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Annual Be the Light Walk Looks to Unite Community

Be the Light Walk will take place on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 6:00 to 9:30 PM. This family-friendly event lights up the night to reduce stigma and prevent suicide. Learn more about organizations and agencies around Northeast Wisconsin who are actively working toward this goal in prevention, intervention and postvention at our Resource Fair. Hear from renowned author and survivor of suicide, Brandy Lidbeck. The night will conclude with a picturesque 1-mile candlelight walk through Downtown Green Bay.

Each year, over 850 Wisconsin residents die by suicide. For every death by suicide, 6 people are affected. Communities from Brown County are looking to break the stigma surrounding depression and suicide as well as address the reality of suicide. Since 2008, 28,271 community members have been trained in the QPR suicide prevention model. In 2017, there has been 6,914 trained in QPR, and 5,340 youth trained in SOS.

Be the Light Walk is an annual fundraising and awareness event of the Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention. The Coalition is committed to promoting awareness that suicide is a public health problem that is preventable by providing education to decrease the stigma associated with mental health and suicide. The group engages in prevention strategies to reduce suicide in Brown County through grass roots efforts, including outreach, education and gatekeeper training utilizing the Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) program and Signs of Suicide (SOS) trainings for youth.

The De Pere Health Department serves as a member on the Brown County Suicide Coalition and is also on the planning committee for the Be the Light Walk. Join us for this family friendly event!

To register for this event please go to bethelightwalk.com.

The mission of the City of De Pere Health Department is to protect and promote public health across the lifespan through: education, policy development and valued services. Public health offers a variety of services focusing on the community, family and individual.