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A MESSAGE FROM THE AAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire team at the American Association of Suicidology (AAS), it is my privilege to welcome you to the 58th Annual AAS Conference.

Today, more than ever, it is crucial that we amplify the voices of those at risk — individuals who feel silenced, neglected, and in need of the support and resources that are vital for their well-being. In a world where the urgency for suicide prevention, accurate data, and meaningful research is escalating, our collective efforts are essential to ensure that no one confronts these challenges alone.

As we come together, we stand united — professionals, individuals with lived experiences, loss survivors, advocates, and all those passionate about making a difference. Together, we can advance the frontiers of research, education, and advocacy, striving toward a future where mental health is prioritized and suicide prevention is an integral part of our societal framework.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our

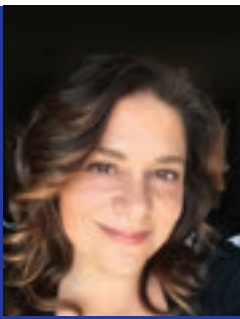
heartfelt appreciation to **Jody Gottlieb**, our Interim Executive Director. Jody has stepped into this pivotal role during a critical time, providing guidance and stability as AAS navigates a period of transition. Thanks to her leadership, we have not only stabilized our operations but also established a foundation for new opportunities, enhancing our efforts in suicide prevention and mental health advocacy. She has focused on reengaging with our community, working diligently to regain trust and rebuild the valuable relationships that we cherish.

Your engagement in this conference showcases your dedication to this vital cause, and we sincerely appreciate the contributions you bring. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, your enthusiasm, and your shared vision of a world that promotes hope and healing for everyone.

As we move forward, let's embrace courage, compassion, and determination. Together, we are more powerful, and together, we can create a lasting impact.

Hudson Harris, JD, MBA, MA
AAS Board of Directors, Chair





A MESSAGE FROM THE AAS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is a true honor to welcome you to Columbus for the 58th Annual AAS Conference.

First, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Board of Directors for entrusting me with the responsibility of guiding AAS through this critical time. Over the past few months, we have navigated both tailwinds and headwinds, and despite the challenges, we've made tremendous strides. I am fully committed to demonstrating, through action, that AAS has the right team in place to move us forward. While challenges remain, we are stronger for them, and I am proud of the progress we've made together.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge our small but mighty team — **Katherine Delgado, Sam Nadler, Robert Coffey, and Laura Alexander.** Their dedication has been instrumental to our success, and I am deeply grateful for their hard work and continued collaboration and support.

A sincere thank you as well to our Board of Directors, Advisory Council, members, partners, sponsors, and exhibitors. Your support is vital to our mission, and

together, we are making a tangible impact in suicide prevention and mental health advocacy.

A special thank you goes to our trainers. Your expertise, passion, and commitment make our programs and sessions an integral part of this conference, and we are fortunate to have you as part of our community.

And of course, to you, our community, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your tireless dedication. From clinicians to community organizations, service providers, individuals with lived experience, and loss survivors, your dedication to this important work every day drives real, meaningful impact. We are all in this together, and your unwavering support is the heart of our mission.

As we gather, it's important to recognize that the need for suicide prevention has never been more urgent. Suicide affects us all, crossing political boundaries and societal lines. We must approach this work with a unified, nonpartisan commitment to support those impacted by suicide. It will take all of us to ensure people have the

support and resources they need.

This conference would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our submission reviewers, the AAS Staff Team, our presenters, and our sponsors and exhibitors. Your dedication has brought us here, and we are truly grateful for your contributions.

To those of you who have shared your experiences with me — thank you. For those I haven't yet met, I look forward to connecting with you throughout the conference. Please don't hesitate to approach me; I am eager to hear your insights and continue strengthening our shared vision.

Together, we will continue our mission, and I am confident that the best is yet to come. Please be sure to download the Conference app and visit our exhibitors. Your feedback is invaluable to improving this event, and we welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you for being here, and look forward to an inspiring and impactful time in Columbus.

Jody Gottlieb, BA
AAS Interim Executive Director

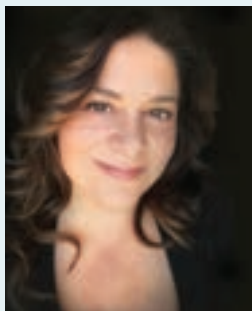
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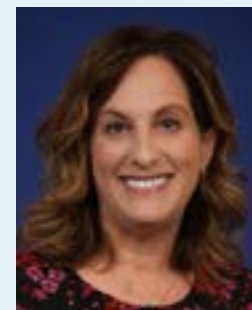
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*** HASLS: Healing After Suicide Loss Summit**

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SUICIDOLOGY

The American Association of Suicidology (AAS) is the nation's largest and oldest suicide prevention membership organization and charitable 501(c)3. Founded in 1968 by Edwin S. Shneidman, PhD, AAS promotes the research of suicide and its prevention, public awareness programs, public education and training for professionals and volunteers.

AAS MISSION STATEMENT

To empower all toward resilient lives,
inspiring hope and preventing suicide
through the advancement of suicidology.

AAS VISION STATEMENT

We are an inclusive community that
envision a world where people
know how to prevent suicide and
find hope and healing.



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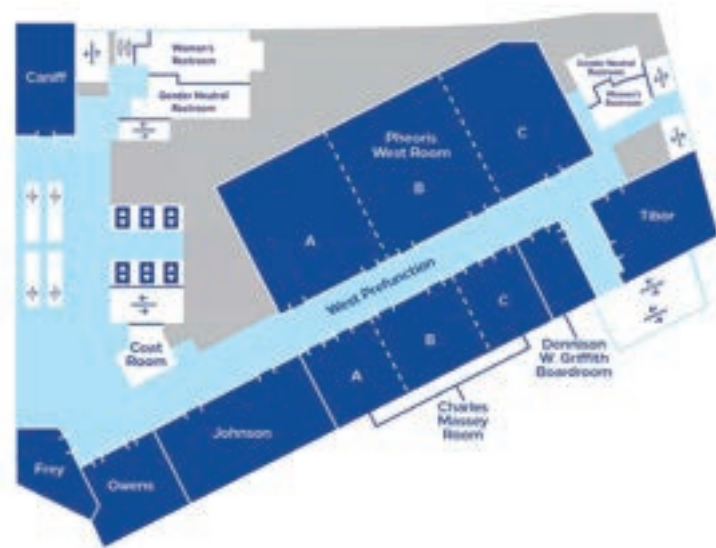
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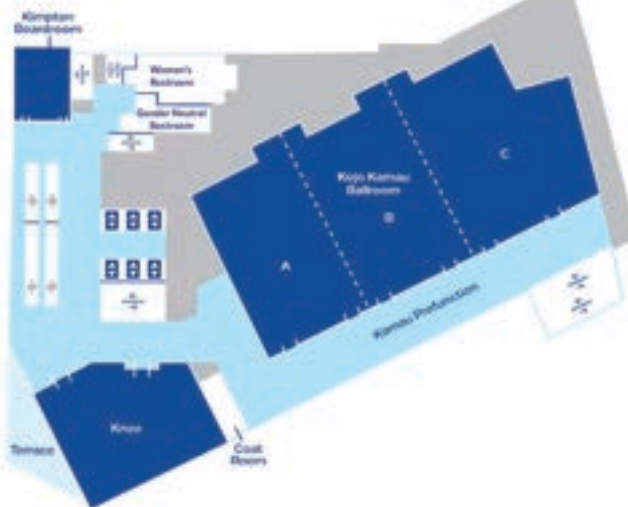
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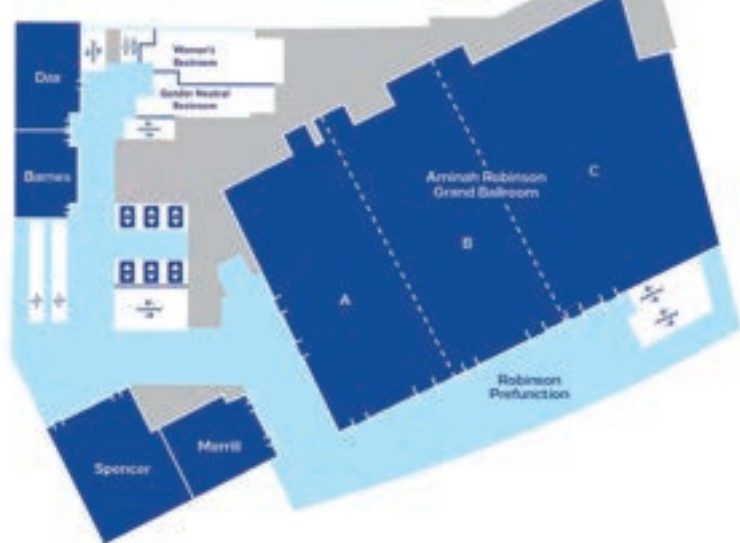
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FOURTH FLOOR

