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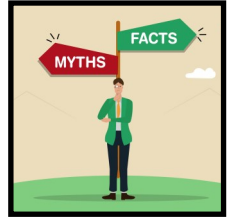
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We are pleased to introduce Amy Wade, a seasoned grant writer with extensive experience, who will be offering her expertise to support local suicide prevention teams across North Carolina. Amy's visiting role with our team brings a wealth of knowledge and a commitment to helping our community secure the funding needed to continue our vital work.



Grants can be a crucial resource for your organization, and Amy is here to help you navigate the process. Here are some ways grant assistance can benefit your team:

- **Objective Evaluation:** Amy can provide an outside perspective on your collaborative's readiness to apply for grants, identifying strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Efficiency:** She may streamline the grant identification and application processes, making it more efficient and less time-consuming for your team.
- **Quality Improvement:** With a second set of eyes, Amy can help tailor your requests to funders' priorities, ensure all requirements are met, and make sure your proposals are free of errors.

Amy offers a comprehensive range of services to support your grant needs. She can assist you with:

Grant Readiness

- **Readiness Assessment:** Evaluate the overall capacity and readiness of your collaborative to apply for and manage grants.
- **Document Review:** Help develop and organize common documents often requested with grant proposals, so they are ready when opportunities arise.
- **Systems and Processes Evaluation:** Assess current systems and processes for grant management and identify areas for improvement.

Grant Discovery Services

- **Funding Opportunity Research:** Conduct research to identify potential funding opportunities that match your goals and programs.
- **Grant Match Analysis:** Analyze and match your projects with the most suitable funding opportunities.
- **Grant Calendar Development:** Develop a calendar of grant deadlines and important dates to help you stay organized and timely in your application development and submission.

Grant Writing Services

- **Proposal Writing:** Craft persuasive grant proposals for project support.
- **Budget Development:** Create detailed and accurate budgets that meet common funder requirements.
- **Proposal Review:** Review drafted proposals to ensure they are clear, compelling, and free of errors, meet RFP and rubric requirements, and align with funders' priorities.

In Amy's early efforts to support teams, she has identified a crucial upcoming grant opportunity to monitor as a possible fit for funding for those of you in Western North Carolina: NC Community Foundation receives \$7.5M gift from Lilly Endowment for Disaster Relief Fund . The mental health challenges that arise during disaster recovery can significantly increase the risk of suicide, making your efforts essential. Applications for this grant will open in early 2025, so keep an eye out for this application and its possible alignment with your work!

If you're interested in receiving grant-writing assistance, please submit a response to our Grant Needs Assessment: [Grant Needs Assessment](#).

North Carolina Legislative Update

In the recent 2024 North Carolina election, Josh Stein has been elected Governor. Governor-elect Stein has selected his cabinet members and there is a transition team in place working to fill positions for the next administration. Governor-elect Stein will be sworn in in early January. There will be an [inauguration](#) on January 11th, 2025 and the general assembly will convene again in early January.

To learn more about Josh Stein's cabinet nominations, please see the following press releases:

- [Governor-elect Josh Stein Announces Cabinet Members | Josh Stein for NC—December 16th, 2024](#)
- [Governor-elect Josh Stein Announces Cabinet Members | Josh Stein for NC—December 17th, 2024](#)

Written by Emily McGee and Hannah Harms



NCDHHS Injury and Violence Prevention Branch released Data Product

NEW! The NCDHHS Injury and Violence Prevention Branch has released a new data product! The Firearm-related Injury Emergency Department (ED) Visit (NC-FASTER) Surveillance Report for 2024 Quarter 2 provides a snapshot of trends in ED visits for firearm-related injury, including information on intent, demographics, and a county comparison.

- Click here to view: [NC-FASTER Quarterly Report](#)

NEW! The NCDHHS Injury and Violence Prevention Branch has released a new data product! The Self-Inflicted Injury Emergency Department (ED) Visit Surveillance Report for 2024 Quarter 3 provides a snapshot of trends in ED visits for non-fatal self-inflicted injury, including information on mechanism, demographics, and a county comparison.

- Click here to view: [July-September 2024 Self-Inflicted Injury ED Surveillance Report](#)

Written by Dr. Anne Geissinger



Suicide Myths & Facts



Myth: All suicide attempts are impulsive.

Fact: Most individuals do not attempt suicide "on a whim". One study found that less than 25% of people who attempt suicide do so impulsively (Whitte et al., 2008).

Written by Lisa Zhu;

References:

Witte, T. K., Merrill, K. A., Stellrecht, N. E., Bernert, R. A., Hollar, D. L., Schatschneider, C., & Joiner Jr, T. E. (2008). "Impulsive" youth suicide attempters are not necessarily all that impulsive. Journal of affective disorders, 107(1-3), 107-116.

Stay tuned for new and exciting developments! In future newsletters you can expect information on funding opportunities, new research findings, upcoming trainings, local suicide prevention initiatives, and more.

If you would like to share information in a future edition (questions, events, team spotlight), please reach out to Grace Lutter and Hannah Harms at SPI@unc.edu.