## Law Enforcement & Emergency Service Providers U matter because you can help.



Police officers & EMTs play a crucial role in identifying and responding to youth at risk for suicide and connecting them with help.

## **Professional Concerns:**

- Scene assessment and safety management when dealing with a mentally ill or suicidal youth
- How to avoid being drawn into a "suicide by cop" scenario
- Strengthening working relationships with other professionals in your community to insure that no youth slips through the cracks
- The high risk of suicide for law enforcement officers
- Learning national best practices in restricting access to lethal means, safe messaging and communications about suicide

Based on NAMI NH's Connect model, www.TheConnectProject.org

## **UmatterUCanHelp.com**

Vermont Suicide Prevention
When the need is urgent, call 1–800–273–TALK (8255).
For information and referral
on suicide resources in Vermont, dial 2–1–1.







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