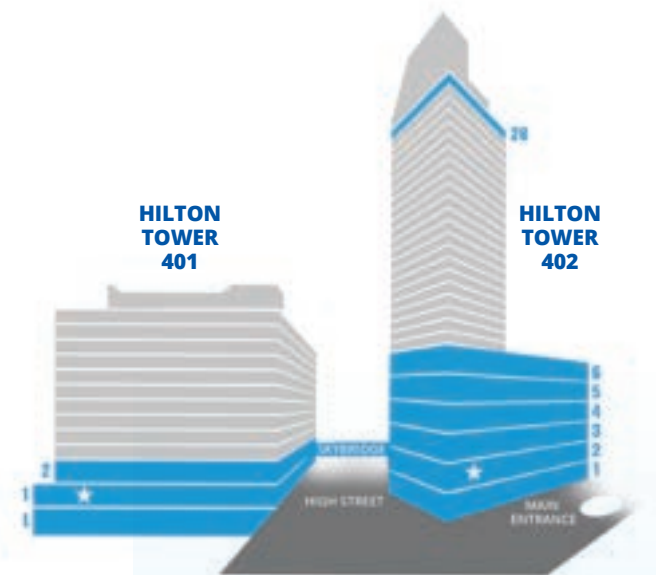
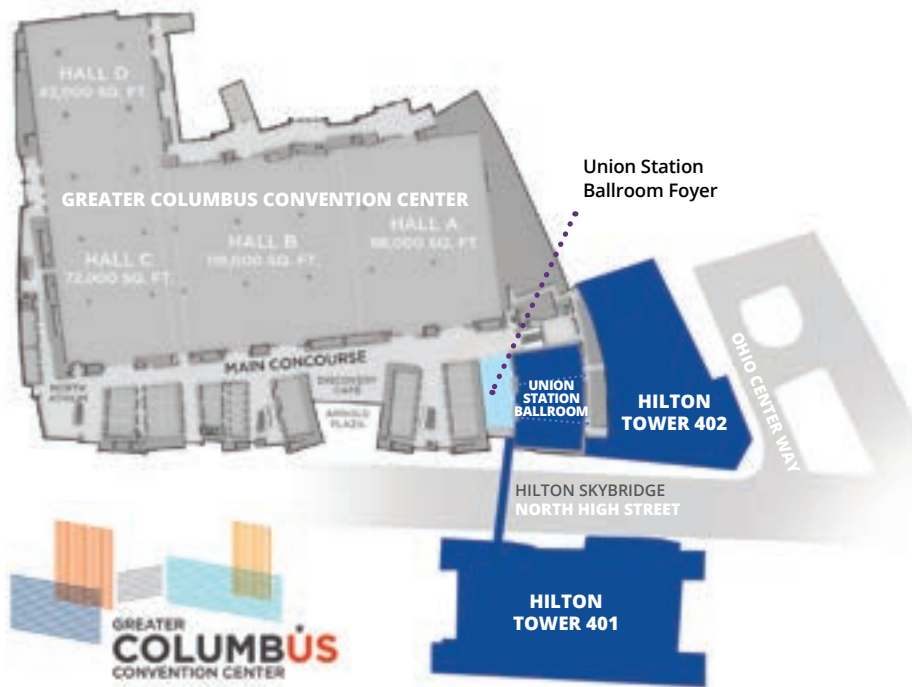


FIFTH FLOOR



CONVENTION CENTER

LEVEL 1



HILTON TOWER 401

2ND FLOOR

- Fitness Center
- Indoor Pool/Whirlpool
- Meeting Room

1ST FLOOR/LOBBY

★ Guest Reception

- Business Center
- Provisions on High (*convenience store*)
- Boardrooms/Meeting Rooms

LOWER LEVEL

- Fitness Center
- Boardrooms/Meeting Rooms

HILTON TOWER 402

28TH FLOOR

- Stories on High Rooftop Bar

6TH FLOOR

- Fitness Center

5TH FLOOR

- Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom
- Diane Powell Dax Room
- Dorothy Gill Barnes Room
- Ema Spencer Room
- Mary Frances Merrill Room

4TH FLOOR

- Kojo Kamau Junior Ballroom
- Amy Kimpton Boardroom
- Dorothy Gill Barnes Room
- Gina Knee Room

3RD FLOOR

- Pheoris West Room
- Alfred Tibor Room
- Charles Massey Room
- Charlie Owens Room
- Dennis W. Griffith Boardroom
- Erwin Frey Boardroom
- Milton Caniff Room
- Roman Johnson Room

2ND FLOOR/LOBBY

★ Guest Reception

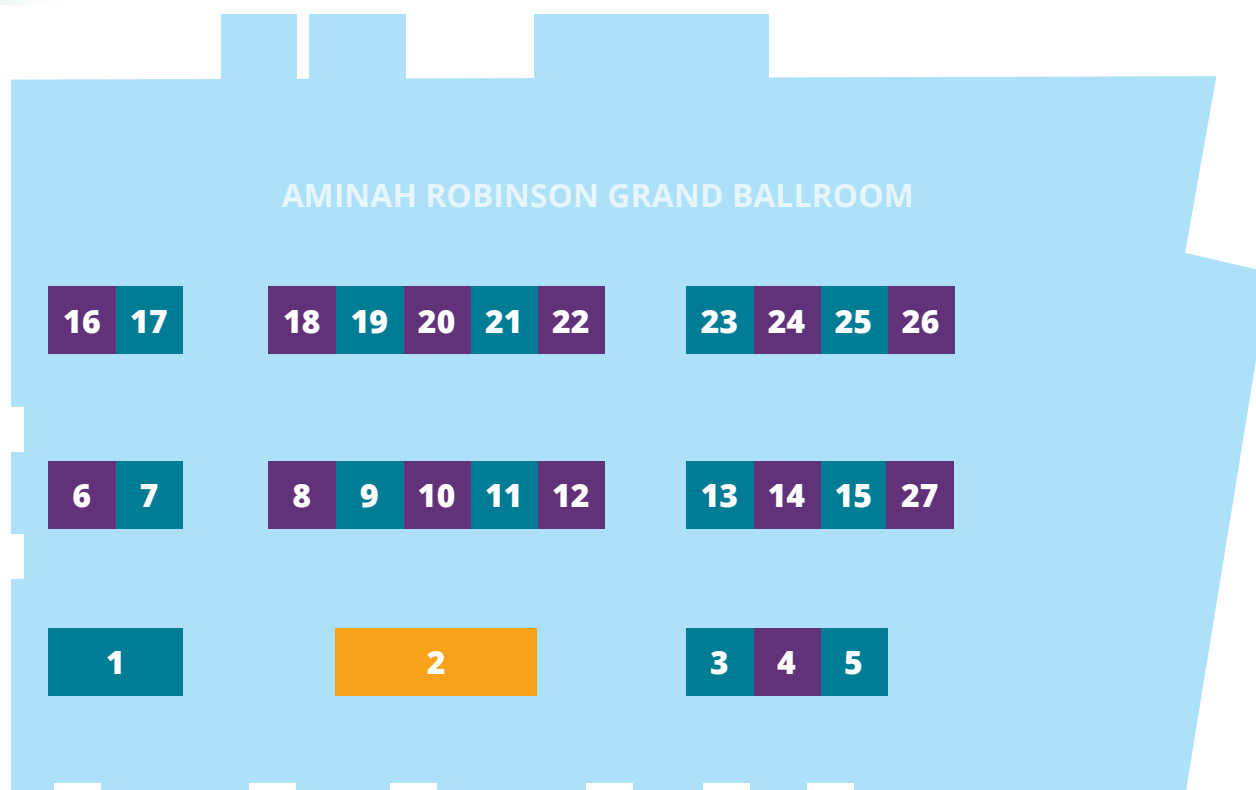
GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER

