

# Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Challenges and Opportunities

**Suicide  
isn't the answer**

**We are here 24/7  
660-7500**

Sedgwick County...  
*working for you*

Suicide Prevention Coalition

**YOU'RE NOT ALONE**

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# Thank You!

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- Sedgwick County Health Department
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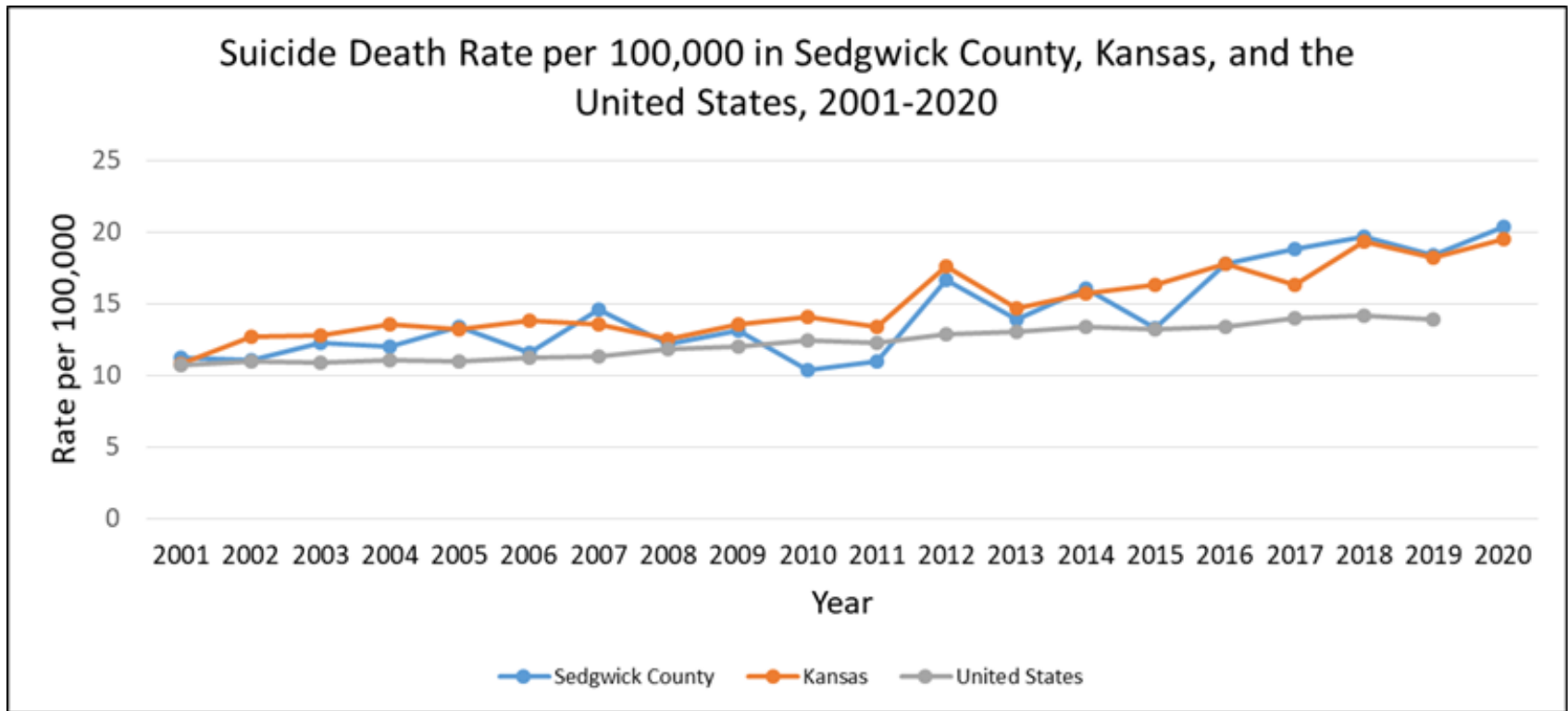


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# Comparisons with State and National Rates

