



**MAKE AN
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**57TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
MAY 5-10, 2024**

AGENDA

Continuing Education credits will be available and will be announced shortly.

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SATURDAY, MAY 4

Check-in Desk Open 4pm - 6pm

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Training & Certification Days (Day 1)
(Lunch On Own)

7am - 5pm

AAS Check-in, AAS Information Booth and AAS24 Bookstore Will Be Open

7am - 7:45am

Morning Coffee & Tea

8am - noon

LivingWorks safeTALK: Suicide Alertness and Safety Connection Skills
(Pre-registration Only)

Facilitated by Taylor Morgan and Richard Egen, Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention

8am - noon

Suicide Prevention For Special Populations

Facilitated by Aisha McDonald, LMHC

Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Suicide Prevention Mental Health

Facilitated by Joyce Chu, PhD, CA PSY#23059 and Christopher Weaver PhD, CA PSY#24133, Palo Alto University

8am - 4:30pm

RRSR: Recognizing & Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians ©
(Pre-registration Only, Day 1, must attend both days of training)

Facilitated by Robert Canning, PhD and Drew Martel, LISW, CADC

SDIC: Suicide Death Investigation Course ©

(Pre-registration Only, Day 1, must attend both days of training)

Facilitated by Jacqueline Christmas, MPA, BSW

9:45am - 10:15am

Break

Noon - 1pm

Lunch On Own

1pm - 5pm

The Language and Practice of Lived Experience

Facilitated by Susie [수지] Reece, Colleen Sulaitis, and Will Hogan, Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Be Sensitive Be Brave for Suicide Prevention (BSBB for SP):

A Culturally Responsive Workshop on Suicide Prevention

Facilitated by Joyce Chu, PhD, CA PSY#23059 and Christopher Weaver PhD, CA PSY#24133 from Palo Alto University

Understanding Barriers to Healthcare: Social Determinants of Behavioral Health

Facilitated by Aisha McDonald, LMHC

2:45pm - 3:15pm

Break

MONDAY, MAY 6

Training & Certification Days (Day 2) (Lunch On Own)

- 7:30am - 5pm** AAS Check-in, AAS Information Booth and AAS24 Bookstore Will Be Open
- 7:30am - 8:15am** Morning Coffee & Tea
- 8:30am - 12pm** **Shaping Tomorrow: Problem Gambling & Helpline Modernization**
Facilitated by Jamie Costello, MPH, Director of Programs, National Council on Problem Gambling
- 8:30am - 12:30pm** **Military Competency: Nuances of Interacting with Active Duty, Veterans, and Their Families**
Facilitated by Lindsey Gray, MA, CCTP, Senior Suicide Prevention Training Specialist; Daniel Siegert, Senior Suicide Prevention Training Specialist and Eileen Chapman, LMSW, Senior Suicide Prevention Training Specialist, Wounded Warrior Project
- 8am - 4:30pm** **Strategic Implementation of the Updated National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: A Private Session for State and Territorial Coordinators (Breakfast, Breaks & Lunch Included)**
- RRSR: Recognizing & Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians © (Pre-registration Only, Day 2, must attend both days of training)**
Facilitated by Robert Canning, PhD
- SDIC: Suicide Death Investigation Course © (Pre-registration Only, Day 2, must attend both days of training)**
Facilitated by Jacqueline Christmas, MPA, BSW
- Suicide Prevention 201 (SP201): Culturally-infused Suicide Management for Diverse Youth and Adult Clientele**
Facilitated by Joyce Chu, PhD, CA PSY#23059 and Dr. Christopher Weaver PhD CA PSY#24133, Palo Alto University
- QPR Gatekeeper Instructor Certification Course**
Must be 18 years or older to complete this course. Participants must attend the entire 8-hour course to receive certification.
Facilitated by Shayna Klassen, BA
Participants must agree to go on to teach the QPR Gatekeeper Course at least once per year. This is a 3-year Certification. If participants successfully pass the certification course, they will receive their certification and instructor account access directly from the QPR Institute.
- 9:45am - 10:15am** Break
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** Lunch On Own
- 1:30pm - 3:30pm** **Co-occurring Risks Require Interconnected Networks: Problem Gambling & Mental Health**
Presented by Jamie Costello, MPH, Director of Programs, National Council on Problem Gambling
- 1:30pm - 4pm** **QPR Gatekeeper Training (Pre-registration Only; Registration is limited)**
Facilitated by Samantha Nadler, MSSW
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** Break

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Symposium Day / Conference (Day 1) / Training & Certification Days (Day 3)

7am - 5pm

AAS Check-in, AAS Information Booth and AAS24 Bookstore Will Be Open

7am - 7:45am

Morning Coffee & Tea

10am - 4pm

Exhibitor Move In

Clinician Symposium

- 7:45am - 8:45am** **The Next Act of Love: Effective Organizational Postvention Supports for Mental Health Professionals**
Presented by Carolyn M. Cummings, LMFT, Kern County Consortium SELPA
- 9am - 10am** **A Public Health Approach to Zero Suicide**
Presented by Diane B. Kaulen, MS, CCLS, Texas Children's Hospital and Angie D. Cummings, DrPH, MSPH, MEd, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital
- 10am - 10:30am** **Break**
- 10:30am - 11:30am** **Facilitating a Suicide Loss Support Group**
Presented by Paula Fontenelle, MA, Flourishing Minds and Georgena Grace, MA, CRS, RScP, Integrated Wellbeing Institute
- 11:30am - 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** **Screening for Suicide Risk During Telehealth Visits**
Presented by Terresa Humphries-Wadsworth, PhD, Education Development Center, Inc.
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** **Dentistry and Mental Health**
Presented by Tom Woodstock, DMD, Assistant Professor in Residence, UNLV School of Dental Med
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** **Break**
- 3:15pm - 4:15pm** **Investigation of Suicide and the Role of the Coroner/Medical Examiner**
Presented by Nicholas Zell, MS, D-ABMDI, Marion County Medical Examiner

Community Symposium

- 7:45am - 8:45am** **There Is No Parity Without Equity**
Presented by Victor Armstrong, MSW, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- 9am - 10am** **Implementing A Comprehensive Postvention Model In Diverse Settings**
Presented by Elaine de Mello, LCSW, National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Hampshire and Kris Bifulco, MPH, Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs
- 10am 10:30am** **Break**
10:30am - 11:30am **The CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program: Using data to drive action**
Presented by Robin Lee, PhD, MPH, Centers for Disease Control; Dymond Ruybal, MPH, Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention; Tate Steidley, PhD, Office of Suicide Prevention – Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Deborah M. Stone, ScD, MSW, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 11:30am - 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm -1:30pm** **Deep Dive Into Health Equity with the Newly Released 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention**
Presented by Brandon Johnson, MHS, MCHES, Education Development Center; Victor Armstrong, MSW, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention; Brittany Carradine Clemons, MEd, Suicide Prevention Resource Center and Janel Cabbage, LCPC, MPH, SAMSHA
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** **The Play-by-Play For Suicide Prevention on Social: Effective Behavior Change Strategies for Communication Professionals**
Presented by Lizzi Perkins and Heidi Ertel, MBA, and Steve Wright, Boncom
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** **Break**
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm** **Economic Interventions For the Prevention of Mental Health Problems and Suicide: The Role of Cash Transfers**
Presented by Daiane Machado, PhD, Harvard Medical School and CIDACS/FIOCRUZ

