DAF Suicide Prevention Strategic Model

**Comprehensive Suicide Prevention**
Targeting Perceived Burdensomeness, Belongingness, Suicide Capability

**Connect**
- Leadership Involvement*
- Wingman Culture*
- Community Action Team & Board*

**Detect**
- Commander's Assessment Tools*
- DoDSER Surveillance*

**Protect**
- Limited Privilege Prevention Prgm*
- Investigative Interview Policy*
- Post-Suicide Response*

**Equip**
- Training/Inclusion in PME*
- Commander's Guidelines*
- Unit Prevention Services*

**Complimentary Prevention Efforts**
- Resilience Tactical Pause*
- Suicide Analysis Boards
- Time-Based Prevention*
- Resilience Website*

**Future Efforts and Initiatives**
- Wingman Connect Pilot
- Zero Suicide Pilot
- Equip & Empower Families
- Current Research and Development

- Big Data Initiative
- True North Scale Up

* = Present at Wing Level
Department of the Air Force Suicide Prevention Approach

Our prevention approach was revised in late 2019 to align with the Centers for Disease Control in 4 key areas:

1. **Connections** between individuals, units & AF families
2. **Detection** of risk in individuals & units
3. **Protections** in environments, services & policies
4. **Equipping** Total Force & family members to mitigate risk, build resilience

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**5 priorities identified to reduce suicide in 2020:**

1. **Totally-new 2020 Total Force Suicide Prevention Training:** Engage Airmen in meaningful discussion on signs of distress, how to intervene, what resources are available (Revised implementation due to COVID-19)
2. **Strengthen Suicide Prevention Program Implementation:** Update and reinvigorate our established systems and processes for mitigating suicide risk across the Total Force
3. **Time-Based Prevention:** Put time and space between Airmen in distress and access to lethal means through revised policy, education, and physical barriers—focus on “means”
4. **Empowering and Equipping Families:** Develop new content and awareness information to engage spouses and family members in prevention. Online training ECD Summer 2020
5. **Suicide Postvention:** Provide tools and resources to units and families affected by suicide to help grieve, encourage positive coping, and prevent future suicides