



2014 Webinar Series
Improving the Mental and Emotional Well-Being of Communities
through the National Prevention Strategy
Presented by Region VIII Federal Partners

Suicide Prevention and Response: Successful Community Strategies
Thursday, November 20, 2014, 2:00 – 3:30 pm, MT (4:00-5:30 ET)

2:00-2:05 Welcome and Adobe Connect Logistics

Speaker: Cherri Pruitt, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA, Region, VIII Maternal and Child Health Consultant

2:05-2:20 What IS the National Prevention Council's Mental and Emotional Well-Being Strategy and Telling the Story: Regional Suicide Data

Speaker: Charles H. Smith, MA, PhD, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Regional Administrator-Region VIII, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

2:20-2:40 Safe2Tell® Youth Violence Prevention Initiative – The Safe2Tell® violence prevention model was established in Colorado as a response to the Columbine High School tragedy as a way to provide every Colorado student, parent, teacher and community member a safe and anonymous way to report concerns about safety. Safe2Tell provides tangible solutions founded on the idea that prevention and early intervention are the keys to stopping school violence and saving lives.

Speaker: Susan Payne, Founding Executive Director of Safe2Tell®

2:40-3:00 Chaplains as Key Suicide Prevention Partners - The community chaplaincy program allows lay community individuals to be an active part of suicide prevention. This segment will discuss ways that community chaplains can be used in preventing suicide and postvention, increase social support for those thinking about suicide and provide additional resources in community programs.

Speaker: Micki Savelkoul, Suicide Prevention Program Director, North Dakota Department of Health

3:00-3:20 Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention: Firearm Safety – Reducing access to lethal means is a critical component of a comprehensive suicide prevention plan. It can also be a real challenge in communities that strongly value gun ownership and gun rights. Learn how Utah is working to address both of these realities.

Speaker: Kimberly Myers, Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

3:20-3:30 Questions & Answers and Additional Resources

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Speaker's Bios

Speaker: Charles Smith is the Regional Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Region VIII. Dr. Smith is the former Director of the Colorado Division of Behavioral Health and Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for the State of Colorado. Dr. Smith is a Licensed Psychologist with over 25 years of experience in fields of behavioral health administration, program development, forensic/correctional psychology, emergency/crisis intervention, recovery support systems, research, and consultation.

Speaker: Kimberly Myers, MSW is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Prior to this position she worked with NAMI Utah to help local communities plan and implement suicide prevention and mental health promotion strategies. She has also worked in health policy, youth mentoring programs, with youth and families involved with juvenile court, and with youth experiencing mental health and substance use disorders. Kim received her Masters of Social Work from Portland State University and her Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice from Weber State University.

Speaker: Micki Savelkoul is currently the Suicide Prevention Program Director for the North Dakota Department of Health. The suicide prevention program focuses on prevention and early intervention. The program focuses on developing suicide prevention programs on a statewide basis across the lifespan for all races. Micki works with many community partners with the belief that everyone can do something to help prevent suicide. In addition to being the Suicide Prevention Program Director Micki is a Survivor of Suicide.

Speaker: Susan Payne is the Founding Executive Director of Safe2Tell®, a violence prevention initiative developed as a response to the Columbine tragedy in Colorado. Susan served in this role as a Special Agent with the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security from 2006 until 2010; she currently serves as the Director of Safe Schools with the Colorado Attorney General's Office. Susan is a 24-year law enforcement veteran; serving a 17-year career with the Colorado Springs Police Department. Susan has been invited by the White House and FBI on numerous occasions to serve as an expert on youth violence prevention on the national level. Susan was a finalist for the Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance 2014 ATHENA Leadership Award. In November 2014, Susan will be awarded the 2014 Colorado Springs Business Journal Women of Influence Award.