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Suicide prevention as a federal system (on the example of the Far-Eastern federal district regions)

The article reflects the results of the analysis of the system of work of public authorities and local authorities on suicide prevention among the population. The official statistics for 2010-2018 are summarized, which shows that there is a general downward trend in the number of suicides in the country. The features of the socio-economic situation in 2017-2020 are considered in the context of its impact on the suicide rate in some regions of the Far East. The legal and regulatory framework, powers of state bodies and local administrations, tasks of subordinate institutions and the other organizations, style, forms and methods of work, issues of interdepartmental information exchange and efficiency assessment have been studied. The conclusion was made that there is a federal-wide system of suicide prevention in Russia, which has a markedly decentralized and, to some extent, intra-departmental character. The main efforts are concentrated on work with individual categories of the population. Areas of improvement in the functioning of the federal suicide prevention system have been proposed: improving the quality of planning by ensuring its conceptual unity and creating a unified state monitoring system. To study the problem, the main methods used are content analysis of publications of official federal (Rossiyskaya Gazeta, Russia Today) and regional electronic media (official websites of regional executive bodies), the method of expert assessments through requests to executive bodies of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation and investigative departments of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, the method of studying documents.

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