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Northland Pines Boys Hockey Team and Mental Health Interagency Coalition are Partnering to Raise Awareness on Mental Health and Suicide

The Northland Pines Boys Hockey Team along with Mental Health Interagency Coalition, a collaboration of community partners in three counties (Forest, Oneida and Vilas), will be raising awareness on mental illness and suicide prevention at the Thursday, February 11, 2016 hockey game. From 2009 to 2013 Vilas County had a suicide rate (per 100,000) of 21.2. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in adolescents aged 15-24 suicide was the 2nd leading cause of death in the United States.

The purpose of the event is not only to raise awareness on mental illness and the devastating effect suicide has on our family and friends but to also raise funds for a walk-in center supported by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Lakes. The center would be located in Rhinelander but open to all Vilas County residents. Donations will be asked for during the varsity game. There will also be a table with resources on mental illness and suicide prevention.

This event is being put on in partnership with Northland Pines High School, Eagle River Ministry Medical Group, Vilas County Health Department, The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of the Northwood's, and NAMI Northern Lakes.

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