

# Teenage Suicide

Perhaps the number one contributing factor to the increase in teen suicide or attempted suicide is the young person's isolation from meaningful relationship. In the absence of these important relationships, the young person may see death as the only solution to the chronic problem of living.

These are a few symptoms of **Teen Suicide**:

1. A change in sleeping patterns.
2. Not finishing anything on time.
3. Sudden drop in grades.
4. Parental depression.

Fortunately, in our time more and more trained people with more and more understanding are listening for the cry and responding to the summons. Listen, look, hear, see, and understand. That's the answer. We thank Stan Laird, author of **IN-DEPTH LOOK** for this in-

formation.

"They believe no one cares. For them life is one continuous let down after another." This is what Sanaa Taylor, a freshman at Colleton High said after being: **Why do you think people commit suicide?**

Every year in this country 25,000 to 35,000 people decide that their lives are so painful and so hopelessly futile that they kill themselves. An estimated 400,000 young people alone make unsuccessful attempts to die each year. Actual attitudes toward suicide are complicated and sometimes contradictory. **Angela Ford**, another freshmen from Colleton High said this, "Maybe they commit suicide because they are alone and they think no one cares about them."

Studying the hardest subject of the day is **Kaye Barwick**.



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