



# Perth Metropolitan Suicide Prevention Coordinators

The Suicide Prevention Coordinator program is funded by the Mental Health Commission and works with the Commission to deliver on the current statewide suicide prevention strategy (**Suicide Prevention 2020: Together We Can Save Lives**).

There are 10 Suicide Prevention Coordinators across Western Australia with different service providers responsible for particular areas of the state. The Neami National Suicide Prevention Coordinator Team cover the Perth metropolitan area.

## What is the role of the Perth Metro Suicide Prevention Coordinators?

- To initiate, coordinate, manage and support the development, implementation and evaluation of suicide prevention, intervention and postvention activity in the Perth metropolitan area.
- Build the capacity of the community and relevant service providers to enable them to better identify and address local suicide-related issues through evidence based prevention activity.

## What can the Perth Metro Suicide Prevention Coordinators do?

The program does not provide a direct service but works within the community and with service providers to build capacity to prevent and respond to suicide.

Suicide Prevention Coordinator roles include:

- **Network support and development** – bringing government, service providers and the community together.
- **Training** – identify what suicide prevention training is required in communities and promote available training.
- **Suicide prevention activity** – engage and support community suicide prevention events and activities.
- **Postvention** – improving postvention responses and care for those affected by suicide and suicide attempts, including support for interagency responses in meeting the needs of those bereaved.
- **Think Mental Health** – work with the community to promote the Think Mental Health campaign message.

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