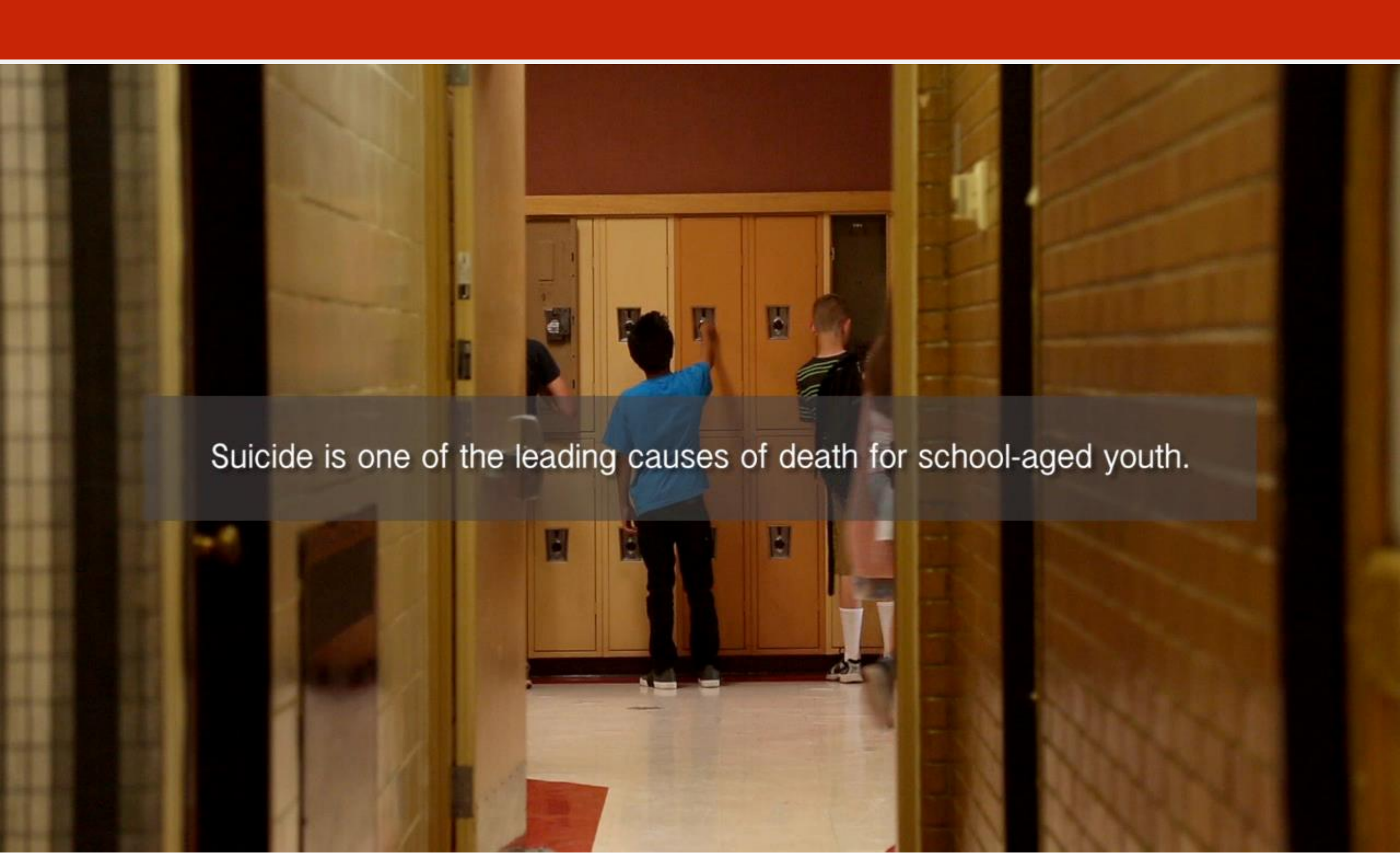





Parent Meeting

A photograph of a school hallway with wooden lockers. Several students are visible, including a boy in a blue shirt standing with his back to the camera, looking at a locker. The hallway has brick walls and a polished floor. A semi-transparent grey box with white text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death for school-aged youth.

Mission Statement

To reduce youth suicide through education, training, and peer intervention.



What is a
Hope
Squad?

1. The Hope Squad program is an educational, school based, peer-to-peer curriculum, and is not a therapy model.
2. Some students may not be a good fit to serve as a Hope Squad member. This decision is up to the school administration, school advisor(s), and the parent(s).