- Spark (*lobby bar*)
- The Market (*convenience store*)

1ST FLOOR

- High Street Entrance
- FYR (*signature restaurant*)

EXHIBIT HALL FLOOR PLAN



The **Exhibit Hall** will be located at the **Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom** on the fifth floor of Hilton Tower 402. The Hall hours will be Tuesday, April 1, 8 AM - 5 PM; Wednesday, April 2, 8 AM - 5 PM; and Thursday, April 3, 8 AM - 4:30 PM **Please join us on Monday from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM for the Opening Reception with Exhibitors.**

EXHIBITORS' DISPLAY LOCATIONS

American Association of Suicidology (AAS).....	26	The Ohio State University, STRIVE.....	22
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention–Ohio...	20	PSA Worldwide	14
Erika's Lighthouse	5	QPR Institute.....	11
Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund	21	Rainbow Health.....	16
Glenwood Behavioral Health.....	25	ReflexAI (Presenting Sponsor)	2
iCarol	13	Samaritans.....	8
International Council for Helplines.....	27	Solari Crisis & Human Services	18
LivingWorks Education Inc.....	1	Soul Shop	24
LYSSN.....	12	Sources of Strength	17
MindMetrix	15	Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC).....	9
MindWise Innovations.....	6	Training Institute for Suicide Assessment (TISA).....	10
National Council for Suicide Prevention (NCSP).....	4	United States Department of Veterans Affairs	
National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG).....	3	Office of Suicide Prevention	19
National Mental Health Corps.....	7	Vibrant Emotional Health and the	
		988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	23

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

EARN CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

CEUs

Continuing education hours are provided to support your professional development. The number of credits awarded will depend on your selection of APA, NASW, or NBCC during registration, as well as verified attendance at workshops.

At AAS25, scan your badge in and out of each workshop for accurate credit allocation. Participants will gain access to the conference evaluation after the conference and can expect to receive their certificate of attendance within 30 days of the event completion. Direct all inquiries regarding AAS25 continuing education credits to training@suicidology.org.

The American Association of Suicidology (AAS) offers CE credits through the following accrediting bodies:

Counselors: The American Association of Suicidology has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 5607. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. The American Association of Suicidology is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

Psychologists: The American Association of Suicidology (AAS) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AAS maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

Social Workers: This program is Approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval # 886455354-8186) for 31.5 continuing education contact hours.

Note: Attendees must attend the full session to receive CE credits.

**Continuing education requirements vary from state to state. Many state boards grant reciprocity with national accrediting organizations and other state boards. It is the responsibility of each professional to understand the requirements for license renewal or contact the appropriate state or national licensing board and/or professional organization to become familiar with their policies for acceptable continuing education credit. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval.*



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ACCREDITATION

AAS leads the way in accrediting crisis service organizations both in the United States and internationally. Our accreditation process recognizes exemplary crisis service organizations and provides quality improvement support for those striving to refine their services.

WHY CHOOSE ACCREDITATION WITH AAS?

Validation of Service Quality

Accreditation ensures that your program's service delivery adheres to internationally recognized standards. Clients can trust that the services they receive are of the highest quality.

Competitive Edge and Credibility

Accreditation provides a competitive edge and additional credibility with funders and partners. It demonstrates a commitment to excellence and adherence to best practices.

Assurance for Staff & Volunteers

Achieving accreditation assures staff and volunteers that an organization is committed to meeting the highest standards in the field.



Interested in learning more about accreditation? Have a question about getting your organization accredited? **Scan the code!**





TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

AAS is a leader in suicide prevention training development and delivery. With courses for new crisis specialists, middle managers, and seasoned clinicians, AAS strives to provide trainings to suite the ever evolving needs of your team.

WHAT TRAININGS DOES AAS OFFER?

On-Demand

Crisis Specialist Certification and the Supervisor Training Series are virtual, on-demand courses. Learners can earn a certificate of completion, along with continuing education credits.

Live Virtual

AAS's live, virtual classes are held over Zoom and open to learners around the world. Once registered, learners have access to digital materials, including pre-training reading.

In Person

AAS works collaboratively with call centers, universities, and other organizations to schedule private, on-site delivery of our live courses for you and your team.



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REVIEW OUR CATALOG
of on-demand and
live trainings



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REQUEST** for AAS staff
to review





CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SESSION TRACKS

- CRISIS SERVICES
- RESEARCH & INNOVATION
- MILITARY, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS
- LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR
- CLINICAL / CLINICIANS
- COMMUNITY
- YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY

REMEMBER TO RELAX & UNWIND!



Here are the times for breaks, meals, and opportunities for networking. See the full schedule for locations.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

- Morning Coffee/Tea 7 am – 8 am
- Coffee/Tea Break 9:45 am – 10:15 am
- Lunch on Your Own 12 pm – 1 pm
- Coffee/Tea Break 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST

- Morning Coffee/Tea 7 am – 8 am
- Coffee/Tea Break 9:45 am – 10:15 am
- Lunch on Your Own 12 pm – 1 pm
- Coffee/Tea Break 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm
- Opening Reception
with Exhibitors 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST

- Morning Coffee/Tea 8 am – 9 am
- Coffee/Tea Break 11 am – 11:30 am
- Robert I. Yufit Awards Luncheon 12:30 pm – 2 pm
- Coffee/Tea
with Exhibitors 3:15 pm – 4 pm
- Research Poster
Session Reception 6 pm – 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

- Breakfast & Keynote 9:15 am – 10:15 am
- Lunch with Exhibitors 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
- Coffee/Tea
with Exhibitors 2:30 pm – 3 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD

- Breakfast & Coffee/Tea
with Exhibitors 8 am – 9 am
- Coffee/Tea
with Exhibitors 11 am – 11:45 am
- Lunch with Exhibitors 12:45 pm – 2 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

- Breakfast & Coffee/Tea 8 am – 9 am
- Coffee/Tea Break 10:15 am – 10:45 am
- Lunch 12 pm – 1:15 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

Welcome to Columbus!

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Registration & Information Booth

Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

Training & Certification Day

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Morning Coffee/Tea

Kojo Kamau Foyer, 4th Floor, Tower 402
& Pheoris Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Nursing Room

Dorothy Gill Barnes Room,
5th Floor, Tower 402

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration & Information Booth

Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Culturally-Infused Evidence-Based Community Helper
Trainings: Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Suicide Prevention**

Facilitated by:

Joyce Chu, PhD, Christopher Weaver, PhD,
Gabriel Corpus, PhD, *Community Connections*
Psychological Associates, Inc.; Brandon Hoeflein, PhDKojo Kamau Ballroom A,
4th Floor, Tower 402CE
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8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LivingWorks safeTALK

Facilitated by:

Alan Mednick, *Certified Trainer*, Grant Merrell
*LivingWorks Education*Kojo Kamau Ballroom B,
4th Floor, Tower 402CE
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8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST),
by Livingworks, DAY 1**

Facilitated by:

Richard Egan, Cathy Fry, BSN, RN
*State of Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention*Pheoris West B,
3rd Floor, Tower 402CE
7

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk (RRSR):
Essential Skills for Clinicians®, DAY 1**

Facilitated by:

Drew Martel, LCSW, CADC, *American Association of Suicidology*Alfred Tiber Room,
3rd Floor, Tower 402CE
12.5

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Suicide Death Investigation Course®, DAY 1

Facilitated by:

Dotti Owens, MA, *Dotti Owens & Associates*
(*Doctoral student in Public Health studies*)Pheoris West A,
3rd Floor, Tower 402CE
9.5

APA ONLY

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM

Coffee/Tea Break

Kojo Kamau Foyer, 4th Floor, Tower 402
& Pheoris Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Clinical Work With The Suicide Bereaved

