



SPEAKER'S TASK FORCE ON Suicide Prevention

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Ballweg Announces June Suicide Prevention Task Force Meeting

Madison... State Representative Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan), Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention, has announced the third public hearing for the 15-member task force to be held June 17, 2019. Representatives from the Department of Public Instruction, CESA 6, Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services, Office of Children's Mental Health and University of Wisconsin System have been invited to present. The hearing will open up for public testimony following invited speakers.

Prior to the public hearing, there will be a screening of the documentary, *Kids in Crisis: You're Not Alone*, produced by PBS in partnership with the USA TODAY Network-Wisconsin and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. This documentary follows four Wisconsin teenagers and their experiences with mental health challenges.

Details on the screening and public hearing can be found below:

Monday, June 17th

10:30 AM: Screening of the documentary *Kids in Crisis: You're Not Alone*

12:00 PM: Ripon College – Great Hall
300 W. Seward St. Ripon, WI 54971

If you are unable to attend, your thoughts and opinions can be shared by contacting the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention at

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/suicideprevention/contact-us/>.

The Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention is tasked with evaluating our state's current suicide prevention efforts, identifying new opportunities to target at-risk communities, increasing awareness for evidence-based programs and protocols and investigating new treatment and prevention options.

If you or someone you care about needs help, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text the Wisconsin HOPELINE at 741741.

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