

Teen Suicide

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A Cry for Tomorrow

Three Texas communities have experienced multiple teen suicides in the past two years. A Cry for Tomorrow is a television discussion about the pain these communities have endured, what they have learned and what the communities and individuals are doing to keep it from happening again.

On May 6th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., home viewers of cable TV systems in the Dallas/Fort Worth area will have an opportunity to call in questions and comments after viewing the taped discussion by teenagers, parents and counselors from Arlington, Clear Lake and Plano. Topics covered include:

- Problems that lead to teen crisis
- Who thinks about committing suicide
- Situations that cause one to go through with it
- Decisions to live made by those who have thought seriously about committing suicide
- How teen suicide affects survivors
- What kind of help do survivors need
- Advice from parents of teens who have committed suicide to other parents
- Thoughts about the reality of suicide from classmates of those who have committed suicide

Regional Instructional Television also will distribute the program to most school systems in the Dallas/Fort Worth area so that those who do not have cable can go to their local schools to participate.

The taped discussion is hosted by Denver Counselor Dr. Bryan Brook who designs and hosts educational and entertainment programming.

Alex Burton, KRLD radio commentator, will host the live call-in following the showing of the taped discussion of the three communities.

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