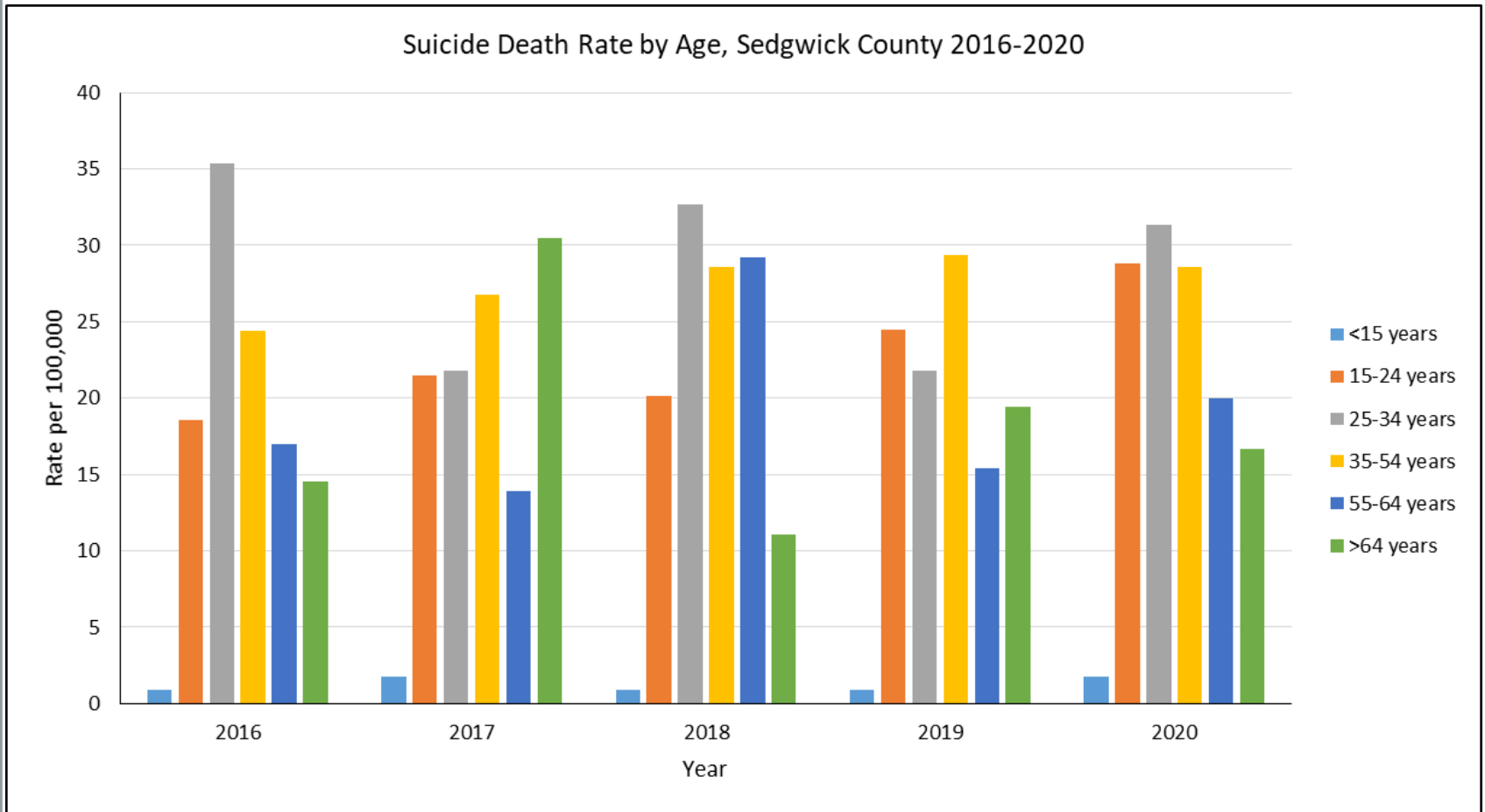


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# Suicide Rates per 100,000 by Age

