



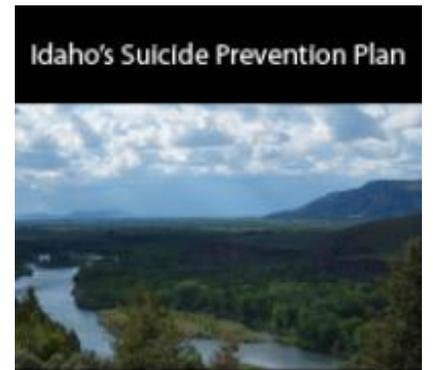
# REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

*Idaho Council on  
Suicide Prevention*

Linda Hatzenbuehler, Chair

# What is the Idaho Council on Suicide Prevention?

- Established under Executive Order No. 2006-35  
(most recently No. 2014-08)
- Purpose
  1. Oversee the implementation of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan
  2. Ensure the continued relevance of the Plan
  3. Report annually to the Governor and the Legislature



# Why do we need a Council on Suicide Prevention in Idaho?

362

Total deaths by suicide in Idaho in 2015

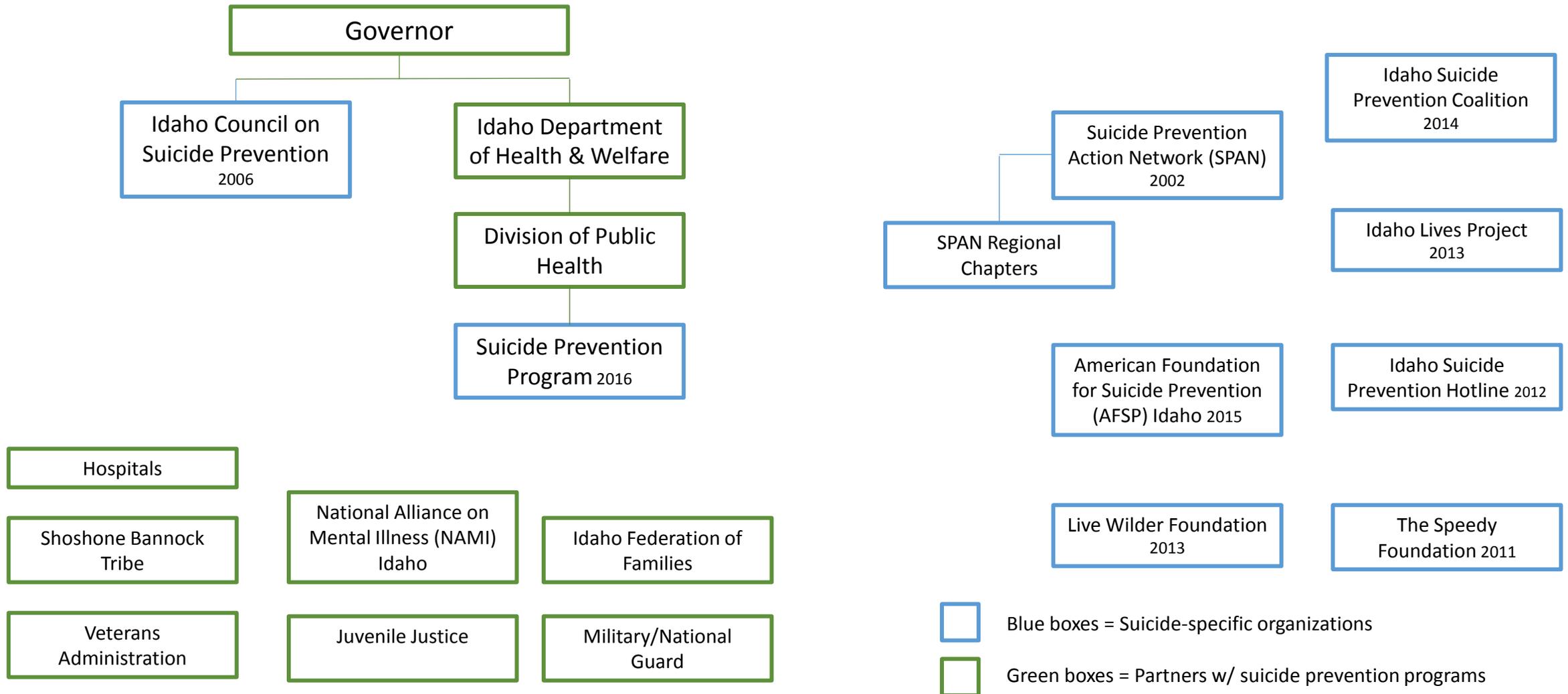
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School-aged death to suicide in Idaho from 2011-2015

24

Children age 14 and under lost to suicide in Idaho from 2011-2015

# Suicide Prevention Organizations in Idaho



Blue boxes = Suicide-specific organizations  
 Green boxes = Partners w/ suicide prevention programs