Facilitated by:

Nina Gutin, PhD, *Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center*,
*Private Practice*Kojo Kamau Ballroom A,
4th Floor, Tower 402CE
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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Suicide Prevention:
Considerations for Special Populations®**

Facilitated by:

Aisha McDonald, LMHC, *United Way of Broward County*Kojo Kamau Ballroom B,
4th Floor, Tower 402CE
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2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Coffee/Tea Break

Kojo Kamau Foyer, 4th Floor, Tower 402
& Pheoris Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

Training & Certification Day

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Morning Coffee/Tea	Kojo Kamau Foyer, 4th Floor, Tower 402 & Pheoris Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Nursing Room	Dorothy Gill Barnes Room, 5th Floor, Tower 402
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration & Information Booth	Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Strengthening State and Territorial Suicide Prevention Infrastructure to Advance the 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: An Interactive Session for State and Territorial Coordinators **BY INVITATION ONLY** <i>Facilitated by:</i> Alexandra Karydi, PhD, PhD, LMFT, CAC, CSAC II, <i>The Suicide Prevention Resource Center at EDC;</i> Shawna Hite-Jones, MPH, MCHES, <i>Education Development Center;</i> Sommer Albert, MSW, <i>Education Development Center</i> THIS COURSE HAS ITS OWN BREAKS AND MEALS 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM BREAKFAST, 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM COFFEE/TEA BREAK, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH, 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM COFFEE/TEA BREAK, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM MEETING	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402 Gina Knee Room, 4th Fl., Tower 402 Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Fl., Tower 402 Gina Knee Room, 4th Fl., Tower 402 Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Fl., Tower 402 Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Fl., Tower 402
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM CE 3.5	Culturally-Infused Evidence-Based Community Helper Trainings: Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Mental Health <i>Facilitated by:</i> Joyce Chu, PhD, Christopher Weaver, PhD, Gabriel Corpus, PhD, <i>Community Connections</i> <i>Psychological Associates, Inc.;</i> Brandon Hoeflein, PhD	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM CE 3.5	Sources of Strength Staff Wellness Training: Empowering a Well Workforce <i>Facilitated by:</i> Timothy Foster, <i>Sources of Strength</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom C, 4th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	iCarol Customer Conference and User Group	Diane Powell Dax Room 5th Fl., Tower 402
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CE 7	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), by Livingworks, DAY 2 <i>Facilitated by:</i> Richard Egan, Cathy Fry, BSN, RN <i>State of Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CE 12.5	Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk (RRSR): Essential Skills for Clinicians®, DAY 2 <i>Facilitated by:</i> Drew Martel, LCSW, CADC, <i>American Association of Suicidology</i>	Alfred Tiber Room, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CE 9.5 APA ONLY	Suicide Death Investigation Course®, DAY 2 <i>Facilitated by:</i> Dotti Owens, MA, <i>Dotti Owens & Associates</i> <i>(Doctoral student in Public Health studies)</i>	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CE 7	QPR Gatekeeper Instructor Certification Course <i>Facilitated by:</i> Shayna L. Klassen, BA, <i>QPR Institute</i>	Charles Massey Room A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	Coffee/Tea Break	Kojo Kamau Foyer, 4th Floor, Tower 402 & Pheoris Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM CE 3.5	Professionalism in Suicide Postvention Peer-Support <i>Facilitated by:</i> Sarah L. Price, MA, <i>Licensed Social Service Worker</i> <i>Psychology, Death and Grief Studies Certification</i> <i>State of Utah Division of Child and Family Services</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

Training & Certification Day

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

CE
3.5**Soul Exhaustion, Soul Care & Suicide Prevention***Facilitated by:*

Sarah W. Gaer, MA, SEG Consulting LLC

Kojo Kamau Ballroom C,
4th Floor, Tower 402

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

CE
3.5**The Chronological Assessment of Suicide Events (CASE Approach): The Delicate Art of Uncovering Suicidal Ideation***Facilitated by:*

Shawn C. Shea, MD, Training Institute for Suicide Assessment & Clinical Interviewing (TISA)

Pheoris West A,
3rd Floor, Tower 402

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Coffee/Tea BreakKojo Kamau Foyer, 4th Floor, Tower 402
& Pheoris Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Opening Reception with ExhibitorsAminah Robinson Grand Ballroom,
5th Floor, Tower 402

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

AAS25 Conference

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakfast and Coffee/TeaAminah Robinson Grand Ballroom,
5th Floor, Tower 402

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BookstoreAminah Robinson Prefunction,
5th Floor, Tower 402

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Exhibit HallAminah Robinson Grand Ballroom,
5th Floor, Tower 402

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Nursing RoomDorothy Gill Barnes Room,
5th Floor, Tower 402

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Registration & Information Booth

Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

9:00 AM – 9:30 PM

Opening RemarksUnion Station Ballroom,
1st Floor, Conference Center

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Wellness RoomCharles Massey Room B & C,
3rd Floor, Tower 402

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RESEARCH & INNOVATION

OPENING PLENARY: EMERGING EVIDENCE IN LETHAL MEANS SAFETY AND COMMUNITY VIOLENCEUnion Station Ballroom,
1st Floor, Conference Center

9:30 AM – 9:50 AM

Threat Sensitivity and Firearm Storage Among Firearm Owners With and Without a History of Suicidal Ideation*Presented by:*

Michael D. Anestis, PhD, New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center at Rutgers University

9:50 AM – 10:10 AM

A National Study of the Associations Between Officer-Involved Shootings and Suicide Risk*Presented by:*

Kimberly C. Burke, PhD, New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center at Rutgers University

10:10 AM – 10:30 AM

Previous Suicidality and Treatment-Seeking Among Older Adults Who Died by Firearm Suicide*Presented by:*

Allie Bond, MA, New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center at Rutgers University, New York Presbyterian/Weill-Cornell Medical Center; David Hancock, PhD, Weill Cornell Medicine; Tony Rosen, MD, MPH, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York Presbyterian Hospital

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Q & A*Facilitated by:*

Dan Semanza, PhD, Director of Research, New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center at Rutgers University

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Coffee/Tea Break

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RESEARCH & INNOVATION

**PLENARY: PROMOTING SUICIDE PREVENTION
IN COMMUNITIES WITH ELEVATED RISKS**Kojo Kamau Ballroom B,
4th Floor, Tower 402

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Suicide Prevention in the Disability Community:
The Current State of Research and Practice and
Future Directions***Presented by:*Lauren Khazem, PhD, *The Ohio State University
Wexner Medical Center*

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

**Reimagining Safer Suicide Care in Corrections:
A Zero Suicide Approach***Presented by:*Laurin Jozlin, LMSW, EDC; Amy Molloy, MSW, MEd, EDC,
Zero Suicide Institute

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**PLENARY: Update on 988 Implementation
and Impact in the United States***Presented by:*Richard T. McKeon, PhD, MPH
*988 and Crisis Office/Substance Abuse and
Mental Health Services Administration;*
Tia Dole, PhD, *Clinical Psychology, Forensic Specialization
Fordham University, New York, New York (APA Accredited),
Vibrant Emotional Health;* Wendy Martinez Farmer, LPC MBA,
Vibrant Emotional Health; Lula Haile, LCSW, VP,
*988 Operations and Network Engagement*Union Station Ballroom,
1st Floor, Conference Center

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Robert I. Yufit Awards LuncheonUnion Station Ballroom,
1st Floor, Conference Center

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

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LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR

**After Your Child's Suicide Attempt:
An Honest Discussion with Parents and Clinicians***Presented by:*Julie Goldstein Grumet, PhD, *Education Development Center;*
Stacey Freedenthal, PhD, LCSW, *University of Denver Graduate
School of Social Work;* Deidre Arms, BC-APRN, FNP;
John P. Ackerman, PhD, *Nationwide Children's Hospital*
Susan Todoroff, *National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)*
*Washtenaw County, MI*Kojo Kamau Ballroom C,
4th Floor, Tower 402