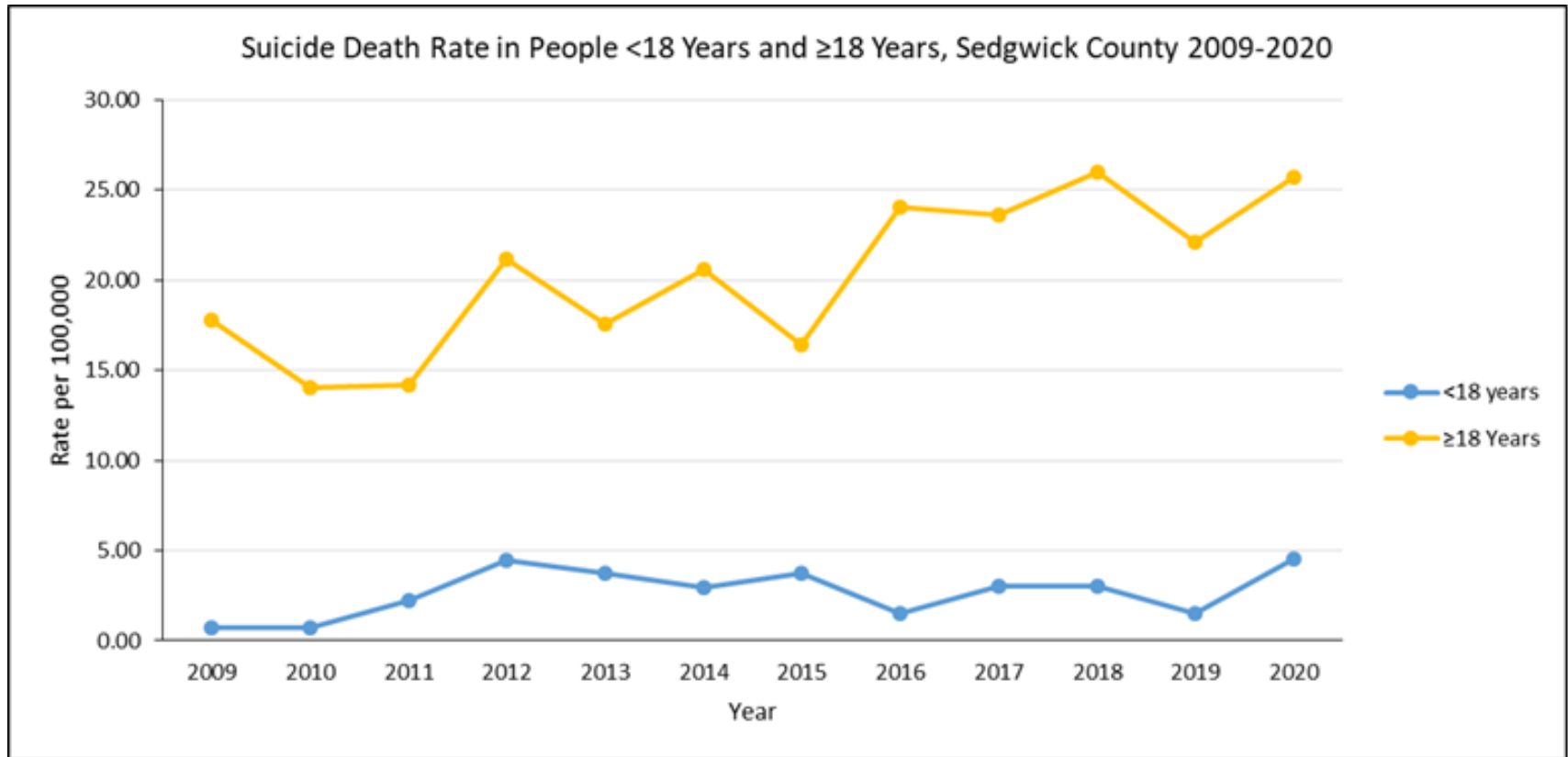


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# Youth and Adult Suicide Rates



# Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Efforts

- Mental Health First Aid
  - 104 people trained in MHFA in 2020
  - Went virtual for the first time, allowed for expanded access
  - 80 trained through Aug 2021, 7 more classes scheduled
- Zero Suicide implementation
  - Expanding screening, data tracking, and care collaboration
  - Building community awareness/leadership, enhancing continuous quality improvement
  - Trainings in evidence-based screening, assessment, and interventions, including QPR, CALM, AMSR, and CAMS
- 988 expansion efforts underway
  - Expected to go live in July 2022
  - Crisis call volume expected to increase
  - COMCARE will support 988 calls from the Sedgwick County area



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# Challenges and Opportunities

- Workforce Shortages
  - Training, recruitment, retention of mental health professionals
  - Supporting primary care clinicians in treatment of mental illness
    - KSKidsMAP
- Grassroots efforts, education, promoting help-seeking
  - Zero Reasons Why
  - Suspenders 4 Hope
- Infrastructure and funding
  - CCBHC