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Youth Town Halls to Highlight Solutions for Teen Suicide Prevention

YouthLine at Lines for Life together with Youth ERA and six Oregon legislative offices plan to host three town halls across the state this month as part of an effort to discuss mental health in high school and among teens.

The Oregon Health Authority Teen Survey reported that over 30% of 8th and 11th graders reported feeling sad or hopeless during the school year. There are over 750 reported suicide attempts by teens- this number is higher from self-reported data. Partners in youth suicide prevention work agree there is a need for discussion and solutions to mitigate this trend. The town halls will seek to gain insight from youth about important issues like bullying, stress, and mental health with the input from teachers, parents and community members.

State senators and representatives will listen and provide background on policies impacting how we as a state take on these challenges and best support youth.

DETAILS

:::POSTPONED September 13th, 6-8pm:::

with Senator Sara Gelser and Representative Dan Rayfield

Corvallis High School

1400 NW Buchanan Ave

Corvallis, OR 97330

September 18th, 6-8pm

with Senator Peter Courtney and Representative Teresa Alonso Leon

Woodburn High School

1785 N Front St,

Woodburn, OR 97071

October 22nd, 6-8pm

with Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward and Representative Mitch Greenlick

Sunset High School

13840 NW Cornell Rd

Portland, OR 97229

The link to the event is on Lines for Life's website and Facebook page.

<https://www.linesforlife.org/blog/join-us-for-a-youthline-townhall/>.

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