Crisis Services Symposium

- 7:45am - 8:45am** **“And She Understood My Problems”:** **Formative Research for 988 Messaging**
Presented by Elizabeth Box, MPH, PMP, The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention at Education Development Center; Derrick Feldmann, MA, Ad Council Research Institute and Ad Council Edge; Charissa Pallas, 988 & Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Shelby Rowe, BA, MBA, Suicide Prevention Resource Center at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- 9am - 10am** **A History of the Suicide Hotline (from a Site Examiner Perspective)**
Presented by Pamela Blackwell, LMFT, Site Examiner, American Association of Suicidology
- 10am - 10:30am** **Break**
- 10:30am - 11:30am** **Analyzing and Enhancing Imminent Risk Data within the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Network: A Comprehensive Exploration**
Presented by Christopher Drapeau, PhD, HSPP; Tia Dole, PhD; Sean Murphy, PhD; Richard McKeon, PhD, MPH, 988 Suicide & Crisis Line/Vibrant Emotional Health and Madelyn Gould, PhD, MPH Columbia University,
- 11:30am - 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** **Voices Unveiled: Bridging equity through the Racial Equity Support Line**
Presented by Alexis Hilliard, MSW and Christopher Nathe, MS, Lines for Life
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** **Suicide Prevention and Intervention Program: Considering Applications for Crisis Line Follow Up**
Presented by Jeffrey Hite, PsyD, Carelon Behavioral Health
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** **Break**
- 3:15pm - 4:15pm** **988 Update**
Presented by Richard McKeon, PhD, MPH, Senior Advisor, SAMSHA 988 and Crisis Line, SAMSHA and Tia Dole, PhD, Chief 988 Officer, Vibrant Emotional Health

Lived Experience/Loss Survivor Symposium

- 7:45am - 8:45am** **Survivor and Provider: Exploring the ways we work as Wounded Healers**
Presented by Brandon Wilcox, BA, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners and Tiffany Erspamer, PsyD, Aurora Mental Health and Recovery
- “I Deadass Never Thought I’d Make It To Eighteen”
Presented by Kirsti Millar, LPC and Bryan Gourley, MBA, ReDiscover
- 9am - 10am** **Talking Out LOUD: Teens & Suicide Loss, A Conversation**
Presented by Joanne Harpel, MPhil, CT, JD, Coping After Suicide and Steven J. Karaiskos, PhD, Elpis Consulting, Coaching & Community Building
- Amplifying Youth Voice in Suicide Prevention: Empowering Youth Leaders for Transformative Change**
Presented by Crystal Larson, MSW, LCSW and Hunter AM. Hawthorne, BA, QPR & MHFA Trainer, Lines for Life
- 10am 10:30am** **Break**
- 10:30am - 11:30am** **Mental Health Providers as Grief Survivors: Findings from a Two-Year Drop-In Loss Group**
Presented by Andrea Henderson, LCSW, Crisis Support Services of Alameda County
- Helping Clinicians Heal from Client Suicide**
Presented by Khara Croswaite Brindle, MA, LPC, ACS, CFT-I, Croswaite Counseling PLLC
- 11:30am - 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm -1:30pm** **Diary of a Broken Mind: Addiction, Depression, and the Tragic Link to Suicide**
Presented by AnneMoss Rogers, Mental Health Awareness Education
- You Never Know: Suicidality and Post-Traumatic Growth**
Presented by Stacey Freedenthal, PhD, LCSW, Associate Professor, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** **When Help Hurts: Exploring the Intersections of Suicide and the Troubled Teen Industry**
Presented by Samantha Nadler, MSW, American Association of Suicidology; Shayna Klassen, BA, QPR Institute; Meg Appelgate, Unsilenced.
- Surfing the Trauma Tsunami**
Presented by Teri Bogue, MSN, APRN, PCNS-BC and Robert Bogue, MS, Robust Futures, Inc.
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** **Break**

Military / Veteran / First Responders Symposium

- 7:45am - 8:45am** **Tackling High Suicide Risk in the Post-9/11 Military Population**
Presented by Lyndsay Tkach, MS, CBIS, Mental and Brain Health Services Director, Wounded Warrior Project
- 9am - 10am** **Considerations for “The Deadly Gap” - The Elevated Suicide Risk for Military in the First Year After Service Separation**
Presented by Tara Reyna, MS, NCC Texas Health and Human Services
- 10am 10:30am** **Break**
- 10:30am - 11:30am** **Veterans Cultural Engagement Training: Breaking Down the Stigmas of Veterans**
Presented by Jennifer Prewitt, CPC, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs and Alyssa Warburton, MSW, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs
- 11:30am - 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm -1:30pm** **Collaborative Solutions to Reduce Military Suicide**
Presented by Nick Margiotta, MEd, Crisis System Solutions; Michael Rhinehart, LPSP, Master ASIST Training, EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center; Matt Klimis, Master of Divinity, United States Air Force and Robert Ferraro, Master ASIST Trainer, Tempe Police Department
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** **Community-Engaged Partnerships to Enhance Suicide Prevention for Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.**
Presented by Hannah Vasquez, Texas Suicide Prevention Collaborative; Jessica Del Rio, LPC, Texas Veterans Commission and Blake Harris, LCFP, Veterans Mental Health Department, Texas Veterans Commission
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** **Break**
- 3:15pm - 4:15pm** **Veterans Coffee Socials: Connecting Veterans in Communities**
Presented by Leslie Franklin, LCSW, Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs, United States Department of Veterans Affairs; Kelly White, MSW, LCSW and Bryan Rich, CPS, Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Health Care System

