# Suicide Prevention Newsletter

Suicide Prevention Corporation Southwest WI

September 2023

#### Events

www.Suicide-SWWI.org Events Calander on home page.

Shine the Light Lancaster Luminary Event September 9 @6pm-8pm Presentation at 7:00pm Lancaster Square. Free Luminaries Contact: briechers@grantregional.com

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Candle (Light) in your front window / Porch September 10 @ 8p-10p An event in memory of suicide victims/ family/friends

## Trainings

Suicide Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training

Sept. 8 & 9th (both) \$175

Springhill Suites Green Bay

IF you live in 1 of the 7 counties and meet the requirements (<u>https://afsp.org/facilitating-a-</u> <u>suicide-bereavement-support-</u> <u>group/</u>)

contact SPCICWI@gmail.com

Offered by Am. Foundation of Suicide Prevention

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#### **QPR** Training

FREE QPR Iowa County Sheriff Dept. October 10 9a, 1pm, 4pm, 7pm Contact: SPCICWI@gmail.com

## "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month"

## Thank You:

- Everyone that donated funds in memory of their loved ones.
- LaFayette County for starting a Survivors of Suicide Grief support Group!
- Royal Bank, Richland Center Hospital, Community 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Richland Center, Iowa County Department of Health/ Human Services and other businesses that ordered T-shirt to wear on Fridays to support Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.
- **DeSoto School** for scheduling mental health awareness throughout the year for Staff & Students.
- All Schools & Businesses that posted their large colored posters from May "Mental Health Month" to be on display for September.

## Get Something Going in Your Community:

Start Planning now for your business, community, or school.

- Business window display with mental health facts/resources
- QPR Trainings; EMT, Police, City employees, church groups, or set as freshmen orientation for schools.
- Community bonding event; nature hike, yoga, self-care event
- Library Program; Book display, journaling, random act of kindness, or mindfulness event.
- Organize something at work & get door prizes to give-a-way
- Order Suicide Prevention T-shirts to wear Fridays in September.
- Set up to take place monthly gatherings of relaxation/ deep breathing, laughter, new hobbies, or Support Group.

Find ideas: www.Suicide-SWWI.org "Prevention."

## **September 10 is Grandparents Day:** Reach out to an elderly person in the Community.

- Loneliness, pain/illness, loss of purpose in life can all contribute to depression in the elderly community.
- For ages 55–64, the suicide rate increased (137%) between 2000-20017
- Males, suicide rates increased for those 75 and older. (2000-2017)
- 70% people over age 75 yrs. use firearm

## Grief Support Groups in Southwestern Wisconsin

#### www.Suicide-IowaCountyWI.org

## LaFayette

Survivors of Suicide Grief Support Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Monthly 6-8pm

Starting Monday, Sept. 11, Darlington Area Community Health Center on Main St.

#### Vernon Co.

### Crawford Co.

#### Survivors of Suicide Grief Support Group

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6:30pm- 8pm

River District Hotel 130 S. Main St., Prairie du Chien sonya.anderson@crossingrivers.org

#### **Grief Support Group**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 5:00pm Crossing River Health-Polodna Conference Room Haley Kregel: 608-357-2449

## Richland Co.

Richland Community Coffee Club 1<sup>™</sup> Thurs monthly 8-10AM @ Woodman Senior Center. 608-647-1853

## Iowa Co.

Sharing Grief of Suicide Loss- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

7:00pm – 9:00pm at Iowa County Health and Human Services Building. 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533.

**Compassionate Friends** -(608) 604-1723 <u>julie.henneman9@gmail.com</u> 3rd Tuesday of Each Month 7:00pm. @ Grace Lutheran Church, 1105 Bequette St. Dodgeville, WI 53533

#### Veterans Mental Health

Iowa County Veteran Services Office location at 303 Chapel st., Suite 1300, Dodgeville, WI 53533 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month 9:00am-3:30pm. Sponsored by: **Madison Vet Center at 608-264-5342** Jonathan Howell

### Sauk Co.

**Grief Support Group:** 1670 S. Boulevard Baraboo, 800-553-4289. (also Richland County)

## Grant Co.

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES:**

Alternatives to Suicide Support Group – After an Attempt Group.

 Wisconsin Based: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm. Contact psw@Mhawisconsin.org (414) 336-7970

Survivors of Suicide Loss –18yrs+ that have lost someone to suicide.

• Healingconversations@afsp.org

**Sharing Grief of Suicide Loss- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month.** Confidential SOS Group at Journey Mental Health Center, Madison, WI <u>608-280-2435</u> E-Mail: <u>sos@journeymhc.org</u>

**Women Depression/Anxiety Support Group:**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 6:30p-8:00p Support email before 4:30pm: <u>contact@namidanecounty.org</u>