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CRISIS SERVICES

**Enhancing and improving 988 Lifeline
Services for Youth and LGBTQ+ Communities***Presented by:*Shye Louis, MEd, *988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, Vibrant
Emotional Health,* Wendy Martinez Farmer, LPC MBA;
Johnell Lawrence, BSW; Chris W. Drapeau, PhD, MDI, HSPP,
*Vibrant Emotional Health*Kojo Kamau Ballroom B,
4th Floor, Tower 402

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YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY

**Life Sustaining Practices Fellowship: A Multi-Year,
State-Supported Black Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative***Presented by:*Jill Baker, LCS, *Oregon Health Authority;* Kenjus T. Watson, PhDPheoris West C,
3rd Floor, Tower 402

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2:15 PM – 3:15 PM CE 1	MILITARY, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS MILITARY / VETERANS / FIRST RESPONDER PAPER SESSION 1	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Evaluation of Stop Soldier Suicide's Wellness Programs <i>Presented by:</i> Abby E. Beatty, PhD; John S. Richardson, PhD; R. Keith Hotle, JD; Sonja Batten, PhD, <i>Stop Soldier Suicide</i>	
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Veteran Perspectives on the Veterans Crisis Line Lethal Means Safety Pilot <i>Presented by:</i> Jolie Bourgeois, MS; Gissa Hernandez, <i>Veterans Crisis Line</i>	
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS Teaching Boys How to Cry <i>Presented by:</i> Elan Javanfard, LMFT, <i>Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services;</i> Hudson Harris, JD, MBA, MA, <i>Deloitte Consulting</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM CE 1	COMMUNITY The Colorado-National Collaborative: Centering Equity in the Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention <i>Presented by:</i> Dymond Ruybal, MPH, <i>Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention;</i> Kaleigh Kessel, MSW; Katherine E. Harvey, MPH; Tate Steidley, PhD, <i>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment</i>	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Coffee/Tea with Exhibitors	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Book Signing Thomas Joiner PhD, author of <i>Why People Die by Suicide</i>	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR A Tale of Two Clinicians <i>Presented by:</i> Emily L E Ribnik, PhD, LPCC-S; Shannon Ortiz, LPCC-S, <i>Light After Loss</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS CLINICAL/CLINICIANS PAPER SESSION 1	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	A Comparison of In-Person and Digital Suicide Safety Planning Quality: A Randomized Control Trial of Three Safety Planning Administration Methods <i>Presented by:</i> Tyler Hendley, BS, <i>Louisiana State University</i>	
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	The ABCs of REBT: Perspectives on Suicide Conceptualization <i>Presented by:</i> Ennio Ammendola, PhD, <i>The Ohio State University</i>	

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4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	COMMUNITY Cultural Infusion Into Statewide Suicide Prevention Work <i>Presented by:</i> Jill Baker, LCS; Shanda Hochstetler, MSW; Roger Brubaker, MPH, <i>Oregon Health Authority</i>	
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Culturally-Inclusive Rural Crisis Services as Suicide Prevention: A Case Study from Gallup, New Mexico <i>Presented by:</i> Jess Spohn, DSW(c), LCSW, LADAC; Paul L. Miller, Doctorate of Clinical Psychology, PsyD; Masters in Counseling, LPCC, <i>Santa Fe Recovery Center</i>	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CE 1	CRISIS SERVICES Practical Approaches to the Infusion of Culture and Diversity into Downstream Suicide Prevention Work <i>Presented by:</i> Christopher Weaver, PhD; Joyce Chu, PhD, <i>Community Connections Psychological Associates, Inc., San Mateo, CA</i>	Alfred Tiber Room, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION RESEARCH & INNOVATION PAPER SESSION 1	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Are We Missing Suicide Attempts? Investigating the Potential Misclassification of Traumatic Injuries <i>Presented by:</i> Sara A. Kohlbeck, PhD, MPH, <i>Medical College of Wisconsin</i>	
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	The 2024 State and Territorial Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment (SNA): Identifying National Strengths and Challenges in Suicide Prevention Infrastructure <i>Presented by:</i> Alexandra Karydi, PhD, PhD, LMFT, CAC, CSAC II, <i>The Suicide Prevention Resource Center at Education Development Center (New York);</i> Alissa Bey, PhD <i>Education Development Center (Massachusetts)</i>	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CE 1	YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY SUICIDE PREVENTION APPROACHES IN SCHOOLS	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Policy to Practice: Exploring a Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Intervention in K12 Schools <i>Presented by:</i> Heather A. Nemour, MA; Mara E. Madrigal-Weiss, MA, PPS, <i>San Diego County Office of Education</i>	
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Multi-Tiered Suicide Prevention for Schools: A Framework with Evidence of Feasibility and Impact for Schools <i>Presented by:</i> Shawna Hite-Jones, MPH, MCHES – EDC, <i>Education Development Center (Ohio);</i> Sommer Albert, MSW, <i>Education Development Center (Massachusetts)</i>	

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MILITARY, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS

Understanding Suicide Risk Among Post-9/11 Women in the Military

Presented by:

Lindsey Gray, MA, CCTP; Danielle Green, MA;
Tonya Oxendine, CSM, *Wounded Warrior Project*Kojo Kamau Ballroom B,
4th Floor, Tower 402

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RESEARCH POSTER SESSION

Union Station Ballroom Foyer,
1st Floor, Conference Center**1 Acculturative Stress and Suicide-Related Cognitions Among Latine Christians: What is the Role of Religiosity?**Destiny Rojas, Brooke E. Streicher, BA;
Sean M. Mitchell, PhD; Julianne Cary, *Texas Tech University***2 Addressing Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention through Telehealth**Amy Smuro, MA, *NJ Department of Health*;
Lauren Schoch, LPC, *Hackensack Meridian Health***3 An Examination of Measurement Invariance of the Brief Suicide Cognitions Scale**Austin Starkey, *Louisiana State University***4 Asian American Suicidality and Healthcare Utilization: A Study of the Immigrant Paradox**Saumya Datta, MA; Michael Moore, PhD,
*Adelphi University***5 Latino and Asian American Suicide: Family Cohesion and Cultural Conflict Interaction Effects**Saumya Datta, MA; Michael Moore, PhD, *Adelphi University***6 Beyond City Limits: A Spatial and Policy Analysis of LGBTQ+ Suicide Prevention Resources in Rural Ohio**Joseph A. Belsan, Jr., MSHA, *University of Southern California***7 Can We Distinguish Types of Suicidal Behavior? Examining the Role of Impulsivity, Physical Aggression, and Emotion Regulation**Lillian Manna, BS, *University of Pittsburgh Medical Center*;
Ligia Antezana, PhD; Sarah Brown, PhD; Lori Scott, PhD**8 Characterizing Suicidal Ambivalence Among LGBTQ+ Adults**Sean M. Mitchell, PhD, *Texas Tech University*;
Cole Marvin, BS, *Texas Tech University*;
Dea Mitaj, MA, *Texas State University*; Megan Rogers, PhD,
*Texas State University***9 Enhancing Clinician Effectiveness in Adolescent Suicide Prevention: A Qualitative Analysis of Attitudes, Training, and Program Gaps**Ronnie Watson, MS, MA, LMHCA, *Suicide CPR Initiative/Roadways to Recovery*;
Khirey B. Walker, PhD, MS, *Elon University***10 Examining Adherence to the Zero Suicide Framework in Inpatient and Outpatient Behavioral Health**Michael F. Sandella, BS;
Tita Atte, MPH, CPH; Catherine VanFossen, PhD;
Matthew Wintersteen, PhD, *Thomas Jefferson University***11 Examining Family-Based Care for Suicidal Adolescents Psychiatrically Treated on a Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit versus a Traditional Inpatient Unit**Anastasia M. Berg, MEd., LPCC-S;
Jennifer L. Hughes, PhD, MPH; Katherine Sarkisian, PhD,
*Nationwide Children's Hospital***12 Examining Religiosity as a Buffer Against Suicidal Thoughts**Yijin Kim, *University of Mississippi***13 Examining Substance Type and Demographics in Youth Self-Poisoning Suicide Decedents in the United States from 2017 to 2021: Contextualizing Increases in Youth Sodium Nitrite Suicides**Avery Abel, BS, *Center for Suicide Prevention and Research*,
Abigail Wexner Research Institute, *Nationwide Children's Hospital***14 Exploring Uncoded Events in Suicide Attempt Classification Scales: A Comparison and Narrative Review of Two Interview Measures of Suicide Related Behavior**Romina D. Sanchez Hernandez, PGDip, *Seattle Children's Hospital*;
Richelle L. Clifton, PhD, *University of Washington*;
Molly Adrian, PhD, Jeffrey A. Bridge, PhD, *Nationwide Children's Hospital***15 Improving Clinician Competence to Screen for Suicide Risk: An Organizational Change**Kendall Dapprich, MPH; Melissa Gattine, MA, LCPC,
*MaineHealth***16 Improving Depression Identification and Treatment Using PHQ-2 and PHQ-9 Screening Tools**Marion Johnson, RN, BSN, *Department of Behavioral Health, Columbia, MD***17 Integrating Peer Specialists into Mobile Crisis Teams in a Rural State: Challenges, Successes and Lessons Learned**Julia M. Hurley, BS; Thomas V. Delaney, PhD,
*University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine***18 Intent To Use Crisis Lines and Willingness to Engage in Firearm Means Safety Among Young Adult Firearm Owners and Non-Owners**Claudia Cucchiara, BS; Ally Dudley, MA; Kayla Wagler, MS;
Tony Wells, PhD, *Oklahoma State University*

