

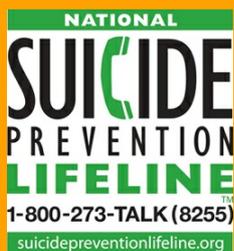


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New Texas Postvention for Schools Flyer Available Online

“Postvention in Schools,” a summary document on what to do after a suicide, is now available online. Produced by Mental Health America of Texas, the handout includes • information about what to do after a suicide to help prevent more tragic deaths • school response protocol • collaboration and communication with an emphasis on prevention • memorial activities following a death by suicide • resources.

<http://www.texasuicideprevention.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/TexasSuicidePrevention-PostventionFlyer-20150126.pdf>

SAMHSA is accepting applications for up to \$6.2 million for the 2015 Campus Suicide Prevention grants.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is accepting applications for fiscal year 2015 Campus Suicide Prevention grants. The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive public health approach to prevent suicide in institutions of higher education. Due: April 20, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time). More information:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-008>

2013 Fatality Data Now Available in WISQARS

The Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System ([WISQARS](#)) is an interactive, online database that provides fatal and nonfatal injury data from a variety of sources. Use WISQARS data to learn more about the public health and economic burden of injury in the United States.

For more information, contact darpi@cdc.gov.

First WHO Report on Suicide Prevention

More than 800 000 people die by suicide every year – around one person every 40 seconds, according to WHO's first global report on suicide prevention, published today. Some 75% of suicides occur in low- and middle-income

countries. <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2014/suicide-prevention-report/en/>

Registration Open for 48th Annual Conference of the American

concerned about someone else, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). If someone is in immediate crisis, call 911.

Association of Suicidology

"Get Connected" is the theme of this year's conference, a forum for people interested in suicide prevention, intervention, postvention, and research. The conference will be held in Atlanta, GA, April 15-18. On April 18, the 27th annual Healing After Suicide Loss conference will be held in the same location. Use the same registration materials to sign up for either event, or both.

<http://www.suicidology.org/annual-conference/48th-annual-conference>

Make the Connection – Resource for Veterans

Make the Connection is a publicly available, free website that features videos of Veterans and their loved ones speaking about their experiences with mental health and everyday life during and after service. Those who are facing challenges — both Veterans and their families — can hear from their peers that treatment works, that recovery is possible, and that they are not alone. www.MakeTheConnection.net

Webinar Series: Suicide Prevention – An Action Plan to Save Lives

The National Council for Behavioral Health in collaboration with the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention and NIMH are sponsoring a series of webinars organized around the key questions in the Prioritized Research Agenda for Suicide Prevention: An Action Plan to Save Lives. The research agenda outlines the research areas that show the most promise in helping to reduce the rates of suicide attempts and deaths in the next five to 10 years.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2015/webinar-series-suicide-prevention-an-action-plan-to-save-lives.shtml>

New Online Courses: School Emergency Management for K-12 Schools and School Districts

Five new online courses for practitioners in the field of school emergency management are now available. These trainings are part of the *School Emergency Operation Plans In-Depth* series, which provide detailed information on specific topics in school emergency management, including developing a "Bereavement and Loss Annex."

<http://rems.ed.gov/trainings/CoursesHome.aspx>

Clinical Trials Help Advance Treatments

A clinical trial (also known as clinical studies or clinical research) is generally considered to be biomedical or health-related research in human beings that follow a pre-defined protocol to answer specific health questions. Carefully conducted clinical trials are the fastest and safest way to find treatments that work in people and ways to improve health. For more information, go to:

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml>

Suicide Risk and Risk of Death among Recent Veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Public Health has created an infographic to highlight the findings of a recent study of veterans. Compared to the U.S. population, both deployed and non-deployed veterans had a higher risk of suicide, but a lower risk of death from other causes combined. Deployed veterans also had a lower risk of suicide compared to non-deployed veterans.

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/epidemiology/studies/suicide-risk-death-risk-recent-veterans.asp>

Find Information on Mental Health Topics

Find information on Mental Health topics from the National Institute for Mental Health [home page](#).

Disparities in Healthcare Quality Indicators among Adults with Mental Illness

This brief presents the results of a systematic review of healthcare disparities among adults with a mental health diagnosis. The review focused on differences in preventive care services and screening, differences in management of chronic conditions among those with mental health diagnoses compared to those without, and whether any observed disparities varied based on race/ethnicity, VA user status, geographic location, sex, or sexual orientation.

http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/publications/management_briefs/default.cfm?ManagementBriefsMenu=eBrief-no89

Nationwide Recruitment: NIH Bipolar Depression Research Studies Enrolling Participants

Call about eligibility to participate in depression research studies.

NIH researchers seek people between the ages of 18 and 70 with bipolar disorder, who are currently in a depressive phase, for participation in several studies that are evaluating how experimental medications may reduce symptoms rapidly. NIMH enrolls eligible participants locally and from around the country. Travel and costs are covered by NIMH. After completing the study, participants receive short-term follow-up care.

Call: 1-877-MIND-NIH (1-877-646-3644) TTY: 1-866-411-1010 E-mail: moodresearch@mail.nih.gov <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/adults/adults-depression.shtml>

Tweets You Can Use:

SPRC Spotlight on Crisis Services for [#SuicidePrevention](#) - a new collection of resources & analysis from [@SPRCtweets](#) <http://bit.ly/1ASyFTI>

Hotlines & beyond - reflections

from [@JohnDraper13](#) of [@800273TALK](#) in [@SPRCtweets](#)' new Spotlight on Crisis Services. <http://bit.ly/1ASyFTI>

Facebook Posts You Can Use:

The new SPRC Spotlight on Crisis Services for Suicide Prevention introduces the elements of crisis services, offering a continuum model to show how diverse programs and interventions can complement and strengthen each other. <http://bit.ly/1ASyFTI>

Videos: Suicide Prevention, Innovation, and Action

SPARK Talks are Short, Provocative, Action-oriented, Realistic, and Knowledgeable videos of leaders in the suicide prevention movement. Each of these innovators describes a new development or direction in the field that can have an impact on suicide, and issues a call to action.

<http://sparktalks.sprc.org>

Find Clinical Trials by State:

<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results/map/click?term=Behaviors+and+Mental+Disorders%5BCONDITION-BROWSE->

Is Your Major Depression Hard to Treat?

This inpatient study is enrolling eligible participants to assess the effectiveness of the oral medication diazoxide versus placebo to rapidly improve hard-to-treat depressive symptoms. For more information, call: 1-877-MIND-NIH (1-877-646-3644), TTY: 1-866-411-1010, or e-mail: moodresearch@mail.nih.gov

The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to increase the public's access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with national and state organizations. For more information about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/index.shtml>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.shtml>.

Information on Suicide Prevention in Texas

www.TexasSuicidePrevention.org

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