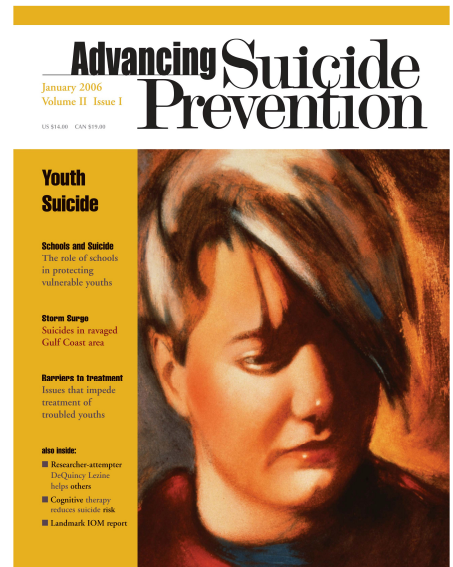


# Advancing Suicide Prevention™

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**EXTRA COPIES OF YOUTH ISSUE NOW AVAILABLE TO STATES, COMMUNITIES AND COALITIONS AT GRANT-FUNDED REDUCED COST**



**MARCH 22, 2006 – Sheboygan, Wis.** – Due to strong response to and demand for the most recent youth-themed issue of *Advancing Suicide Prevention*, themed to “**Schools and Suicide: The role of schools in protecting vulnerable youths,**” additional copies have been printed. These are now being made available to states, communities, organizations and coalitions whose work in suicide prevention can be leveraged by using the magazine to support their missions and initiatives.

With funding from sponsor-partners of the magazine and underwriting from PDV Foundation Inc., the publication’s new non-profit publisher, the youth issue can be purchased for the grant-supported cost of 80% off the cover price.

To request copies for an upcoming conference, event, symposium or special mailing, contact Ric Kositzke with *Advancing Suicide Prevention* at 920-457-4033 or [rick@advancingsp.org](mailto:rick@advancingsp.org).

Requests to date for extra copies have included a state supreme court that is disseminating this issue to attorneys and judges who work with children in foster care; a university professor who is using the issue as a classroom teaching tool; a school psychologist with a state department of public instruction who is using the issue in building school/community coalitions; a community education instructor for a crisis hotline; a state psychiatric society; and a police department in a rural state.

Content of the youth issue of *Advancing Suicide Prevention* includes the:

- Prevalence of suicidal thoughts among youths, including CDC data revealing that 16.9% of children in grades 9-12 have seriously considered attempting suicide in the past 12 months
- Language, cultural, economic and other barriers that prevent vulnerable youngsters from receiving mental health services they desperately need
- Severe shortage of child psychiatrists and its effect on burdening pediatricians with making referral and treatment decisions for which they may be inadequately trained
- Model suicide prevention programs for school settings and the importance of building a competent school community

## **About *Advancing Suicide Prevention***

*A unique strategic health policy magazine, Advancing Suicide Prevention presents the state of the science and policy on suicide prevention from diverse perspectives and for diverse audiences. These include over 20,000 leaders and key decision makers in health care, social and human services, policy development, advocacy, education and training, research, legal and judicial arenas, law enforcement, corrections, crisis intervention, risk management and pastoral counseling. For more information on this full-color 36-page magazine, visit [advancingsp.com](http://advancingsp.com), email [info@advancingsp.com](mailto:info@advancingsp.com) or call 920-457-4033.*