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**SOCIAL MEDIA & SUICIDE**

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SDA CHURCH

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December 10, 2023

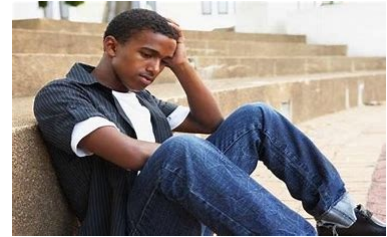
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**“THIS BABY HAS GROWN UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA”**

A photograph of a young child with dark, curly hair, wearing a white shirt, sitting on a bed with white bedding. The child is looking directly at the camera. The photo is set within a blue rectangular frame.

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### BUT FOR MANY TEENS, SOCIAL MEDIA JOY IS NOT THE CASE

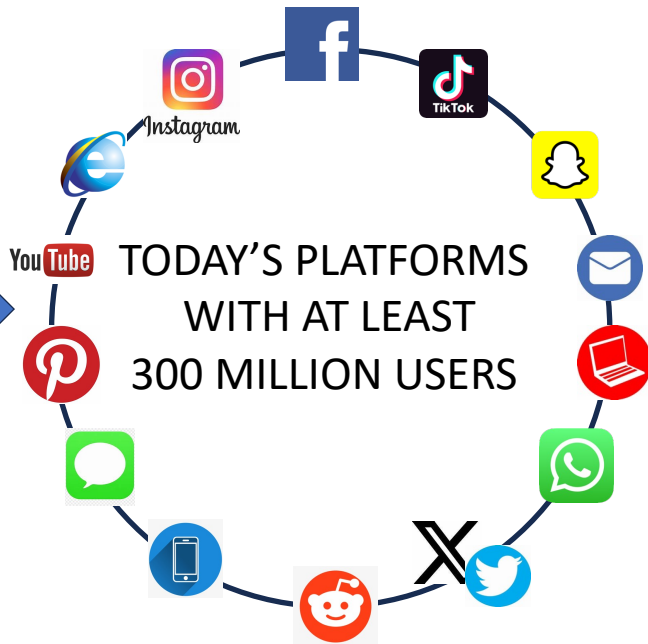


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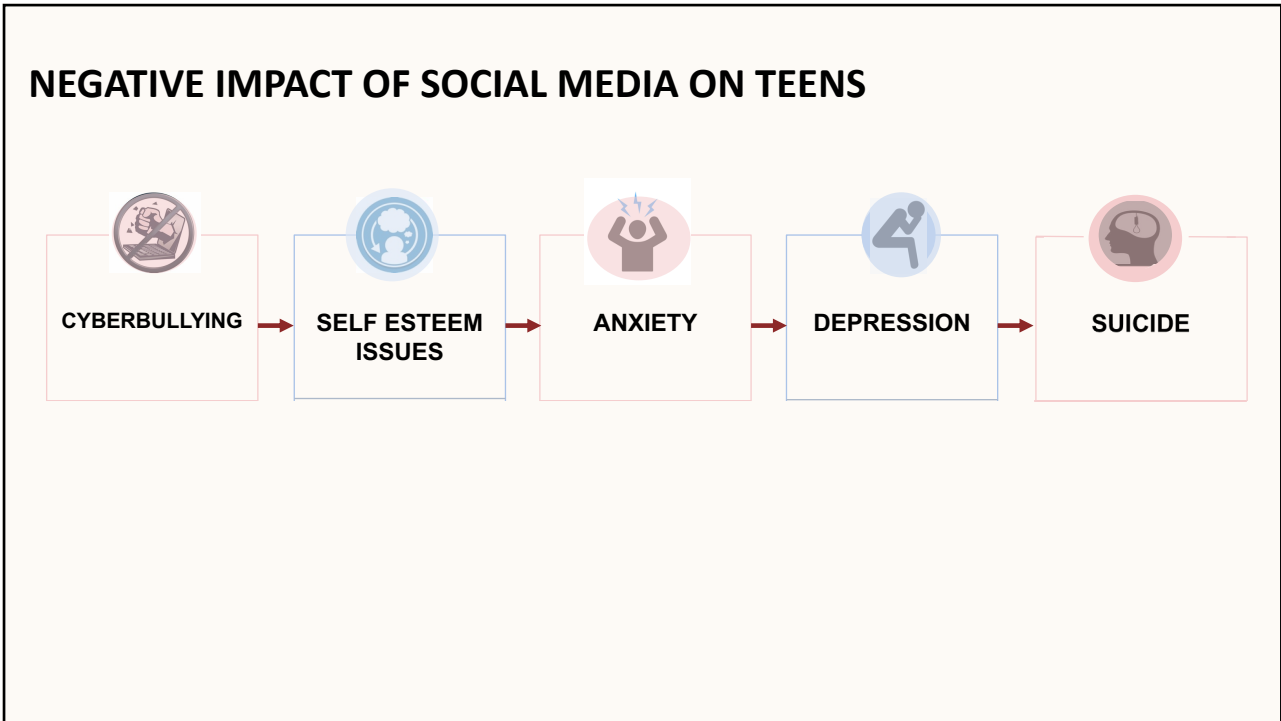
### GROWTH OF SOCIAL MEDIA