Research & Innovation Symposium

- 7:45am - 8:45am** **Recent Advancements in Understanding the Safe Storage of Firearms And How to Connect These Results to Public Health Messaging Initiatives**
Presented by Raymond Tucker, PhD; and Ryan M. Hill, PhD, Louisiana State University; Michael Anestis, PhD, New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center and Sean M. Mitchell, PhD, Texas Tech University
- The Truth About Suicide, the Impact these events have on the Clinicians Involved and what helps**
Presented by Rachel Gibbons, Medical MBBS, BSc, FRCPsych, Royal College of Psychiatrists
- 9am - 10am** **Involving Family and Friends in Suicide Prevention: New Directions in VA Treatment Research**
Presented by Dev Crasta, PhD, VISN 2 Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steven L. Sayers, PhD, Department of Veterans Affairs and University of Pennsylvania; Chandra Khalifian, PhD, San Diego Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Todd M. Bishop, PhD, Veterans Affairs Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention
- Recent Developments in Research on the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide**
Presented by Ryan Hill, PhD, Louisiana State University; Thomas Joiner, PhD, Florida State University; Daniel J. Mulligan, MA, Emory University School of Medicine; Ryan Hill, PhD, Louisiana State University and Morgan Robinson, MS, Florida State University
- 10am 10:30am** **Break**
- 10:30am - 11:30am** **The Present and Future of Suicide Prevention Research in Religious Communities**
Presented by Karen Mason, PhD, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Melinda Moore, PhD, Eastern Kentucky University Department of Psychology; and David Jobes, PhD, ABPP, Catholic University of America
- The Role Army Leaders Play in Reducing Suicidal Thinking in Their Subordinates: Quantitative Data, Ongoing Implementation Efforts, and Conceptual Underpinnings**
Presented by Raymond Tucker, PhD, Louisiana State University; Benjamin Trachik, PhD, WRAIR-W and Thomas Joiner, PhD, Florida State University
- 11:30am - 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** **Generating Lessons Learned and Actionable Recommendations following Suicide Deaths: Three Illustrative Examples**
Presented by Jessica LaCroix, PhD; Steven MacDonald, PhD, Uniformed Services University of the Health Science and Christopher J. Button, Lt. Col. United States Air Force, PhD, ABPP, Headquarters Air Force, Integrated Resilience;
- Development of a Community-Partnered Suicide Prevention Center**
Presented by Matthew Wintersteen, PhD; Luca Zullo, PhD, Thomas Jefferson University and Amanda Blue, MPH, David Farber ASPIRE Center

1:45pm - 2:45pm

Development and Application of a Suicide Postvention Command Support Team to Assess Social-Ecological Factors Affecting Suicide Risk on Military Installations: Findings, Recommendations, and Lessons

Presented by Christopher Button, Lt. Col., PhD, ADPP, United States Air Force; Mary L. Bartlett, PhD, NCC, LPC-CS, CFLE, United States Air Force – Air University; Alicia Matteson, PhD, LCP, Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Office and Amy Jensen, MA, PhD, Department of the Air Force

Secure Firearm Storage & Suicide Prevention

Presented by Michael Anestis, PhD, Executive Director, New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center

2:45pm - 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Preventing Veteran Suicide

Presented by Todd Burnett, PsyD, Senior Consultant, Operations and Zachary Parrett, PsyD, Associate Director-Innovations, Suicide Prevention Program, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs

Understanding the Psychology of Suicide Risk

Presented by Rory O'Connor, PhD, Professor of Health Psychology, University of Glasgow

Youth / School / University Symposium

- 7:45am - 8:45am** **Supporting Comprehensive Youth Suicide Prevention in a Trauma-Impacted Community**
Presented by Jennifer Crutsinger, LPC-S, MA, Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Diane Manley, MS, LPC, Gulf Coast Center
- 9am - 10am** **The Transformational Care Model: A Whole-Community Based Approach to Youth Suicide Prevention**
Presented by Dawn Doherty, BA, Executive Director, Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide
- 10am - 10:30am** **Break**
- 10:30am - 11:30am** **Teens' Perspectives of Help-Seeking: Who Do I Go To?**
Presented by Michelle Mullen, PhD, Senior Vice President, Chief Impact Officer, The Jed Foundation
- 11:30am - 12:30pm** **Lunch**
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** **Reporting Responsibly on Campus Suicide: Supporting Safe Student Journalism in the Aftermath of Crisis**
Presented by Emma Talley, BA; Tammer Bagdasarian, BA, MA and Georgia Rosenberg, BA, Reporting Responsibly on Campus Suicide, Stanford Media and Mental Health Initiative
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm** **Suiting Up to Prevent Suicide Among Young Men of Color**
Presented by Kacy C. Maitland, LICSW, Samaritans, Inc.; Steven Karaiskos, PhD, Elpis Consulting, Coaching & Community Building and Anthony Thompson, Follow Suit
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm** **Break**
- 3:15pm - 4:15pm** **Youth Suicide Prevention With a Public Health Approach**
Presented by Emma White, Nevada Department of Education and Office of Suicide Prevention

NonResearch Paper Presentations

Presentations 1

#1 The Success of a Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition Facilitating Veteran Specific Suicide Prevention Resources through 211 and a Smart Phone Application

Presented by Bertrand Berger, LCSW, CSAC, ICS, Mental Health/VA Medical Center

#2 Development of Continuing Department of Defense Actions to Address Suicide in the Military

Presented by Dacee Hughley, PhD, BSN, MSN, Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Office

#3 Enhancing Suicide-specific Clinical Skills Through Simulation: Guidelines and Best Practices for Programs

Presented by Jonathan Kratz, LCSW, University of Oklahoma

Presentations 2

#1 Concealed Suicidality: A Contextual and Flexible Approach to Suicide Risk Assessment

Presented by Jay Nagdimon, PhD, ABPP, Los Angeles Police Department

#2 Implementing and Evaluating a Veteran Crisis Line Quality Improvement Initiative: The Safety Planning Pilot Program

Presented by MaryGrace Lauver, MSW, and Matthew Podlogar, PhD, Veterans Crisis Line, United States Department of Veterans Affairs

#3 Stop Soldier Suicide Black Box Project

Presented by John Richardson and Keith Hotle, JD, MS, Stop Soldier Suicide

Trending Discussions

7:45am - 8:45am

National Council for Suicide Prevention: Activities and Engagement

Presented by Dan Reidenberg, PsyD, Managing Director, National Council for Suicide Prevention

9am - 10am

Partnerships for Life: Progress, Challenges, and Lessons from a Global Initiative to Prevent Suicide

Presented by Daiane Machado, PhD, CIDACS/FIOCRUZ & Harvard Medical School; Allison Crawford, MD, PhD, FRCPC, Chief Medical Officer, 988 Suicide Crisis Helpline (Canada); Rory O'Connor, PhD, University of Glasgow and Mark Sinyor, MSc, MD, FRCPC, University of Toronto

10:30am - 11:30am

Suicide Prevention and Life Promotion in the Circumpolar North: Indigenous-led initiatives and Partnerships

Presented by Allison Crawford, MD, PhD, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto and Scientific Advisor, Sustainable Development Working Group, Artic Council

1:45pm - 2:45pm

Is it the Narrative That Counts? Rethinking How We Approach Responsible Media Reporting Recommendations

Presented by Mark Sinyor, MSc., MD, FRCPC, Associate Professor, University of Toronto