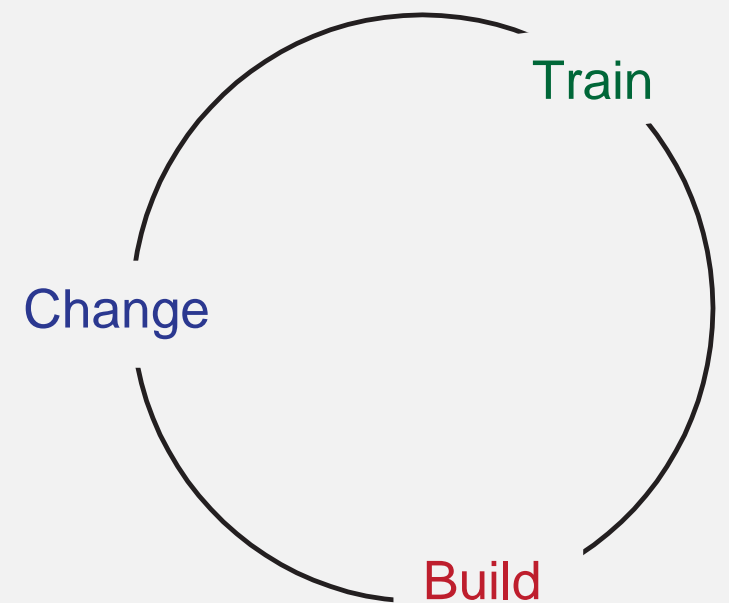
Hope Squad Goal

Hope Squads seek to reduce self-destructive behavior and youth suicide by training, building, and creating change in schools and communities.

Hope Squad Objectives

Train:

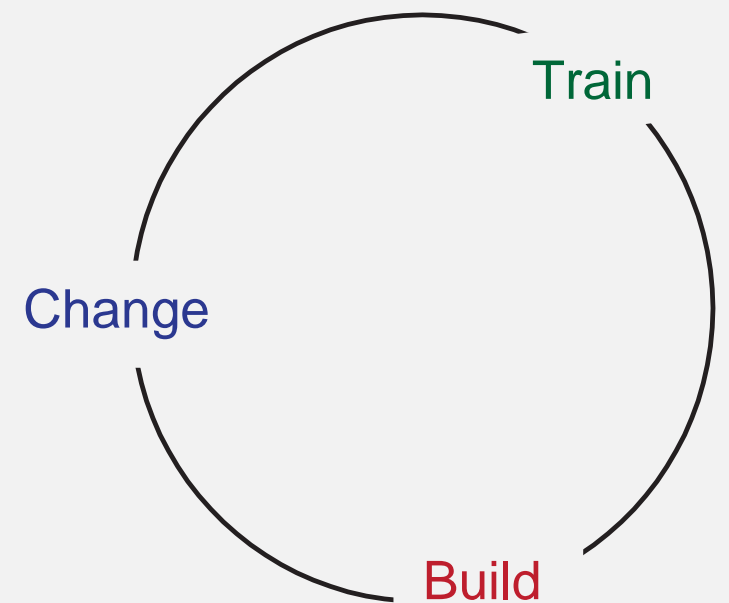
Hope Squads will **train** students to recognize suicide-warning signs and act upon those warnings to break the code of silence.



Hope Squad Objectives

Build:

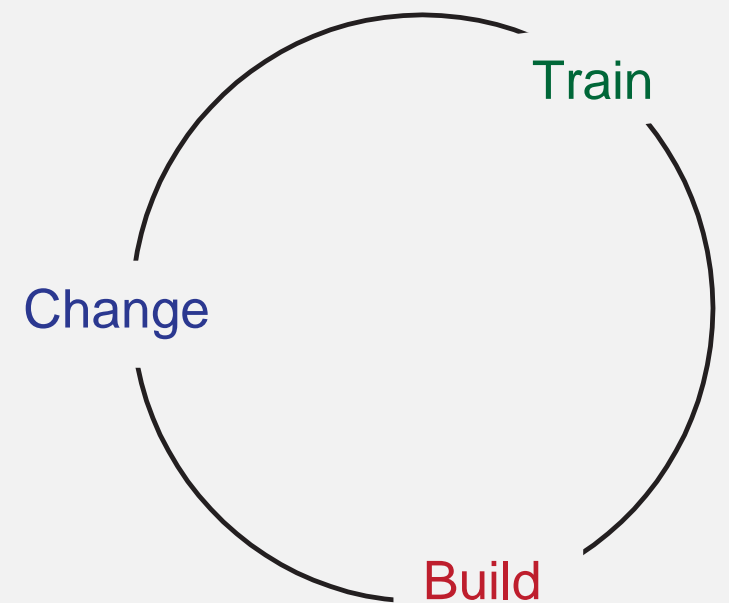
Hope Squads will **build** positive relationships among peers to facilitate acceptance for seeking help.



Hope Squad Objectives

Change:

Hope Squads will work to **change** the school culture regarding suicide by reducing stigmas about suicide and mental health.



Squad Questions

How are Hope Squads different from other school programs?

- Created and developed by educators
- Partners mental health with schools
- Community collaboration (Circles4Hope)
- Changes the school culture
- Easy to use curriculum
- Supported by educators within the school system

Squad Questions



Does the Hope Squad Program place added pressure on the members?

The opposite is true in most situations. Many students will share with a peer when they are struggling and not with their parents or other adults. Educating students about what to do when a peer is at-risk empowers them.

Parents' Role – Helping Hope Squad Members



- You know your child best.
- Talking with friends, who may be struggling, can be challenging at times for Hope Squad members.
- Visit with their child on a frequently about Hope Squad experiences.
- Report any concerns you have to your Hope Squad Advisor or counselor.

Expectations of Parents



- Sign permission form
- Understand the role
- Support participation
- Monitor well-being and self-care of Hope Squad member

Your Questions