



Beacon Tree

advocates for youth mental health

## ASQ Suicide Screening: Are we asking the right questions?

Beacon Tree Foundation, advocates for youth mental health, is partnering with Dr. Lisa Horowitz of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to implement the 4-question, evidence-

based ASQ Suicide Screening tool that has shown to be an effective and reliable suicide risk assessment.



Our goal is to implement this screening into every pediatric, family, and primary care practice in Virginia as an early intervention initiative.

Suicide is the #2 cause of death for 15-35 year olds and current depression screenings miss as many as 39% of those at risk for suicide.

Dr. Ted Abernathy of Pediatric & Adolescent Health Partners in Richmond, Virginia has integrated this tool in his practice and identified over 200 kids at risk for suicide and referred them to care.



To learn more about implementing ASQ, or to schedule a presentation to your group, contact Anne Moss Rogers, Pres. of Beacon Tree at **804-928-8074** or **am@annemoss.com**.

[Beacontree.org](http://Beacontree.org)