The second leading cause of death in Jasper County is due to mental and behavioral health disorders.

Suicide is the third leading cause of premature death in Jasper County.

The Jasper County death rate for suicide is 57% higher than the state and the majority of suicides occur in the population 65 years and younger.

The Department of Health and Human Resources has named Jasper County as a Health Professional Shortage area for mental health providers.

Link to Jasper Memorial Community Health Needs Assessment:
Jasper Memorial Hospital has Collaborated with Jasper County Charter System

- Jasper Memorial Hospital allocated $40,710.00 of grant funds to Jasper County Charter System for student therapy services, which began January, 2018.
  - This allowed the school system to increase access to clinical counseling.
  - Transformation Therapy is the clinical counseling group and they continue to support students in school to decrease crisis situations and increase time in class.
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Goals:

- Decrease number of crisis episodes - providing students with the skills necessary to manage and cope during times of crises.
- Improve overall attendance of students receiving services
- Improve achievement scores
Absences
(students receiving services)

- There has been a 72% reduction in absences in students receiving services since December 2017.
- Influx in January was influenced by seasonal illness (influenza)
- Students that were absent 5-8 days in December, were only absent 0-1 day in May.
Student Achievement
Reading

- Average of 6+ point increase in Reading scores from Fall to Spring administration of MAP test
Student Achievement
(Math)

Average of 5 point increase in Math scores from Fall to Spring administration of MAP test
Decrease in number of Crises per month

* Suggests therapy services drastically improved the students’ ability to manage crises and prevent them.
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