

Testimonials

Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention & ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)

Penn High School has benefited from the Yellow Ribbon Program for a number of years now. The Yellow Ribbon assemblies are engaging, poignant, and well received by students, faculty, and parents. The speakers for the assemblies are knowledgeable and incredibly moving. The Yellow Ribbon assemblies have become part of our instructional and social-emotional curriculum, leading to proactive knowledge for our students and a more safe and secure environment within our school. These great benefits aside, we know first hand that the Yellow Ribbon assemblies have saved the lives of some of our students.

*Steven Hope,
Principal,
Penn High School*

I was in the Applied Suicide Intervention Workshop some time ago. I found it to be a very knowledgeable training; and well worth the time. This was without a doubt, one of the most educational trainings I have ever attended. The presenters did an outstanding job maintaining the interest of those in attendance. Just recently I had an opportunity to use some of what I learned in the workshop. It helped me feel more confident in my ability when I speaking with an individual who was contemplating harming herself. I was able to engage her in conversation and keep her calm until I could get help to her. I would highly recommend this training.

*Jacqueline Norris
Safe Station*

The Yellow Ribbon Campaign is a part of Mishawaka High School's annual student programming because it is both powerful and effective. Students are taught the warning signs displayed by those at risk of suicide, what to do and where to report their suspicions. Our students are touched by the family testimonial, which lends greater gravity to the subject for them. They understand that those left behind deal with the "what ifs" for the rest of their lives. Yellow Ribbon has provided our students with the tools to stay safe and help keep their friends that way too. It has been a valuable resource for the health of our students.

*Donald Cronk
Director of Counseling and Guidance
Mishawaka High School*

Mishawaka High School has made a commitment to the safety of our students by ASIST training 15 staff members. All of our counselors and ten of our teachers have attended the ASIST training to cast a wide net of suicide detection and intervention. Our staff is more knowledgeable about the topic of youth suicide and our students, which adds to the safety of our school. ASIST is another extremely valuable service of the St. Joseph County Suicide Prevention Council.

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I attended the ASIST training about 3 years ago. In my opinion it was very helpful with my job as an elementary school counselor. The incidents I experienced were facilitated by my recognition of the signs of potential suicide. My training helped me to see the red flags, communicate with the students and take action to take to keep them safe. Fortunately, I never experienced some one attempting or completing suicide.

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