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## Project Safety Net Mission/Vision Project REVISED Mission/Vision Statements – Approved March 2019

A *mission statement* expresses the purpose of an organization.

A *vision statement* describes an ideal future it wants to be part of creating.

*Together*, the two provide a clear and compelling expression of an organization's work.

## Process

- The proposed mission and vision statements have been developed with input from an online stakeholder survey, as well as meetings with the PSN Leadership Team and Community Partners.
- Feedback from this process includes participants'
  - Preference for concise statement options (i.e. "keep it short)
  - Positive response to the inclusion of youth "empowerment"
  - Suggestion of the term "mental wellness," and to retain emphasis on prevention
  - Desire to lift up that youth and community members are in this work together

## **Mission Statement**

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[Optional addition (for website, etc.)] Our work is:

- facilitated by ongoing collaboration, coordination, and communications;
- enhanced by evaluation and shared measurement; and
- built on a backbone of sustainability for collective impact.

## **Vision Statement**

Young people are empowered, in partnership with the whole community, to advocate for themselves and their peers. Youth suicide is ended. Stigma is non-existent, and high-quality mental health services are culturally-relevant, accessible, and well-utilized. We envision a community where youth and young adults feel safe, supported, and accepted.