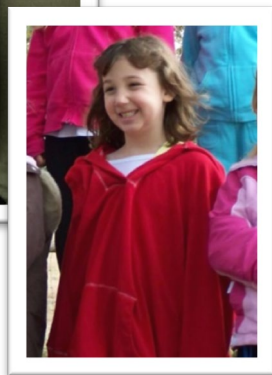




Paige Taylor

Lansing, Kansas



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Paige Taylor has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is in Troop 506 in Service Unit 661. She is currently a junior at Lansing High School.

Paige's Gold Award project addressed the issue of teen suicide, depression and anxiety through education and awareness. Working with community members and completing her own research, Paige presented her findings and the dangers of mental illness on the teen population to the Lansing School Board of Education, the principal of Lansing High School and other community members. By educating school officials, Paige was able to create a "Positive Committee" that will continue to raise awareness for teenage mental health at high school.

Paige addressed her school board and principal about the possibility of a tragedy taking place in the Lansing school district. She urged them to train educators more on how to identify students struggling with their mental health and how to help those students. Because of her work, on August 24, 2018, interim Governor Colyer signed a proclamation declaring September Suicide Prevention Month in the state of Kansas.

Because of Girl Scouts, I was capable of sharing my personal story with mental health and was provided an outlet to help others who may be struggling.