FROM  
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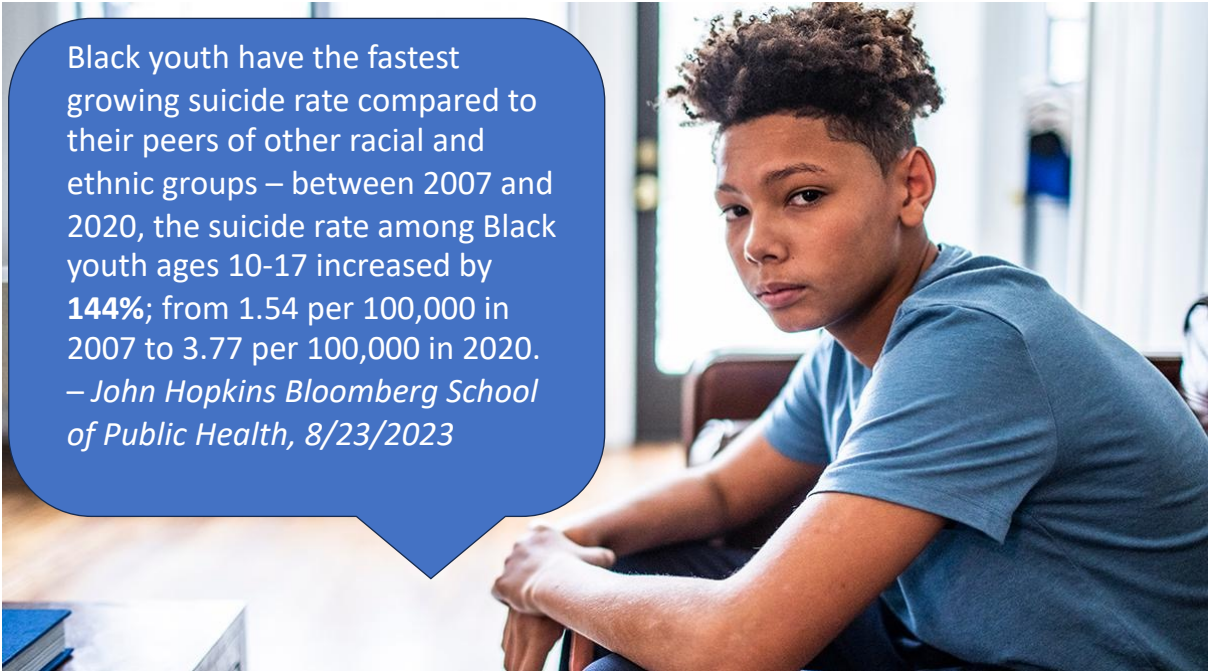


