

Hoover Teen Screen



Columbia TeenScreen®

TeenScreen® works with communities around the country to implement screening programs for early identification of mental illness and suicide risk. Hoover High School is the first school in the Fresno area to implement Columbia University's nationally recognized program.



Safe Schools
Healthy Students

We're the little schoolhouse in our big school district

Bringing schools, families and our community together

When we think of the little schoolhouse, we think of a place where kids, their families and school folks come together as a community. When Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss, Inc. and others in the community were seeking support for this innovative mental health screening program, members of Fresno Unified Safe Schools/Healthy Students staff were at the table. At the same time, a staff member at Hoover High School had become aware of the Columbia TeenScreen® program. Our Safe Schools/Healthy Students Mental Health Services Coordinator played a role in helping the school and the community connect.

A small interagency workgroup formed around the goal of applying to Columbia University to implement their program at Hoover High School. After the application was accepted, the workgroup grew into a broad interagency partnership focused on making TeenScreen® happen at Hoover High.

The partnership included Fresno County Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, Survivors of Suicide Loss, Inc., California State University Fresno, Kaiser Permanente, private providers, Comprehensive Youth Services, Hoover Mentors, Hoover High School, Fresno County Behavioral Health and the Fresno Unified School District Special Education Department and Restore the Learning Environment project.

The screening program required months of planning and training for team members, Hoover staff, teachers, parents and students. The team worked closely with the Hoover Administration, their School Psychologist and teachers in the Hoover Science Department to identify students who were willing to participate in the screening with parent permission. An educational component was delivered by Fresno County Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health to all participating science classes.

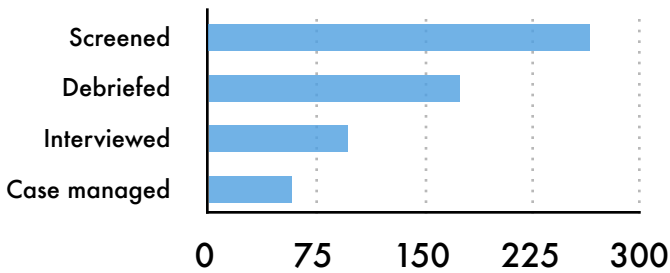
The team exceeded its goal of screening 200 students by screening 265 Hoover 10th graders. Students who were identified as needing follow-up or ongoing care were provided services through partnering agencies.

The entire screening process and case management for students requiring follow-up, was done through in-kind contributions of participating agencies. There was no cost to students, their families, Hoover High School or our District.

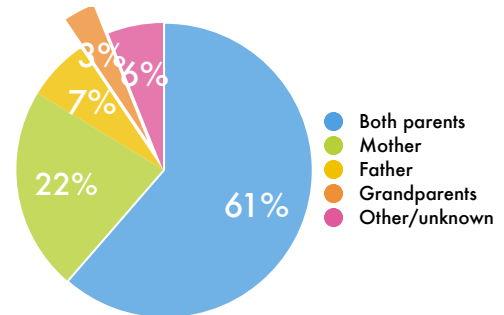
One of the goals of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative is to foster interagency partnerships around student well being. We are proud to have played a part in the Hoover High TeenScreen® project.

Screening Results

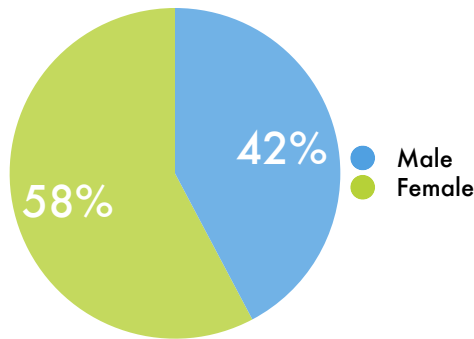
Number of students screened



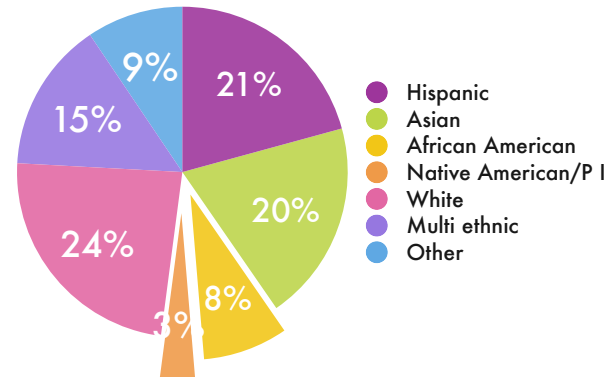
Caregiver profile of Hoover 10th graders screened



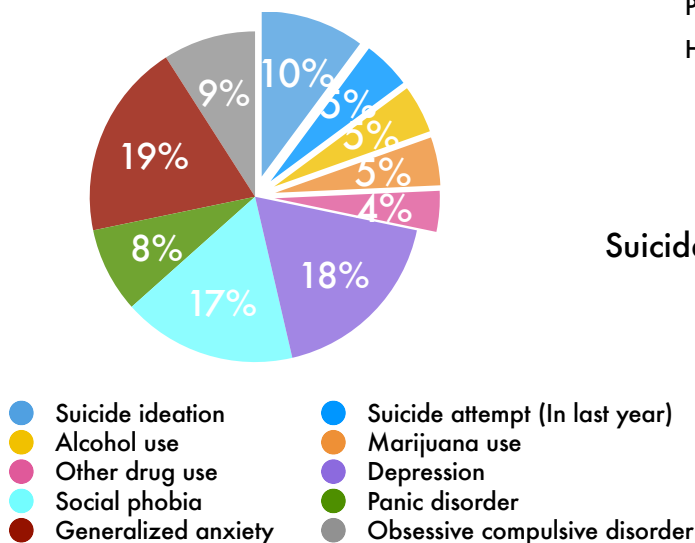
Gender of Hoover 10th graders screened



Ethnic make up of Hoover 10th graders screened



Percentage of positive diagnostic impressions recorded



Percentage of Hoover students self reporting in the California Healthy Kids Survey, February, 2004