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Colin Jarratt, *Syracuse University*

20 Measurement and Comparison of Suicide Prevention Efforts in Emergency Departments and Crisis Centers Using the Zero Suicide Framework
Michael F. Sandella, BS; Catherine VanFossen, PhD; Tita Atte, MPH, CPH; Matthew Wintersteen, PhD, *Thomas Jefferson University*

21 Perceived Satisfaction and Effectiveness of Crisis Lines Based on Number and Type of Crisis Intervention Strategies Used
Ally Dudley, MA; Kayla Wagler, MS; Tony Wells, PhD; Claudia Cucchiara, BS, *Oklahoma State University*

22 Psychometric Evaluation of the Korean Version of Crisis Self-Efficacy Index
Heeseung Choi, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN; Junggeun Ahn, MSN, RN; Youngeun Park, BSN, RN, *College of Nursing, Seoul National University*

23 Quantitative Evaluation of the Veteran Crisis Line Lethal Means Safety Pilot
Yufei Li, MPH, *Boston University School of Public Health*

24 Severity of ADHD Symptoms Correlates with Suicidal Thoughts
Richard Powell, PhD, JD, LPC, CCMHC; Lauren Granata Carollo, PhD; Lisa L. M Welling, PhD *Oakland University, Rochester, MI*

25 Stigma and Literacy of Suicide in High-acuity Suicidal Patients in Two Countries with Different Cultures: A Feasibility Study
Maria Saliba, MD, *Mayo Clinic*

26 Suicide Behavior, Help-Seeking, and College Student Retention
Richard Shadick, PhD, *Pace University*

27 Suicide Prevention Training in Higher Education Settings: SOS for Higher Education
Rebecca G. Mirick, LICSW, PhD, *Salem State University*

28 Systematic Review: Ask for Their Pronouns, Save Their Life: Exploring Effectiveness of Health Care Competency Training as a Means of Suicide Prevention in LGBTQ+ Youth
Kelly M. Cembrale, Doctor of Medicine, *St. George's University Medical School*; Ioannis Demopoulos, Bachelor of Arts, *Biology, NYC Health & Hospitals / Elmhurst Hospital*

29 Thematic Analysis of Suicide Narrative Assessments in Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (BCBT) for Suicide Prevention
Jackson Bolner, BS, *STRIVE at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center*

30 Utilizing the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale in a Veteran Population: Efficacy and Clinical Implications
Abby E. Beatty, PhD; John S. Richardson, PhD; Sonja Batten, PhD, *Stop Soldier Suicide*



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9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Wellness Room	Charles Massey Room B & C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CE 1.5	BREAKFAST & KEYNOTE: How to (Want to) Stay Alive in Dark Times <i>Presented by:</i> Stacey Freedenthal, PhD, LCSW, <i>University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work</i>	Union Station Ballroom Foyer, 1st Floor, Conference Center
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Book Signing Stacey Freedenthal, PhD, LCSW, author of <i>Helping the Suicidal Person</i> and <i>Loving Someone With Suicidal Thoughts</i>	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CE 1	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR Grief & Loss: Sharing Personal Experiences of the Crisis Worker <i>Presented by:</i> Michael Reading, MS, NCC, LMHC, <i>International Council for Helplines</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CE 1	YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY Empowering Student Voices: A Peer Leader Panel on Creating Change through Sources of Strength <i>Presented by:</i> Tarin J. Cook, MSW, LSW, <i>Sources of Strength</i> ; Erin Horn, <i>Sources of Strength</i>	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CE 1	CRISIS SERVICES Inclusive Innovation: Learnings from Leaders Using New Technologies at All Organizational Sizes <i>Presented by:</i> Sam Dorison, <i>ReflexAI</i> ; Jennifer Illich, MBA; Christian Raymer, <i>Crisis Support Services of Nevada</i> ; April Foreman, PhD, <i>Veterans Crisis Line</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom C, 4th Floor, Tower 402
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CE 1	COMMUNITY Increasing Accessibility and Equity Within Suicide Prevention Community Trainings Via Language Translation and Cultural Adaptation: Lessons Learned <i>Presented by:</i> Gabriel Corpus, PhD, <i>Community Connections Psychological Associates</i> ; Joyce Chu, PhD, <i>Community Connections Psychological Associates</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CE 1	YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY Promoting Early Identification: A Study on Youth Help-Seeking and School-Based Mental Health Education <i>Presented by:</i> Katie Conklin, M.Ed., LPC, Brandon Combs, MNA, <i>Erika's Lighthouse</i>	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

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CE 1	New Jersey's Statewide Child Fatality, Near-Fatality Review Board - Suicide Subcommittee: Implementation and Impact <i>Presented by:</i> Michelle Scott, PhD, MSW, <i>School of Social Work, Monmouth University</i> ; Andrew Falzon, MD, MCS, DABP- AP/CP/FP, <i>Mater Dei Hospital</i> ; Jennie Blakney, MA.Ed, <i>NJ Department of Health</i> ; Susan M. L. Paredes, MS, BS, BA, <i>Metuchen Board of Education</i>	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MILITARY, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS	Alfred Tiber Room, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	MILITARY / VETERANS / FIRST RESPONDER PAPER SESSION 2	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Contact Resolution Among Veterans Crisis Line Phone and Text Contacts from Veterans Health Administration Enrollees <i>Presented by:</i> Yufei Li, MPH, <i>Boston University School of Public Health</i>	
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Preventing Suicide Among Homeless Veterans: Examining Current VA Programing and Implementation of Novel Initiatives <i>Presented by:</i> Ryan Holliday, PhD; Evan Polzer, MA; Suzanne Thomas, MA, <i>Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center for Suicide Prevention</i>	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	SUICIDE PREVENTION APPROACHES IN HEALTHCARE	
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Focusing on Suicide Prevention of the Healthcare Workforce within the Zero Suicide Framework: Application of H.O.P.E. Certification and Banner Health Case Study <i>Presented by:</i> Sally B. Spencer-Thomas, PsyD, <i>United Suicide Survivors International</i> ; Sarah W. Gaer, MA, <i>SEG Consulting LLC</i> ; Christopher M. Wojnar, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, <i>Empowered Psychiatric Solutions</i>	
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Addressing the High Rates of Suicide Among Healthcare Workers Through an Innovative, Comprehensive, Culturally-Responsive, and Employee-Focused Program Across a Large Healthcare System <i>Presented by:</i> Darcy H. Granello, LPCC, <i>The Ohio State University</i> Perry Lin, MD, <i>OhioHealth Doctors Hospital</i> , <i>Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine</i>	
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch with Exhibitors	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	RESEARCH & INNOVATION	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	A Novel Approach to Universal Suicide Prevention Using Digital Interventions <i>Presented by:</i> Benjamin L. Miller, LPCC; John P. Ackerman, PhD, <i>Nationwide Children's Hospital</i>	

