2007 Fast Facts on Suicide and Self-Harm Among Arizona Children Ages 0-17 Years

- 1,395 Arizona children were hospitalized or seen in an emergency department for a non-fatal self-harm-related injury in 2007.

- 28 children died in 2007 as a result of suicide—the youngest child was age 11.

- 11 suicides involved firearms and 11 involved hangings.

- 93%, or 26 of these deaths were determined to have been preventable.

- Non-fatal self-harm-related injuries among Arizonan children resulted in $6.4 million in hospital charges.

- The longest hospital stay for a non-fatal self-harm-related injury was 19 days.

- Non-fatal emergency department visits totaled $3.6 million in hospital charges.

- On average, the charges for each non-fatal inpatient hospitalization totaled $14,220.

- Hospital charges to AHCCCS and Medicare for these injuries totaled $2.3 million.

The 2007 Arizona Youth Risk Behavior Survey of students in grades 9-12 found:

- 33% of students reported feeling so sad or hopeless for at least two weeks that they stopped doing some usual activities
- 16% seriously considered attempting suicide
- 12% made a plan to attempt suicide
- 8% attempted suicide
- 3% of students reported a suicide attempt severe enough to require treatment by a medical professional

Safety precautions
- Store firearms unloaded in a locked location
- Properly dispose of unused or unneeded medications, including over-the-counter drugs

If you or someone you know needs help
- Call the 24-Hour National Crisis Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE or the 24-Hour National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)