

Important Resources:

- The JED Foundation: 13 Reasons Why Talking Points (see below on the last page)
<http://tinyurl.com/kggva8q>
- American Association of Suicidology, www.suicidology.org
- Suicide Awareness Voices of Education, www.save.org
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, <http://afsp.org>
- www.stopbullying.gov

Ways to get Help:

- National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), or text "START" to 741741
- Second Floor, www.2ndfloor.org, CALL OR TEXT 888-222-2228
- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, www.rainn.org
- Domestic Abuse: Jersey Battered Women's Service, www.jbws.org, 24-hr Helpline 973-267-4763

GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES

1. Ask your child if they have heard or seen the series *13 Reasons Why*. While we don't recommend that they be encouraged to view the series, do tell them you want to watch it, with them or to catch up, and discuss their thoughts.
2. If they exhibit any of the warning signs above, don't be afraid to ask if they have thought about suicide or if someone is hurting them. Raising the issue of suicide does not increase the risk or plant the idea. On the contrary, it creates the opportunity to offer help.
3. Ask your child if they think any of their friends or classmates exhibit warning signs. Talk with them about how to seek help for their friend or classmate. Guide them on how to respond when they see or hear any of the warning signs.
4. Listen to your children's comments without judgment. Doing so requires that you fully concentrate, understand, respond, and then remember what is being said. Put your own agenda aside.
5. Get help from a school-employed or community-based mental health professional if you are concerned for your child's safety or the safety of one of their peers.

National Association of School Psychologists. (2017). *13 Reasons Why Netflix series: Considerations for educators* [handout]. Bethesda, MD: Author.