- 4:30pm - 4:50pm** **TedTalk**
Leading With Lived Experience: How Our Personal Experiences Can Make An Authentic Impact On Suicide Prevention
Presented by Lena Heilmann, PhD, MNM, Director, Office of Suicide Prevention, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- 4:55pm - 5:15pm** **TedTalk**
Why Aren't We Changing
Presented by Sarah Gaer, MA, Suicide Prevention & Trauma Recovery Specialist
- 5:25pm - 6:25pm** **Three-organization Panel On What Your Office Is Doing In Its Efforts**
Presented by Lena Heilman, PhD, MNM, Director, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Richard Egan, and Misty Allen, MA, Office of Suicide Prevention, State of Nevada; and Todd Burnett, PsyD, Senior Consultant, Operations-Suicide Prevention Program, Office of Mental Health and Suicide, Department of Veterans Affairs
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm** **AAS24 Opening Reception with Exhibitors**
- 7:30pm - 8:30pm** **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Networking Reception**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Conference Day 2

7am - 5pm

AAS Check-in, AAS Information Booth and AAS24 Bookstore Are Open

7am - 7:45am

Coffee & Tea With Exhibitors

8:00am - 9:15am

Breakfast Keynote with Col. Nicole Malachowski, USAF (Ret.)

Breaking Barriers: Conquering Self-Doubt and Cultural Paradigms

First Woman Thunderbird Pilot, Combat Veteran, Fighter Squadron Commander, White House Fellow & Advisor, and Indomitable Spirit shares her story as she forged a path through some immense cultural changes in the military as well as significant adversity. She has had to face 'the unexpected' in her life. Hers is an inspiring story of the power of determination and the drive of a truly indomitable spirit.

Clinician Track

- 9:30am - 10:30am** **Tailoring Safety Planning to Patient Characteristics: Navigating Social Determinant, Sociocultural, and Prominent Clinical Factors**
Presented by Suzanne McGarity, PhD, Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Suicide Prevention; Ryan Holliday, PhD and Ashley M. Griffith, PhD, Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center for Suicide Prevention; and Lindsey Monteith, PhD, VA Rocky Mountain MIRECC
- Why We Didn't Tell You**
Presented by Steve MacHattie, LCSW, Charter Oak Family Center, LLC; Grace Grinnell, CRSS, Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement; and Valerie Lepoutre, RSS, National Alliance on Mental Illness Connecticut
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **Counseling Individuals & Families Bereaved by Suicide: A Methodology for Creating a Comfort and Safety Plan Specifically for Survivors**
Presented by Michael Weinberg, PhD, LPC, Misery No More, LLC and Joy Giorgio, MA, LMFT, Joy Counseling and Consulting
- Holding Therapeutic Relationship with Persistent Suicidality: Understanding the Role of Dialectics in Individual Therapy & Family Relationships**
Presented by Bobbie Legg, PhD, LCSW, Resolution Group/Beyond the Orphanage, Arizona State University
- 11:45pm - 12:45pm** **Lunch & Networking With Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **Confronting Suicidal and Homicidal Thoughts in the IDD Community**
Presented by Jessica Morales, LMSW, QMHP, QIDP, Emergence Health Network
- Equipping Parents With Evidence-Based Skills to Help Reduce their Child's Suicidal Behaviors, Self-Harm and Severe Emotion Dysregulation by Providing a No-Cost Parent Training Curriculum**
Presented by Victoria Cavaliere and Michelle M. Desjarlais, BA, National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder
- 2 pm - 3pm** **From Despair to Resilience: A Clinician's Roadmap for Supporting Suicide Grieving Clients**
Presented by Paula Fontenelle, MA, Flourishing Minds
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **Light In the Darkness: Empowering Families in Navigating Teen Suicide Risk**
Presented by Nicole Siegfried, PhD and Caroline Nichols, LICSW, CEDS-S, Lightfully Behavioral Health
- 4:45 - 5:45pm** **Assessing, Understanding, Managing, & Treating Chronic Suicidality**
Presented by Anna Lieber, LCMHC, NCC/CCMHC, Westminster University

Community Track

- 9:30am - 10:30am** **From Loss to Resilience: Building Coordinated Postvention Care Strategies for Suicide Loss Survivors**
Presented by Dakota Jordan, BSW, CHW, Education & Advocacy Manager, Lost&Found
- Redefining Suicide Prevention: Collaborative Conversations & Community Engagement**
Presented by Michelle Macarai, LCSW, Crisis Support Service of Alameda County
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **Kaa-wiichihitoyaahk (We Take Care of Each Other): Comprehensive Métis Mental Wellness Community Capacity Building Implementation Project**
Presented by Jillian Jones; Jessanna Jones, METIS Nation British Columbia and Peter Gutierrez, PhD, LivingWorks Education, Inc.
- It Takes a Village: A Community Approach to Suicide Prevention**
Presented by Natasha Edwards, BA, LMHC and Ioannis Demopoulos, BA Biology, New York City Health & Hospitals -Elmhurst
- 11:45pm - 12:45pm** **Lunch & Networking With Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **Collaboration Is a Superpower: How Incorporating Diverse Perspectives Can Strengthen Your Prevention Efforts**
Presented by Scott Barton; Susie [수지] Reece; Victoria Waugh-Reed, EdD, Brittany Carradine Clemons, MEd, Suicide Prevention Resources Center (SPRC)
- 2pm - 3pm** **Understanding and Addressing Suicide Prevention Challenges in Colorado's Rural Communities**
Presented by Lena Heilmann, PhD, MNM, Director, Office of Suicide Prevention, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; Dymond Ruybal, MPH, Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention; Tate Steidley, PhD, Office of Suicide Prevention – Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Kaleigh Kessel, MSW, Office of Suicide Prevention / CDPHE
- Data-Driven Suicide Prevention Efforts: Establishing Effective Community Partnerships to Obtain Current Data**
Presented by Meghan Boaz, MS, LMFT, Transitions Mental Health Association and Brita L. Connelly, MSA, County of SLO Behavioral Health
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **Guidance For Actualizing the 2024 National Strategy on Health Equity in Suicide Prevention: An Action Learning Workshop (Part 1)**
Presented by Janel Cabbage, MC, LCPC, MPH, SAMSHA and Joyce Chu, PhD CA PSY#23059, Palo Alto University
- 4:45pm - 5:45pm** **Guidance for Actualizing the 2024 National Strategy on Health Equity in Suicide Prevention: An Action Learning Workshop (Part 2)**
Presented by Janel Cabbage, MC, LCPC, MPH, SAMSHA and Joyce Chu, PhD CA PSY#23059, Palo Alto University
- Male Suicide Is Killing Us**
Presented by Bart Andrews, PhD, LP, Behavioral Health Response (BHR)