# Idaho Suicide Prevention Program



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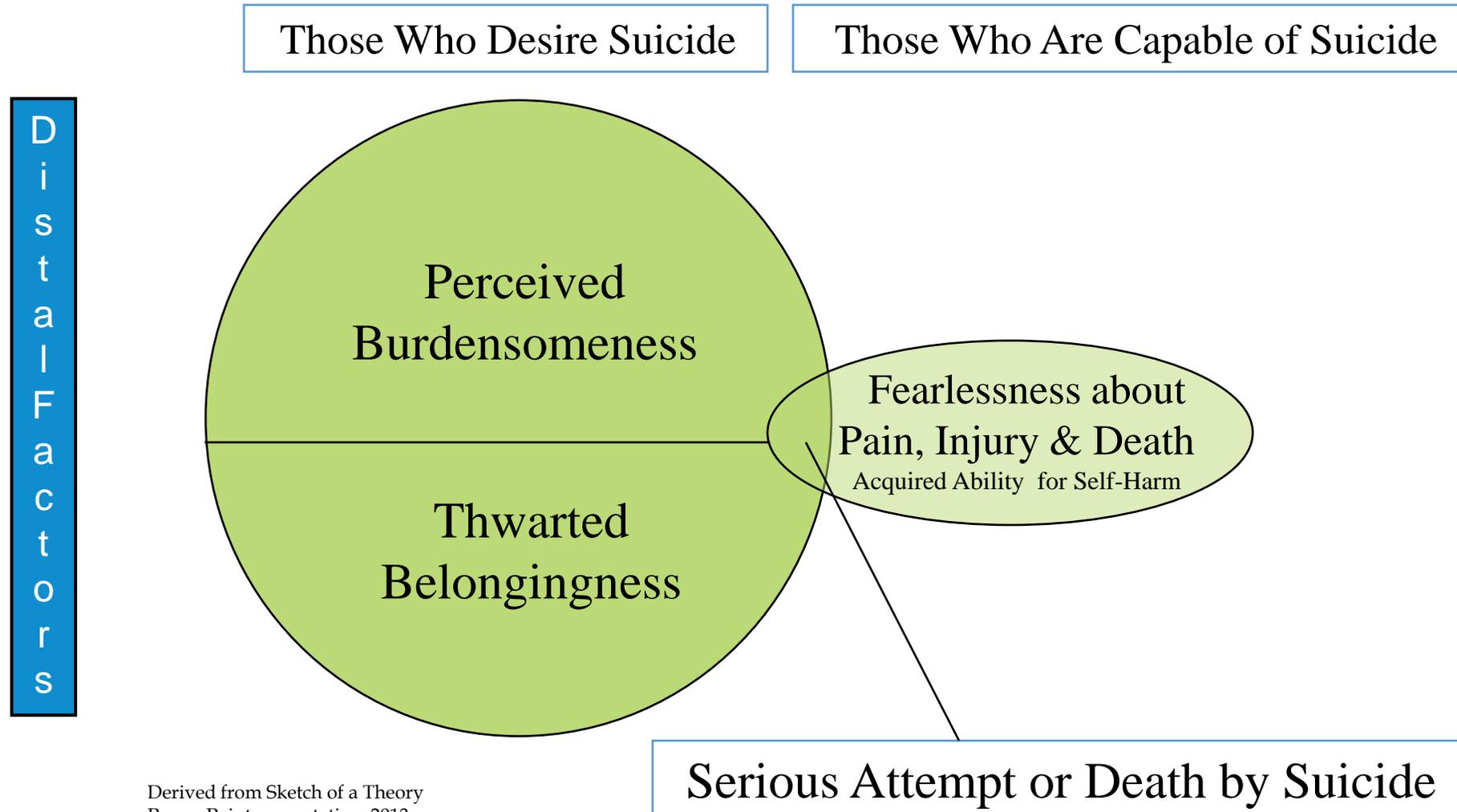
# Public Health Suicide Prevention Program Beginnings

- The 2016 Idaho Legislature allocated funds to established the Suicide Prevention Program (SPP)
- The SPP develops, implements and supports statewide programs to prevent suicide in Idaho in alignment with the statewide Idaho Suicide Prevention Plan
- The SPP employs four full-time staff

# Interpersonal-Psychological Theory of Suicide

Thomas Joiner, PhD

## *Why People Die by Suicide*



Derived from Sketch of a Theory  
Power Point presentation, 2013  
Thomas Joiner, PhD

# SPP Primary Initiatives 2016/2017

- Provide funding to the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline
- Provide funding for upstream youth suicide prevention education
- Research and conduct a public awareness campaign
- Provide funding and administrative support to the Idaho Suicide Prevention Council
- Establish and convene suicide prevention stakeholder group to improve coordination of efforts
- Pursue additional suicide prevention strategies and respond to suicide related requests

# DHW/SPP Accomplishments 7/2016 – 1/2017

- Hired and trained staff, and created [infrastructure for SPP](#) within the Division of Public Health
- Provided funding to the Idaho Suicide Prevention [Hotline](#)
  - [1-800-273-TALK \(8255\)](#) or [1-208-398-HELP \(4357\)](#)
- Provided funding to the Idaho Lives Project for [training Idaho youth](#) in strength, hope and resilience
- Conducted research and drafted marketing plan for statewide suicide prevention [public awareness campaign](#)
- Provided support to the Idaho Suicide Prevention [Council](#)
  - Coordinated [meetings](#)
  - Updating the 2011 Idaho [Suicide Prevention Plan](#)
  - Compiled and printed the annual [Governor's Report](#)

# DHW/SPP Accomplishments 7/2016 – 1/2017

- Convened two SPP [stakeholder group](#) meetings and increased collaboration
- Conducted research and began education and capacity-building for the [Zero Suicide Initiative](#) which targets health systems and is proven to reduce suicide rates
- Conducted informal investigation of downtown Boise [parking garages](#) to identify and make recommendations to increase safety levels at a potential “destination” garage. Recommendations are being adopted.
- Helped establish a [Lethal Means Task Force](#) in partnership with Rep. Caroline Troy, the Idaho Firearms Alliance and other partners
- Responded to numerous [requests](#) for information and consultation from a wide variety of citizens, stakeholders, service providers and the media

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