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EVALUATION OF SCHOOL BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS EFFECTIVENESS

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Youth suicide is a significant public health issue that requires effective evidence based interventions. School based suicide prevention programs are popular in many jurisdictions and there is a perception that they are effective in reducing youth suicide rates. This presentation will apply a comprehensive evaluation framework to determine the effectiveness of school suicide prevention programs as described in the literature and will identify those conceptual and research issues that need to be addressed to develop and deliver effective school based suicide interventions.