Crisis Center Track

- 9:30am - 10:30am** **Navigating Change: A Dialogic Approach to Enhancing Crisis Line Services in British Columbia, Canada**
Presented by Alberto Almeida, BA, MPH, PMP and Kimberley Korf-Uzan, BSc, MPH, Provincial Health Services Authority
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **Washington's 988 Implementation and User Experience Profiles: Centering People in Technology Systems Design**
Presented by Bridget Doyle; Beth Schuurmans, LMHC and Elaina Perry, BA, CHES, 988 Program Supervisor, Washington State Department of Health
- 11:45pm - 12:45pm** **Lunch & Networking With Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **Mobile Teams: An Innovative and Safer Way to Respond to Crisis**
Presented by Michele Russell, LMSW and Elizabeth Jimenez, LPC and Clinical Supervisor, LaFontera EMPACT-SPC
- 2pm - 3pm** **Transforming Quality Improvement Through Data Management and Analysis at 988 Lifeline**
Presented by Sophia Pereira, BA and Dave Dalton, MA, LPC, NCC, Vibrant Emotional Health
- 3pm 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **Harnessing AI For Enhanced Training and Quality in Crisis Centers**
Presented by Brad Pendergraft, LCSW, Protocall Services
- 4:45pm - 5:45pm** **QPR Pathfinder Training - Finding Hope Through the Light of Lived Experience**
Presented by Paul Quinnett, PhD, Shayna Klassen, BA, QPR Institute; and Hannah Hackworth, LCSW, MBA, Starting Point Behavioral Health

Military / Veteran / First Responders Track

- 9:30am - 10:30am** **Answering the Call: Strategies to Reach First Responders**
Presented by Mary Anne Christian, EdS, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network
- Proactive Community-based Strategies for Suicide Prevention Among Service Members and Veterans: The Importance of Military Service History Screening**
Presented by Don Harris MBA; Ben Barrowman, MBA, Policy Research Associates, Inc. and Brandi C. Jancaitis, MPH, Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **LEARN Saves Lives: Suicide Prevention Training for Veterans, Caregivers, and Community Members**
Presented by Jennifer Prewitt, CPC and Alyssa Warburton, MSW, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs
- TAPS Suicide Postvention Model: Supporting Families, Leadership, and Military Communities**
Presented by Carla Stumpf Patton, EdD, LMHC, NCC, QS, FT Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
- 11:45pm - 12:45pm** **Lunch & Networking With Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **Postvention Intelligence Framework Assessment (PIFA): Evaluating Post-Suicide Mental Health for Self, Others, and Organizations**
Presented by Mary Bartlett, PhD, NCC, LPC-CS, CFLE
- 2pm - 3pm** **Impact of Trainer Mentoring on Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training Outcomes**
Presented by Peter Gutierrez, PhD and Bryan Gibb, MBA LivingWorks Education
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **Connecticut National Guard: Current Approaches to Suicide Prevention / Intervention / Postvention**
Presented by Michael Dutko, LPC, LADC; Susan Tobenkin, MSW, LCSW and Peter Doria, MSW, LCSW Connecticut National Guard
- 4:45pm - 5:45pm** **Lethal Means Safety: The Military's Pursuit to Reduce the 70%**
Presented by Alicia Matteson, PhD and Kathryn Holloway, PhD, Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO)

Research & Innovation Track

- 9:30am - 10:30am** **Optimizing Crisis Response: Unleashing the DISC!**
Presented by William Harris, Esq, MBA, MA Deloitte Consulting and Bart Andrews, PhD, LP, Behavioral Health Response (BHR)
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **Presenting a Novel Approach to Suicide Prevention Pathways**
Presented by Shane Kuhlman, PhD, Centerstone's Institute and Becky Stoll, LCSW, Centerstone
- 11:45pm - 12:45pm** **Lunch & Networking With Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **The Varieties of Suicidal Experience**
Presented by Thomas Joiner, PhD, The Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Florida State University
- 2pm - 3pm** **The Cutting Edge of Clinical Suicidology**
Presented by David Jobes, PhD, ABPP, Professor of Psychology, Director, CatholicU Suicide Prevention Lab, The Catholic University of America
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **Shifting Perspectives: Caring Contacts Implementation at a Health Plan**
Presented by Chad Sievers, MSSW; and Martye Nelson, BSN, RN, CCM, PAHM, MMA, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- 4:45pm - 5:45pm** **Promoting Community Conversations Around Research to End Suicide**
Presented by Roberta Moto, Maniilaq Association
- Ohio's Current Suicide Fatality Review Infrastructure & Future Outlook**
Presented by Austin Lucas, BS, Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation

Youth / School / University Track

- 9:30am - 10:30am** **Utilizing the Zero Suicide Framework to Improve Continuity of Care across Youth Serving Systems**
Presented by Rose Milani, MPH (c) and Olive Mowery, MPH (c), Thomas Jefferson University; Perri Rosen, PhD, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Paul Weidman, Venango County Human Services
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **Student Advocacy Specialists-Who, What and How We Support our Suicidal and Homicidal Students in Crisis Through Personal Connections and System Supports**
Presented by Amelia Kouznetsov, MEd, EdS and Steve Honn, BA, Forsyth County Schools
- 11:45pm - 12:45pm** **Lunch & Networking With Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **CALM (Conversations on Access to Lethal Means) Conversations**
Presented by Melody Palmer-Arizola, LPC-S, Austin Travis County Integral Care and Stacy Spencer, MSW, LCSW-S, Integral Care
- MAD HOPE: A Youth Suicide Prevention Education Program**
Presented by Amy Dunham, BS, Whatcom Family and Community Network/MAD HOPE
- 2pm - 3pm** **Readiness to Stand United Against Youth Suicide: A New Jersey Public Health Statewide Initiative**
Presented by Jennie Blakney, MA Ed, New Jersey Department of Health; Jeffrey Carrick, MPH, Department of Children and Families and Michelle Scott, PhD, MSW, Monmouth and Wendy Sefcik, JD, New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council
- Implementing a Comprehensive Health Curriculum in High Schools to Help Prevent Suicide**
Presented by Emma White and Patti Brouhard, MPH, Life Is Worth It Organization
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **LGBTQIA+ Youth Risk and Protective Factors**
Presented by Robin Matthies, MSW, Director of Integrated Health, National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- ASPARC and Athens State University - Bringing Suicide Awareness, Education, Prevention, and Outreach to Rural Alabama**
Presented by Vanessa Miller, PhD, Athens State University
- 4:45 - 5:45pm** **School Postvention: Critical Elements**
Presented by Kim Kane, MPA, Idaho State and Judy Gabert, MA, BEd, BA, Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Program

Research Papers Presentations

Presentations 1

#1 Brief Insomnia Treatment On Sleep, Mood and Suicidal Thoughts: Effects From A Randomized Trial Among Veterans Endorsing Suicidal Ideation

Presented by Wilfred Pigeon, PhD, Veterans Affairs Center of Excellence For Suicide Prevention, University of Rochester

