



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2001-12

**RELATIVE TO CREATING A SUICIDE PREVENTION
TASK FORCE FOCUSING ON YOUTH.**

WHEREAS, in recent months there has been an increase in suicides and attempted suicides among young people on our island, who appear to be especially susceptible to depression and stress at this time; and

WHEREAS, there are resources and facilities which provide services to our youth and which are situated to provide additional services at this time and in the future to those youth who can be identified as high risk for engaging in suicide, suicide attempts, and negative behavior towards themselves; and

WHEREAS, as part of the on-going efforts to expand and unify services towards those in need on our island, it is desirable to form a task force of agencies and services which can focus on youth who are at high risk for suicide, suicide attempts, and negative behavior towards themselves, and can marshal the resources needed to respond to the needs of these young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO, I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Akto, Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

1. **Suicide Prevention Task Force created.** There is created a Suicide Prevention Task Force consisting of representatives from the following agencies and services:
 - a) Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, which department shall take the lead and the Director of which shall be the chairperson of the task force;
 - b) Department of Education;
 - c) Department of Youth Affairs;
 - d) Guam Police Department;
 - e) Guam Fire Department;
 - f) University of Guam;
 - g) Department of Law;
 - h) Department of Defense Educational Activity (DoDEA);
 - i) Archdiocese of Agana Catholic Schools;
 - j) Private schools of Guam;
 - k) such other agencies and services as may be appointed.

2. **Duties of Suicide Prevention Task Force.** The Suicide Prevention Task Force shall focus on the following duties:
 - a) Gather statistics and information concerning the incidence and circumstances surrounding youth suicide and attempted suicide, to



include high risk factors for youth who may engage in negative behavior directed towards the self;

- b) Identify and coordinate efforts of existing agencies and services to assist such high risk youth;
- c) Identify risk factors, develop tools and aids, and disseminate information to assist parents, teachers, community groups, churches, and those who come in contact with young people to help them identify and respond appropriately to youth at risk for suicide, suicide attempts, and engaging in negative behavior towards the self;
- d) Assist in developing new programs, such as day hospital care programs, and locate resources and funding which can bring these programs into being.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 2nd day of March, 2001.


MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
I/Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Akto
Acting Governor of Guam