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### CYBERBULLYING...NOT THE BULLYING FROM BACK IN THE DAY

- More can beat on you at a time
- The lie never stops
- Embarrasses the family
- Causes isolation
- Causes retaliation
- All your secrets are in the open
- Anyone can jump in (strangers)


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Black youth have the fastest growing suicide rate compared to their peers of other racial and ethnic groups – between 2007 and 2020, the suicide rate among Black youth ages 10-17 increased by **144%**; from 1.54 per 100,000 in 2007 to 3.77 per 100,000 in 2020. – *John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 8/23/2023*

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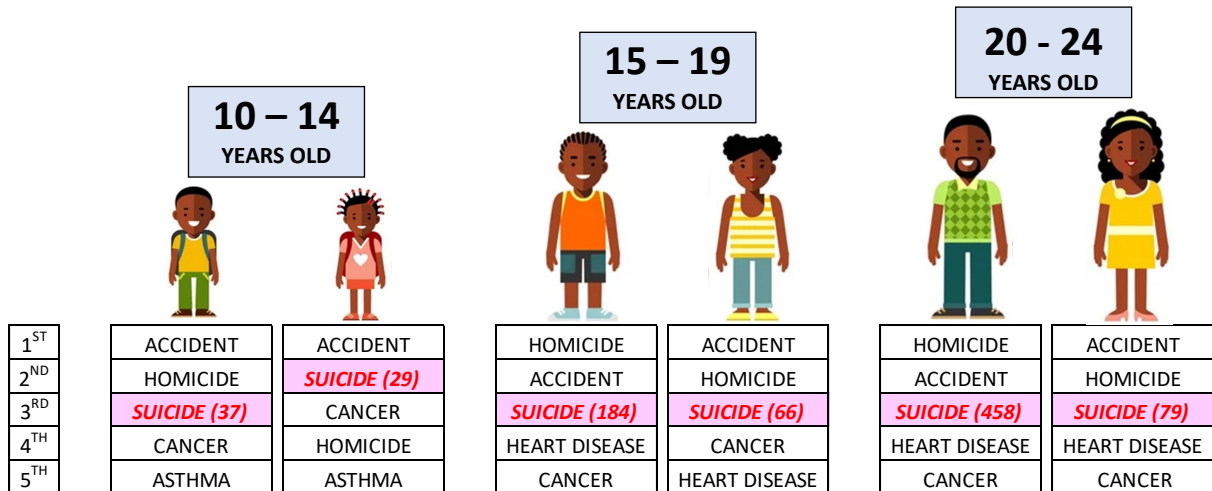
**TOP 5 CAUSES OF DEATH FOR YOUTHS 12 – 19 YEARS-OLD**



1 <sup>ST</sup>	ACCIDENTS
2 <sup>ND</sup>	SUICIDE
3 <sup>RD</sup>	HOMICIDES
4 <sup>TH</sup>	CANCER
5 <sup>TH</sup>	HEART DISEASE