#2 An Audience Segmentation Cluster Analysis of Where Adults Are Likely To, and Not Likely To, Turn for Support If Experiencing Suicidality or Mental Health Crisis

Presented by Jonathan Purtle, DrPH, MPH, MSc, New York University School of Global Public Health

#3 Navigating Crisis: A Comparative Analysis of Young Adults' Crises Mental Health Service Use and Impact

Presented by Kate LaForge, MPH, University of California San Francisco

Presentations 2

#1 University Support For Diversity Initiatives and the Impact On Help-Seeking and Help-Giving Behaviors Among Diverse College Students

Presented by Martin Swanbrow PhD, Associate Professor, Becker, Florida State University

#2 School Districts: Integrating Systems of Care Coordination For Youth Experiencing Suicidal Crisis

Presented by Elizabeth McGhee Hassrick, PhD, Drexel University

Presentations 3

#1 "I Want to Be Part of Something That Helps Youth Like Me." A Just Practice Approach to Understanding Suicide Thoughts and Decisions Among Young Adults

Presented by Antonia Alvarez, LMSW, PhD, Portland State University

#2 Genuine Concern From Crisis Counselors in Suicide-Related Crisis Conversations: Clinical Importance and Use of the Natural Language Process To Identify Linguistic Drivers

Presented by Elizabeth Olson, PhD, Crisis Text Line

#3 Believing in Religion As A Source of Value Strains Among Chinese College Students

Presented by Jie Jang, PhD, SUNY Buffalo State University

Presentations 4

#1 We Need to Talk: Navigating the Stigma and Anguish of Suicide Loss

Presented by Dorothy Goulah, Certified Grief Educator, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention

#2 Disparities In Housing Mobility and Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors Among Adolescents

Presented by Sara Kohlbeck, PhD, MPH, Medical College of Wisconsin

#3 Social Determinants of Suicide Attempts In Fraiburgo, Santa Catarina, Brazil 2014-2023

Presented by Bethania Rohling, Psychosocial Care Center

Presentations 5

#1 How Misclassification of Self-Injuries In the Trauma Center Setting Are Disproportionately Affecting Suicide Data of Black Patients

Presented by Jacey Kant, BS, Medical College of Wisconsin

#2 Randomized Evaluation of the Caring Letters Following Contact With the Crisis Line

Presented by Mark Reger, PhD, Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System, University of Washington

#3 The Narrative in Suicide Prevention Materials: A Randomized Controlled Trial On the Impact of Prevalence vs. Prevention-Focused Narratives

Presented by Benedikt Till, Associate Professor PD Dr., Center for Public Health, Medical University of Vienna, Austria

Presentations 6

#1 Using Small Area Estimation (SAE) To Improve Youth Suicide Prevention Impact Evaluation

Presented by Hope Sommerfeldt, MA, BA, ICF

#2 Uncovering “Queer Joy.” Ripple Effects Mapping With LGBTQ2S+ Suicide Prevention Mini-Grant Recipients

Presented by Antonia Alvarez, LMSW, PhD, Portland State University

#3 Suicidal Ideation Disclosure & Identification For Individuals Experiencing First Episode Psychosis

Presented by Bryony Stokes, MA, Washington State University

Presentations 7

#1 Follow-Up Care Offers and Acceptance In Crisis Line Suicide Prevention Services

Presented by Anthony Fulginiti, PhD, MSW, University of Denver

#2 Bridging the Gap: Understanding Healthcare Challenges and Needs For Individuals Coping With Suicidal Ideation and Chronic Pain

Presented by Kate LaForge, MPH, University of California San Francisco

#3 Depressive Symptoms Among Police Officers: A Prospective Analysis

Presented by John Violanti, PhD, SUNY Buffalo State University

Presentations 8

#1 Patterns of Suicide Across Age Groups in Los Angeles County, 2017-2020

Presented by Nana Sarkodee-Adoo, MPH, MSW, CHES, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Violence Prevention

#2 Suicide Risk Communication and Intervention Preferences For Veterans and Service Members

Presented by Abby Beatty, PhD, Stop Soldier Suicide

#3 Georgia State University H.O.P.E Lab Combines Warm Calling Programs To Lessen Social Isolation, Loneliness & Elevated Suicidality Among Older Adults

Presented by Chanel Reid, MA, Georgia State University

6pm - 7pm

2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and Action Plan

Presented by Brandon Johnson, MHS, MCHES, Branch Chief, SAMSHA and Deb Stone, ScD, MSW, MPH, Lead Behavioral Scientist, Suicide Prevention, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

7:30pm - 9pm

Annual Organizational Meeting, Installation of the AAS Board & Reception

All attendees are welcome to join AAS leadership for the annual Organizational Meeting and the board of directors' transition swearing in.

Robert I. Yufit Annual Awards Presentations

All attendees are invited to attend the celebration and announcements of the Annual Awards and winners.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Conference Day 3

- 7am-5pm** **AAS Check-in, AAS Information Booth and AAS24 Bookstore Are Open**
- 7am - 7:45am** **Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 8am - 9am** **Morning Keynote with Dan Miller, United States Marine Corp (Ret.),
Warriors Speak, Wounded Warrior Project
Lessons For My Son: Helping the Next Generation of Suicide Survivors**

Clinician Track

- 9:15am - 10:15am** **The Narrative-Crisis Model: An Empirical Framework for the Assessment of Suicidality**
Presented by Matias Gay, BScN, IWK Children's Hospital
- Beyond the Question of Suicide, What about the HOW-Lethal Means Safety, Counseling and Firearm Life Plan**
Presented by Laura Stumvoll, MS, BSN, Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- 10:15am - 10:45am** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **Beyond Theory: Enhancing Client Conversations about Suicide Using the Deliberate Practice Model of Skill Development**
Presented by Robert Scholz, LMFT, LPCC, The Change Place; Brian Van Brunt, EdD, DPrep Safety; and Susan Hall, JD, PhD, Pepperdine University
- The Role of Primary Healthcare Allies in Reducing Suicide Among Black Gender Diverse Youth**
Presented by Uchenna Umeh, MD, MBA, CLC, Dr. Lulu's Coaching & Consulting Lounge
- 11:45am - 12:45pm** **Lunch with Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **Shifting the Culture Around Suicide: REACHing Healthcare Workers Across a Large Healthcare System**
Presented by Perry Lin, MD, FAAFP; Laurie Hommema, MD, FAAFP; Kara M. Coates, MHA and Lyenochka Djakov, MEd Credentialed Advocate OhioHealth; and Darcy Haag Granello, PhD, LPCC-S, The Ohio State University
- Suicide in Context: Supporting Empathic Suicide Prevention Care in Healthcare Settings**
Presented by Tom Delaney, PhD, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine and J. Helms, BA, MFA, Pathways Vermont
- 2pm - 3pm** **Suicide Prevention and Care For the Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and All Additional Sexual and Gender Identities and Communities**
Presented by Suzanne Robertson, MSc, and Richelle Ready, BSW, RSW, MSW-IK Candidate, Klinik Community Health
- Implementing Universal Suicide Screening in Pediatric Specialty Medical Clinics**
Presented by Kristin Kroll, PhD, Little Dove Consulting and Maggie Ertz, MHA, Children's Wisconsin
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **Zero Suicide: A Public Health Approach**
Presented by Rebecca Cruz-Nanez, LMSW, CA, CPS, Senior Health Educator, Southern Nevada Health District

