

A Newsletter by Advocates Community Justice Services for the Framingham Regional Re-entry Center

Facts From the Field

- Suicide is the cause of over 30,000 deaths annually in the United States, which makes it the 11th leading cause of death.
- Suicide is three times more frequent than homicide in Massachusetts.
- Males complete suicide more frequently than women and the highest rate is between the ages of 30 and 49.
- Caucasian males are more likely to complete suicide than any other ethnic group in Massachusetts.
- 90% of suicide victims have a significant psychiatric illness at the time of their suicide.

Resource Spotlight

Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)

27 Hollis St
Framingham, MA 01702
(508) 872-3333
(800) 640-5432

PES is a complete safety net of psychiatric care for people experiencing either acute or chronic mental health challenges. Programs for adults, children, the elderly, and families are designed first to stabilize, then to support the individual as he or she develops or strengthens coping skills.

PES offers:

- 24-hour Psychiatric Emergency Services
- Urgent outpatient psychiatric care
- Crisis stabilization and hospital diversion

- Psychiatric and medication services
- Outpatient Mental Health Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Dual Diagnoses Counseling and Consultation
- Child and family home-based services
- School outreach programs
- Bilingual outreach services
- Elder support services
- Respite care

PES Serves the Following Towns:

Framingham, Natick, Marlboro, Dover, Hopkinton, Holliston, Westboro, Northboro, Southboro, Hudson, Shrewsbury, Ashland, Wayland, and Sherborn.

Updates

We have now changed the data collection format for re-entry folks and parolees; we now use an MIS form approved by DPH. Forms from your clients will now be included in their file. Let me know if you have any questions.

Also, this is the the 6th issue of this newsletter. Please let me know if there are specific facts that you would like to receive or any other information that you feel would be helpful. I have made suicide prevention the focal point of this issue; if there any other areas in substance abuse and/or mental health that would be helpful for me to cover, please let me know. Thank you.

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