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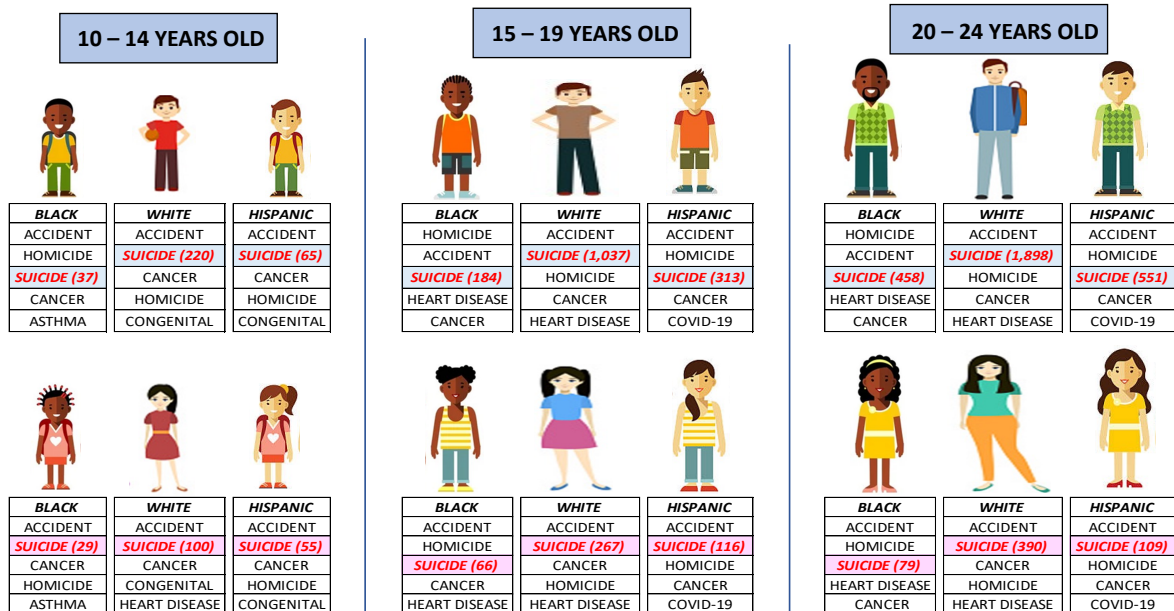
## TOP 5 CAUSES OF DEATHS BY AGE AND SEX FOR BLACKS<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> CDC National Vital Statistic Report, Vol 72, Issue 13, 12/5/2023

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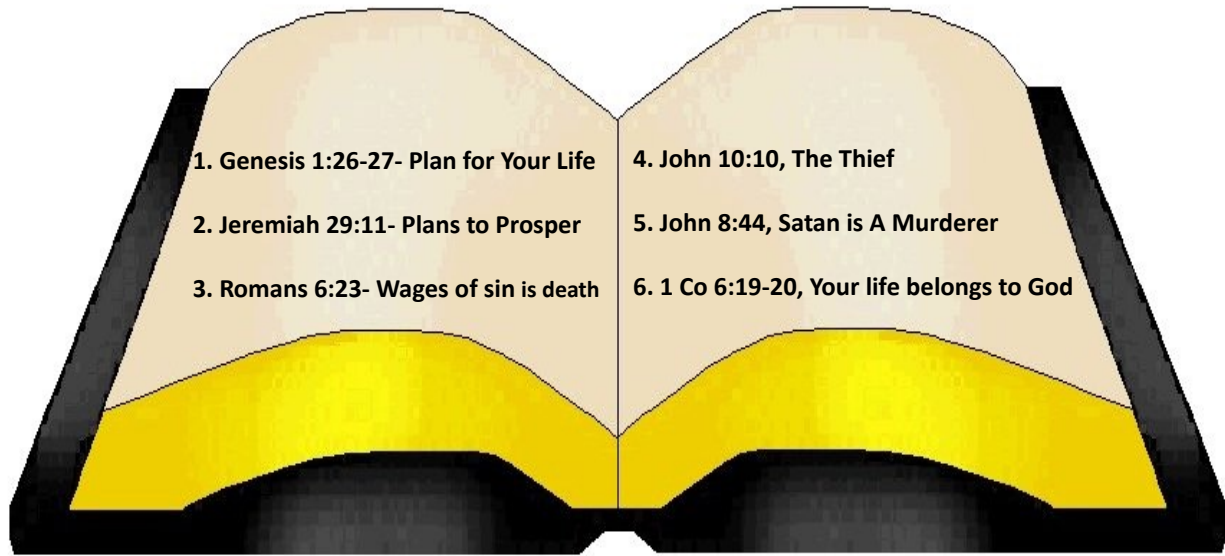
## TOP 5 CAUSES OF 2020 DEATHS BY AGE, RACE, AND SEX



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## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SUICIDE?