Community Track

9:15am - 10:15am

Faiths Moving From Stigma to Strength: A Jewish Perspective

Presented by Nathan Lichtman, MSW and Elan Javanfard, MA, LMFT, Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center and Elle S. Mendelson, BS, The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles,

Connecticut's Youth Crisis Continuum: Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention

Presented by Kayla Theriault, MPH and Kellie G. Randall, PhD, Child Health and Development Institute and Stephanie Bozak, PsyD, Connecticut Department of Children and Families

10:15am - 10:45am

Break with Exhibitors

10:45am - 11:45am

Intersectionality and Suicide Prevention: A Focus on Black Trans Youth

Presented by Uchenna Umeh, MD, MBA, CLC, Dr. Lulu's Coaching & Consulting Lounge

We're Ready to Level Up! Assessing and Improving Community Readiness for Suicide Prevention

Presented by Julie Ebin, EdM, Education Development Center; Margo Leitschuh, BHS, Missouri Partners in Prevention and Kirsten Sierra, LCSW, Mercy

11:45am - 12:45pm

Lunch with Exhibitors

12:45pm - 1:45pm

S-Town and Social Media: Suicide Prevention in the Age of Podcast Fame

Presented by Cheryl Dodson, Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resources Coalition and Katie Beaugez, MEd, LPC, Alabama Head Injury Foundation

Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth: An Introduction to Resources for Professionals, Families, and Community Members

Presented by Katherine Gallant, MSW, and Hildie Cohen, MEd, MA, NORC, University of Chicago; Alex Karydi, PhD, LMFT, CAC, CSAC, Education Resource Center, Suicide Prevention Resource Center

2pm - 3pm

Reducing Firearm Suicides: Partnerships with the Gun Community

Presented by Galli Murray, LCSW, Clackamas County Health, Housing & Human Services and Donna-Marie Drucker, Oregon Firearm Safety Coalition

Which Mobile Crisis Team Is Right For Your Community

Presented by Sarah Blanka, MC LAC, Optum Behavioral Health

3pm - 3:30pm

Break with Exhibitors

Crisis Center Track

- 9:15am - 10:15am** **Promoting 988 Across a State One Mile At a Time - The 437 Project**
Presented by Janet Kittams, MA, LPC, Helpline Center and Paul TenHaken, BA, MS, City of Sioux Falls
- Developing a 988 Data Dashboard with State, University, and Call Center Partners**
Presented by Erin Skalitzky, MPH and Caleb M. Hogeterp, BA, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute; Brianne Zaborowske, LCSW, Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Michelle Missall, Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin
- 10:15am - 10:45am** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **Active Engagement Excellence in 988 Chat & Text Conversations**
Presented by McKenzie Curtis, MSSW; Chris Thompson, MSW and Emily Piette, LCSW, Vibrant Emotional Health and Jamie Grady, BA, Volunteers of American Western Washington
- Suicide Prevention in Rural Farming Communities**
Presented by Rachael Holloman, LPC, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and Jennifer Dunn, MS, LMFT, University of Georgia
- 11:45am - 12:45pm** **Lunch with Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **Addressing the Complex Needs of Customers who Contact the Veterans Crisis Line at High Frequency, are Verbally Abusive, Sexually Inappropriate, or Threaten Violence**
Presented by Matthew Podlogar, PhD, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- A Unique Way of Splitting the State of Wyoming In Order To Provide 24/7 988 Coverage**
Presented by Ralph Nieder-Westermann, Wyoming Lifeline
- 2pm - 3pm** **Enhancing Safer Suicide Care: The Evolution and Impact of the Colorado Follow-Up Project**
Presented by Jazmin Murguia, BA, MA, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Overdraft Protection For Your Rapport Bank! How to Approach Rapport in Text-Based Interactions to Foster Hope and Connection**
Presented by Michelle Gatewood, LMFT, Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm** **Increasing Equity and Inclusion Through Enhanced Response Services in a Comprehensive Crisis System**
Presented by Allison Paladino, LCSW-C and Tamala Converse, MSW, LCSW-C, Affiliated Sante Group, Baltimore Crisis Response System

Military / Veteran / First Responders Track

9:15am - 10:15am

Departmental Suicide Prevention Portfolio Program Evaluation Project

Presented by Matthew Grays, Exigent Services, LLC and Ramya Sundararaman, MD, MPH; and Liz Clark, EdD, Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Office

Crisis Intervention: Public Service Collaboration in Supporting Service Members, Veterans and their Families

Presented by Gretchen Domek, LCSW; Jennifer Baker, LALD, Vibrant Emotional Health; Kel Maisenbacher, MSW, Veterans Health Administration and Stacy Hagman, LCSE, Veterans Crisis Line

10:15am - 10:45am

Break with Exhibitors

10:45am - 11:45am

Using AI-Powered Simulations to Enhance Training at Veterans Crisis Line

Presented by Samuel Dorison, LLM, MSc, ReflexAI and Sarah Heath, LMSW Veterans Crisis Line

Expanding and Strengthening Postvention across the Department of Defense Ecosystem

Presented by Alicia Matteson, PhD and Kathryn Holloway, PhD, Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO)

11:45am - 12:45pm

Lunch with Exhibitors

12:45pm - 1:45pm

Mental Wellness Begins at Home

Presented by Cyndi Doyle, LPC, BJA, IIR SAFLEO Program

Law Enforcement and Crisis System, Understanding Collaboration and Support

Presented by Wendy Philpot, MAPC, LAC, La Frontera EMPACT; Amanda J. Freeman, MBA, MAHD, City of Mesa; Daren P. Fry, Community Bridges, Inc. and Lee Rankin, MPA, Mesa Police Department

2pm - 3pm

LOSS Team (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) & Co-Response Models: Bridging the Gap to Support the Suicide Loss Survivor Community

Presented by Barbara Brunzell, Call2Talk and Eileen Davis, Mass211/Call2Talk

3pm - 3:30pm

Break with Exhibitors

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Reducing Jail Suicides: 8 Key Issues We Don't Talk About, But Should

