Jed's Comprehensive Approach to Campus Mental Health

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The forecast for America's youth is bleaker than it should be

- Drug/alcohol accidents and suicide are the leading causes of death
 1 in 5 have a mental health condition
- 46% did not receive treatment or counseling last year
- 76% turn to a peer for support when they are in distress

Sources: NAMI, SAMHSA, JED Harris Poll, 2017 County Health Rankings





... at some point this year: 3 out of 5 felt overwhelming anxiety 1 out of 3 felt too depressed to function 1 out of 3 binge drank regularly 1 out of 8 abused prescription drugs 12% had serious thoughts of suicide 8% cut or burnt themselves 2% attempted suicide 1,400 died by suicide









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- Financial planning
- Academic Skills study skills/test anxiety/time management Bystander intervention
- Sleep, hygiene, nutrition, exercise, general health and connection between wellness and academic performance

Connectedness and Support

- · Loneliness single most reported struggle among first years
- Students turn to peers first
- Peer mentoring system
- Greek and athletic systems (if exists) wellness ambassadors
- Promoting connections with religious/cultural resources
- · Intentional programming to promote connections among typically disconnected populations
- Programs to promote tolerance/inclusiveness Training to help identify and reach out to isolated students
- Adequate spaces for students to gather organically/informally

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Identify Students at Risk

- Collecting mental health and substance history from incoming students
- Connecting students with positive history to services Wellness/screening days conducted across campus by many .
- Training on how to identify, reach out to and if needed, refer students who may be struggling
 - - Wide, targeted, strategic How to Help a Friend
- Behavioral Intervention/Care Teams (Electronic) reporting system
 Online resources for mental health and substance abuse screening, online CBT

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Increase Help-seeking

- Many doors for support access across campus
- · CC, HS, Health Promotion websites easy to find, resources crossreferenced
- Campus culture is open about mental health and value of help-seeking
- Online screening tools
- . Peer mental health and substance education programs - designed and delivered by students
- Campaigns to combat stigma
- . Student clubs and student involvement in promotion of mental health
- Strategic marketing of counseling services .

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

- Access to broad array of services: mental health, health, substance abuse, health education Health services routinely screens for mental health and substance issues Collaboration/close communication between CC and HS .
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- Medication management .
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- Medication management Emergency services coordinated with local resources, MOU's Services are flexible: timing and location Naloxone policies: security, local EMTs, res life staff, known users Recovery community substance free housing, groups, full programs Policy for prescribing opiates .
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- Education re: danger of combining opiates and alcohol

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Crisis Management

- Policies to address:
 - LOA's medical leaves, mandatory leaves, return from leave, AOD clear and transparent, well publicized Insurance
 - Health insurance
 - Tuition insurance
 - Parental notification
 - Medical amnesty
 - Postvention protocols HEMHA Postvention Guide

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Means Restrictions and Environmental Safety

- Environmental scanning done
- Roof, window, closet rod safety
- Firearms policy
- Prescription drug monitoring and return
- Lab safety
- 'Means Matters': www.hsph.harvard.edu/means-matter







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