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Kimberly Williams Named Suicide Prevention Program Manager for Mental Health America of Texas

Mental Health America of Texas and the Texas Suicide Prevention Council welcome Kimberly D. Williams as Suicide Prevention Program Manager for Mental Health America of Texas.



Her responsibilities include program oversight for the Zero Suicide Texas Program, a statewide collaborative suicide prevention initiative. Program partners include Mental Health America of Texas, the Texas Department of State Health Services, SAMHSA, the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health at the University of Texas at Austin, and Denton County MHMR.

Ms. Williams brings commitment and passion to suicide prevention and positively impacting the lives of all she encounters. "Success can be measured not only in achievements, but in lessons learned, lives touched, and moments shared along the way," said Williams.

Ms. Williams joins Mental Health America of Texas by way of the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department, Community Services Division, where she served as a Program Manager. She also has expertise as a family partnership specialist, case manager, patient services representative, counselor and recruiter.

Ms. Williams brings public, private, and nonprofit sector skills to the position. Her professional appointments include serving as Site Director/Family Partnership Specialist for the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga. In this leadership role, she managed professional educators, support staff, and volunteers. She has also been a Recruiter-Personnel Administrator for U.S. XPress Enterprises and led efforts that ensured compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements, EEO goals, and objectives.

In each of her positions, she has managed program budgets and was responsible for compliance monitoring, reporting, tracking, and evaluation.

While in graduate school, Ms. Williams was selected as a Department of Housing and Urban Development Graduate Fellow.

She holds a number of distinctive memberships, including the

American Society for Public Administrators (ASPA), Psi Chi National Honor Society, and the United Way Board Diversity Program.

Ms. Williams has a BA in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and an MPA with specialization in Non-Profit Management from the University of Tennessee. She has also completed 63 hours of doctoral studies in Public Policy and Administration through Walden University, MN.

Ms. Williams replaces Mary Ellen Nudd, who is currently providing consultation services for Mental Health America of Texas.

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Information on Suicide Prevention in Texas

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