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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION Exploring Hidden Factors in Suicide Crisis Intervention: Empirical Insights from Crisis Negotiations <i>Presented by:</i> Benni Zaiser, PhD, <i>York Regional Police/Crisis Intervention Team International</i>	Alfred Tiber Room, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS From Crisis to Resilience: The Therapeutic Outcomes of SOSA, A Support Group for Survivors of Suicide Attempt <i>Presented by:</i> Christina M. Ortiz, PsyD, <i>Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Counseling Center</i> ; Sarah M. Wilkey, MS (<i>Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy</i>) <i>Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services</i>	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CE 1	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR PAPER SESSION 1	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Creating Social Connection Through Community Living Rooms <i>Presented by:</i> Sara A. Kohlbeck, PhD, MPH, <i>Medical College of Wisconsin</i>	
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Mental Health Outcomes of Suicide Loss Survivors Following Traumatic Injury <i>Presented by:</i> Jacey M. Kant, <i>Medical College of Wisconsin</i>	
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS SUICIDE PREVENTION APPROACHES WITHIN ZERO SUICIDE FRAMEWORK	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Creating Pathways to Zero: The Roadmap for Implementing Suicide Prevention in Care Settings <i>Presented by:</i> Tess Parker, LMSW, <i>TBD Solutions</i> ; Beth Ann Meints, LPC, <i>Integrated Services of Kalamazoo</i> ; Jenna Dietsch, MS, <i>TBD Solutions</i>	
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Zero Suicide: A Collaborative Solution to a Public Health Problem <i>Presented by:</i> Amy Molloy, MSW, MEd, <i>Zero Suicide at EDC</i> ; Jan Ulrich, Bachelors of Arts and Science, <i>Education Development Center</i> ; Tazeen Ahmed	

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CE 1	SUICIDE PREVENTION APPROACHES IN COMMUNITIES	
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Cultivating a Spirit of Collaboration for a Suicide-Safer State <i>Presented by:</i> Grant Merrell, <i>LivingWorks Education</i> ; Michelle Fox, MSW, <i>Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction</i> ; Kara Biro, <i>State of Indiana</i> ; Brandon Puskiewicz, <i>American Foundation for Suicide Prevention</i>	
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	From National Goals to Local Impact: Building Houston's Suicide Prevention Coalition to Foster Hope, Resilience and Connection <i>Presented by:</i> Diane B. Kaulen, MS CCLS, <i>Texas Children's Hospital</i> ; Angela D. Cummings, DrPH, MSPH, MEd, <i>Baylor College of Medicine</i> ; Christina Eyman, DBH, MHA, <i>Houston Area Suicide Prevention Coalition</i>	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Coffee/Tea with Exhibitors	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Book Signing Shawn Christopher Shea, MD, author of <i>The Practical Art of Suicide Assessment</i>	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	MILITARY, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	"I'm not sure what to say...": Helping Clinicians Incorporate Knowledge of Military Culture Into Suicide Prevention Efforts with Military-Connected Clients <i>Presented by:</i> Jennifer J. Nevers, MSW, LCSW; April Thompson, MSW, LCSW, <i>Center for Deployment Psychology</i>	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	From Loss to Support: Establishing Lemon Aid Suicide Postvention in Kansas <i>Presented by:</i> Kate Hardy, <i>Six Feet Over</i> ; Andrew Brown, MSW, <i>Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services</i>	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	Attachment Based Family Therapy for Suicidal Youth <i>Presented by:</i> Jonathan B. Singer, PhD, LCSW, <i>Loyola University Chicago</i>	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	COMMUNITY	Kojo Kamau Ballroom C, 4th Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	From Data to Action: Using Public Insights to Inform Suicide Prevention Strategies and Mental Health Support <i>Presented by:</i> Theresa Murray, <i>National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention at EDC</i> ; Shelby Rowe, MBA, <i>Suicide Prevention Resource Center</i> ; María de los Angeles Corral, <i>American Foundation for Suicide Prevention</i>	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	CRISIS SERVICES	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	Securing the Path to Care: Enhancing Safety Protocols Between Crisis Contact Centers and Mobile Crisis Teams <i>Presented by:</i> Megan Gleason, MBA, LCSW, <i>Behavioral Health Link</i>	

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3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	RESEARCH & INNOVATION	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION PAPER SESSION 2	
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Investigating Complex Relationship Between Circumstances of Suicide in Perinatal Women Using the NVDRS: A Network Analysis <i>Presented by:</i> Chuwen Zhong, MPH; Lily Johns, BA; Eskira Kahsay, MPH, <i>University of Michigan School of Public Health</i>	
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Suicide Prevention with Medical Residents: Barriers and Facilitators to Help-Seeking Through Workplace Behavioral Health Programs <i>Presented by:</i> Jodi J. Frey, PhD, LCSW-C; Anika J. Mittu, BA; April Xu, BS; Christel Joel Tajouoh Daghuie, MSW, LCSW-C, <i>University of Maryland, School of Social Work</i>	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	YOUTH / SCHOOL / EDUCATION PAPER SESSION 1	
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Enhanced Screening and Follow-up During School-Based Suicide Prevention Programming <i>Presented by:</i> Erin Orlins, PhD, MPH; John P. Ackerman, PhD; Jennifer L. Hughes, PhD, MPH; Amberle Prater, PhD, LPCC-S, <i>Nationwide Children's Hospital</i>	
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Examining the Impact of First-Year College Student Academic Programming on Social Connectedness, Thoughts of Suicide and Self-Injurious Behaviors <i>Presented by:</i> Justina M. Harsche, BA, MS; Marty A. Swanbrow Becker, BS, JD, PhD; Alex Negrin-Perea, BA, MS, <i>Florida State University</i>	
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS PAPER SESSION 2	
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM	Physician and Clinician Attitudes, Beliefs, and Practices Related to Care for Patients with Suicide Risk in a Large Regional Health System in Idaho <i>Presented by:</i> Elizabeth A. McCue, MSc, <i>St. Luke's Health System</i>	
4:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Suicidality and Mental Health Among Black Transgender and Nonbinary Youth People <i>Presented by:</i> Myeshia Price, PhD, <i>Indiana University and Kinsey Institute</i>	

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4:15 PM – 5:15 PM CE 1	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR Eye of the Survivor: Lessons Learned from United Suicide Survivors International and the Power of Storytelling in Suicide Prevention and Suicide Grief Support <i>Presented by:</i> Sally B. Spencer-Thomas, PsyD, <i>United Suicide Survivors International</i> ; Sarah W. Gaer, MA, <i>SEG Consulting LLC</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM CE 1	CRISIS SERVICES Making the 988 Lifeline Safer: Integrating Imminent Risk Data with the 2024 National Strategy <i>Presented by:</i> Richard T. McKeon, PhD, MPH, <i>988 and Crisis Office/ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</i> ; Shye Louis, MEd, <i>988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline/Vibrant Emotional Health</i> ; Johnell Lawrence, BSW; Christopher W. Drapeau, PhD, MDI, HSPP, <i>Vibrant Emotional Health</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom C, 4th Floor, Tower 402
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM CE 1	YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY Practical Strategies to Develop and Maintain Partnership-Focused Campus Suicide Prevention Programs <i>Presented by:</i> Darcy H. Granello, LPCC, <i>The Ohio State University</i> ; Laura J. Lewis, MA, LPCC-S, <i>OSU Suicide Prevention Program</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM CE 1	COMMUNITY The Critical Relationship Between Public Health and Coroner/Medical Examiner Duties in Suicide Prevention <i>Presented by:</i> Dotti Owens, MA, <i>Dotti Owens & Associates</i> (<i>Doctoral student in Public Health studies</i>)	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION RESEARCH & INNOVATION PAPER SESSION 3	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM	Suicide Specific Treatment Outcomes Among Individuals With Gender and Sexual Minority Identities <i>Presented by:</i> Rosie Bauder, PhD, MPH, LPCC-S; Emma Unruh-Dawes, MS; James McGraw, PhD; Jaryd Hiser, PhD, <i>The Ohio State University College of Medicine</i>	
4:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Does BCBT Work for People of Color (PoC)? How? <i>Presented by:</i> Grace Cho, MS, <i>The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center</i>	