Presented by Lisa Boesky, PhD, Jail Suicide Expert Services

Research & Innovation Track

- 9:15am - 10:15am** **The Impact of Religious Trauma on Increased Suicidal Ideations in LGBTQIA+ Youth Living in Rural Areas**
Presented by Trond Harman, LCSW, MSW, CCTP-IICPAI Keystone Rural Health Center
- How Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) Cycles Improve Suicide Care**
Presented by Laurin Jozlin, LMSW and Barbara Gay, MA, Education Development Center
- 10:15am - 10:45am** **Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:45am - 11:45am** **The Experience of Families After A Suicide Loss- Informing Clinical Approaches**
Presented by Lauren Titsworth, LMFT-S, LCDC, Branches Family Therapy, PLLC
- Making Virtual Suicide Prevention a Reality: Using Virtual Behavioral Health to Expand Access and Fill the Gaps in Care**
Presented by Kirsten Sierra, LCSW, Zero Suicide Coordinator and Hannah M. Hueneke-Richert, MEd, LPC, Mercy
- 11:45am - 12:45pm** **Lunch with Exhibitors**
- 12:45pm - 1:45pm** **Rapidly Implementing Evidence-Based Suicide Prevention Interventions in a Pediatric Bridge Mental Health Care Clinic**
Presented by Kristin Kroll, PhD, Little Dove Consulting; Tim Riffel, LPC, MS, Children's Wisconsin-Connections Clinic; Tammy Makhoulouf, LPC and Maggie Ertz, MHA, Children's Wisconsin
- Creating Suicide Safer Care Environments: How to Plan And Measure Success Using the Updated 2023 Oregon Zero Suicide Implementation Assessment Tool**
Presented by Aliza Tuttle, Masters Urban Studies; Karen Cellarius, MPA, Portland State University Human Services Implementation Lab; Meghan Crane, MPH, Oregon Health Authority; and Shelby Kuhn, MSW, LCSW, SAC, Zero Suicide Institute
- 2pm - 3pm** **State Perspectives on Zero Suicide: Lessons Learned from Four Unique Journeys**
Presented by Quinn Lewandowski, MS, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center; Meghan Crane, MPH, Oregon Health Authority; Betsy Hammar, MS, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare and Charity Lee, MSW, Alaska Division of Behavioral Health
- Perceived Life Expectancy and Life Purpose: Relations with Suicide Attempts Among Queer Youth**
Presented by Steven Hobaica, PhD; Derrick D. Matthews, PhD, MPH; Jonah DeChants, PhD, MSSP and Ronita Nath, PhD, The Trevor Project
- 3pm - 3:30pm** **Break with Exhibitors**

Youth / School / University Track

9:15am - 10:15am

Developing and Implementing a Comprehensive School-Based Suicide Prevention Program

Presented by Darcy Haag Granello, PhD, LPCC-S, and Paul F. Granello, PhD, LPCC-S, The Ohio State University

The Youth Power Project

Presented by Ayaan Moledina, Ria Babaria, and Saanvi Arora, The Youth Power Project

10:15am - 10:45am

Break with Exhibitors

10:45am - 11:45am

A Comprehensive Approach to Youth Suicide in a Mountain West State

Presented by Kim Kane, MPA, Idaho State and Judy Gabert, MA, MEd, BA, Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Program

Practical Strategies to Develop and Maintain Partnership-Focused Campus Suicide Prevention Programs

Presented by Darcy Haag Granello, PhD, LPCC-S and Laura Lewis, MA, LPCC-S, The Ohio State University

11:45am - 12:45pm

Lunch With Exhibitors

12:45pm - 1:45pm

Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Strategies for Colleges and Universities

Presented by Cory Wallack, PhD, Syracuse University; Micky M. Sharma, PsyD, The Ohio State University, Counseling & Consultation Service and Marcus Hotaling, PhD, Union College

School-based Suicide Risk Assessment As A Process: Understanding Drivers to Suicide in Adolescents

Presented by Marina Niznik, PhD Inlight Psychological Services PC and Scott Poland, EdD, Nova Southeastern University

2pm - 3pm

Moving Upstream: Youth Crisis Prevention and Support

Presented by Morgan Leets, MEd. AAS, CIS, Lines for Life/YouthLine; Mel Butterfield, Masters in Counseling; Lines for Life/Youthline

Effective School-Based Suicide Prevention Programs for Youth: Getting onto Campus

Presented by Meghan Boaz Alvarez, MS, LMFT, Transitions Mental Health Association; Lines for Life/YouthLine; and Roberto Cueva, BA Psy, T-MHA, Transitions Mental Health Association

3pm - 3:30pm

Break with Exhibitors

3:30pm - 4:30pm

**Afternoon Keynote from the National Council on Problem Gambling
A Problem Gambling Journey: Through Science to Insanity and Back Again**

Presented by William "Ted" Hartwell, Executive Director, Nevada Council on Problem Gambling

4:45pm - 6pm

Afternoon Keynote

Staying Connected: Communicating With Passion and Heart

Presented by Kevin Briggs, Sergeant, California Highway Patrol (Ret.), and Kevin Berthia, Kevin Berthia Foundation

Evening Event For All Attendees

80's Party Featuring the Spazmatics

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Healing After Loss Summit and Conference Day 4

7am - 1pm

AAS Check-in, AAS Information Booth and AAS24 Bookstore Will Be Open

7am - 7:30am

Lite Refreshments Before Walk

7:45am - 9:00am

Walk Together for Healing & Hope

Enjoy a short 1 mile walk through the sights and sounds of Las Vegas during the morning lull spending time conversing and meeting those touched by suicide as we walk together to Make An Impact

9:30am - 10:15am

Opening Keynote: Turning Pain Into Purpose

Presented by Chris & Martha Thomas, The Defensive Line

10:30am - 11:30am

Breakouts (1):

Newer Loss Survivors

Talking To Others and Taking Care of Yourself: Practical Tips For Grieving A Suicide Death

Presented by Trisha Calabrese, MPH, SVP, Programs, Joan Hoff, MA and Dawn Smoot, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention

Further Along Loss Survivors

Messages of Hope: Voices of Suicide Loss Survivors Further Along the Path of Healing

Panel discussion - Nina Albelo, BSW, Breaking the Barriers Through Tony's Tribe; Jaque Christmas, MPA, BSW, Board Member, AFSP & AAS and Jeffrey Jackson

11:30am - 12:30pm

Lunch

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Breakouts (2):

Newer Loss Survivors

Now What? Finding Hope After A Suicide Death

Presented by Trisha Calabrese, MPH, SVP, Programs and Dawn Smoot, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention

Further Along Loss Survivors

Coping Strategies For Grief & Loss: How to Lessen Your Suffering After a Loss by Suicide

Presented by AnneMoss Rogers, Mental Health Awareness Education

1:45pm - 2:15

Remembrance Ceremony

2:15pm - 3:15pm

Closing Keynote: The Survivor Soul & Soul Care

Presented by Sarah Gaer, MA

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