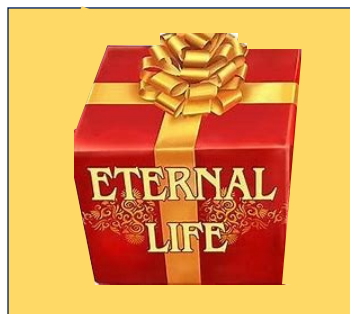


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## IF SUICIDE ISN'T THE ANSWER, WHAT IS?



God's Promises  
*Matthew 11:28*



His Free Gift of Eternal Life  
*Romans 11:28*



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**SUICIDE ISN'T THE ANSWER, THE WORD ENCOURAGES**

**Young People**

**Believe God is true to His word** (Psalm 46:1)  
 "God is our shelter and strength, a very present help in times of trouble."

**Remember God is faithful** (Isaiah 54:17)  
 "No weapon formed against you shall succeed, and you shall prove wrong every tongue that rises against you in judgment..."

**Remember God has your back!** (Isaiah 41:10)  
 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

**Family & Friends**

**Get loved one professional help** (Matthew 9:12)  
 Healthy people do not need a physician, but those who are ill do.

**Be an encourager** (Proverbs 17:17)  
 "A true friend shows love at all times, and is a brother who is born for times of distress."

**Remind them of God's Promises** (Jeremiah 29:11)  
 "For I know the plans that I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and to give you a hope and a future."

**"Cast all of your cares, your anxieties on God because He cares for you."  
 (1 Peter 5:7)**

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**WHAT CAN I DO TO LIMIT MY YOUTH'S SOCIAL MEDIA USE?**



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HOST OF RESOURCES



[www.womenhelpingwomen.org](http://www.womenhelpingwomen.org)



[www.thehopeline.com](http://www.thehopeline.com)



**SUICIDE  
HOTLINE 988**

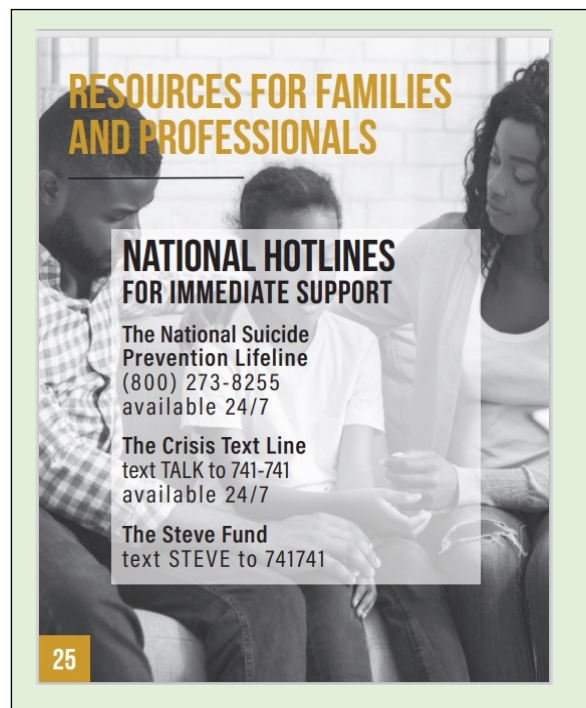
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**Mobile Crisis Team (MCT)**  
Available 24/7 to triage and telephone screen all serious mental health crises

**Mobile Crisis:**  
**513-584-5098**



**RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS**

**NATIONAL HOTLINES FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT**

- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255 available 24/7
- The Crisis Text Line text TALK to 741-741 available 24/7
- The Steve Fund text STEVE to 741741

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**Local Law Enforcement**



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**Q & A**

For follow up questions:  
Please contact Elder Officer Ewing  
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