



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH  
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Suicide Prevention Supports and Services

**PURPOSE:** To obtain information on suicide prevention supports and services in New York State, and explore what additional actions may be required to mitigate the factors related to suicide or suicide attempts.

**Monday  
December 9th, 2019  
11am  
Legislative Office  
Building  
Hearing Room C  
Albany, New York**

Suicides have increased significantly across the United States, including in New York State. In June 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a report indicating that in New York State, suicide rates increased 29.1% from 1999 to 2016. In response, New York State has developed a health improvement plan which includes suicide prevention as one of its focus areas. The plan is updated by the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council at the request of the Department of Health.

Additionally in November, 2017, the Governor established the New York State Suicide Prevention Task Force which placed an emphasis on high-risk groups such as veterans, Latina adolescents, and members of the LGBTQ community. The task force released a report this April with several recommendations which aim to strengthen New York's suicide prevention efforts.

This hearing will provide an opportunity for the committees to gather information on current suicide prevention efforts, gain a better understanding of how the state will implement the recommendations made by the Governor's task force, examine the ability of the state to develop and coordinate interagency suicide prevention programs, and consider any additional actions that may help to reduce the overall risk of suicide in New York State, in the context of the SFY 2019-2020 enacted budget.

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