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

AAS25 Conference

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast & Coffee/Tea with Exhibitors	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Bookstore	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Exhibit Hall	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Nursing Room	Dorothy Gill Barnes Room, 5th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration & Information Booth	Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Wellness Room	Charles Massey Room B & C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	AAS TALKS 9:03 AM – 9:18 AM: Reimagining Crisis Funding — A Vision of for Sustainability <i>Presented by:</i> Hudson Harris, JD, MBA, MA, <i>Deloitte Consulting</i> 9:18 AM – 9:32 AM: The United States Deathcare Industry: Considerations for Suicidologists <i>Presented by:</i> Jennifer L. Wright-Berryman, PhD, <i>University of Cincinnati</i> 9:32 AM – 9:45 AM: Who Are You? Unraveling the Existential Network of Suicidal Identity and the Deconstructed Self <i>Presented by:</i> Matias Gay, RN, <i>IWK Children's Hospital</i>	Union Station Ballroom, 1st Floor, Conference Center
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	CRISIS SERVICES From Assessor to Ally: Redefining Suicide Care in a Crisis Facility <i>Presented by:</i> Charles Browning, MD, <i>Recovery Innovations</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	MILITARY, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS Inside Wounded Warrior Project's Proactive Strategy for Building Suicide-Safer Communities <i>Presented by:</i> Lindsey Gray, MA, CCTP; Kirsten Walsh, PhD; Eileen Chapman, LCSW, <i>Wounded Warrior Project</i> ; Alan Mednick, <i>Certified Trainer, LivingWorks Education</i>	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	COMMUNITY Leadership by Design: National Organizations Collaborating to Save Lives <i>Presented by:</i> Dan Reidenberg, PsyD, <i>National Council for Suicide Prevention</i>	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR PAPER SESSION 2	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Experiences and Beliefs about Supports and Interventions for Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors: A Lived Experience Perspective <i>Presented by:</i> Rebecca G. Mirick, LICSW, PhD, <i>Salem State University</i> ; Joanna Bridger, LICSW, <i>Safety, Hope, & Healing Counseling & Consulting</i>	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	From Their Perspective: Engaging Black Youth in Research to Understand and Address Rising Suicide Risk <i>Presented by:</i> Tennisha N. Riley, PhD, <i>University of Florida</i> ; Colleen Carpenter, MA, MPH, <i>Stop Suicide Northeast Indiana</i>	

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10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION Suicidal Countertransference: The Unconscious Language of Emotions <i>Presented by:</i> Matias E. Gay, RN, <i>Emergency Mental Health and Addictions,</i> <i>IWK Children's Hospital (Halifax, Nova Scotia)</i>	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS SUICIDE PREVENTION APPROACHES IN PERINATAL CARE	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	All Hands on Deck: Addressing Perinatal Suicide in Colorado with a Cross-Sector Public Health Approach <i>Presented by:</i> Kaleigh Kessel, MSW; Conlin Bass, MPH, <i>Colorado Office of Suicide Prevention</i>	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Detection, Treatment, and Perfectionism: A Perinatal Healthcare Professional's Perspective <i>Presented by:</i> Adriana M. Ocampo, PsyD, LCSW, CCHP, <i>Clinical Therapist, San Bernadino County Sheriffs Department</i>	
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Coffee/Tea with Exhibitors	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Book Signing Jonathan Singer, PhD, LCSW, co-author of <i>Suicide in Schools</i>	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM CE 1	CRISIS SERVICES CRISIS SERVICES PAPER SESSION	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Enhancing Crisis Response: Evaluating the Impact of 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Training on Crisis Counselors <i>Presented by:</i> Rachel Ladd, PhD, Christine Walrath, PhD, <i>ICF International Inc.;</i> Molly Knapp, BS, <i>Vibrant Emotional Health;</i> Michelle Cornette, PhD, <i>Substance Abuse and Mental Health</i> <i>Services Administration (SAMHSA)</i>	
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	TBD <i>See the Conference App for details</i>	
1:45 AM – 12:15 PM CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS Empowering Suicide Assessment: Social Justice Principles for Addressing Systemic and Cultural Determinants of Risk <i>Presented by:</i> I-Hsien Lin, M.Ed, LPC, <i>The Ohio State University</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM CE 1	YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY Implementing the Zero Suicide Framework in Youth-Serving Behavioral Health Systems <i>Presented by:</i> Shannon Hegarty, MSW; Ashley Costello, LSW, <i>New Jersey Department of Children and Families</i>	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402

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11:45 AM – 12:45 PM CE 1	MILITARY, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS National Suicide Prevention 2.0 Clinical Telehealth Program: Virtual Evidence-Based Implementation and Change Management in Veteran Affairs <i>Presented by:</i> Jessica A. Walker, PhD, LP, <i>Veterans Affairs</i> ; Nicole Bekman, PhD, <i>VHA Office of Suicide Prevention</i> ; Meaghan Stacy, PhD, <i>Yale School of Medicine</i>	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION RESEARCH & INNOVATION PAPER SESSION 4	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Building the Evidence Base for the National Crisis Care Continuum <i>Presented by:</i> Jeffery T. Moore, PhD, Christine Walrath, PhD, <i>ICF International Inc.</i> ; Michelle Cornette, PhD, <i>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)</i>	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Does Local Homicide Increase Suicide? A Quasi-Experimental Analysis in US Counties, 1968-2019 <i>Presented by:</i> Daniel C. Semenza, PhD, <i>Rutgers University</i>	
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM CE 1	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR Suicide Postvention as Prevention in the South Florida Muslim Community <i>Presented by:</i> Waheeda Saif, LMHC, <i>Riverside Trauma Center (Weston, FL)</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM CE 1	COMMUNITY SUICIDE PREVENTION APPROACHES WITH MEN	Kojo Kamau Ballroom C, 4th Floor, Tower 402
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Continuing the Conversation About Men and Suicide: Effective and Emerging Programs <i>Presented by:</i> Jarrod Hindman, MS, <i>Sources of Strength</i> ; Sally B. Spencer-Thomas, PsyD, <i>United Suicide Survivors International</i> ; Lena Heilmann, PhD, MNM, <i>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment</i>	
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	Integrating the Man Therapy Public Health Campaign for Men's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention as Part of Your Suicide Prevention Programming: Effectively Reaching Hard-to-Reach Men <i>Presented by:</i> Terri Miller, BA, <i>OhioGuidestone</i> ; Thomas Vossler, BS, <i>Grit Digital Health</i> ; Jodi J. Frey, PhD, LCSW-C; Erika Shook, BS, <i>University of Maryland School of Social Work</i>	
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch with Exhibitors	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CE 1	COMMUNITY Innovations in Community Helper Training: How to Improve Your Promotion, Adaptation, and Evaluation of Suicide Awareness Training in Your Community <i>Presented by:</i> Thomas V. Delaney, PhD, <i>University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine</i> ; Nick Nichols, MSW, <i>Vermont Department of Health</i>	Gina Knee Room, 4th Floor, Tower 402

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2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CE 1	CRISIS SERVICES Panel: Data Backed Approach to Identifying Crisis Needs in North Carolina <i>Presented by:</i> Sahar Dawi, MHA SMA, MBA, PMP, <i>Accenture</i> Annicka Webster MBA, <i>Accenture</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom B, 4th Floor, Tower 402
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION Raising the Bar Graph: Innovative Strategies and Best Practices for Effective Data Reporting for Crisis Response Services <i>Presented by:</i> Tamala Converse, MSW, LCSW-C, <i>Affiliated Santé Group/ Baltimore County Crisis Response System</i> ; Elizabeth Jones, BA, <i>Affiliated Santé Group</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CE 1	CLINICAL / CLINICIANS Reducing Suicide Among Resident Trainees: A Novel Approach to Reducing Suicide Among Resident Physicians by Altering Culture, Addressing Stigma, and Changing the Conversation Around Suicide <i>Presented by:</i> Perry Lin, MD; Laurie Hommema, MD, <i>OhioHealth</i> ; Lyenochka Djakov, MEd, <i>Credentialed Advocate, OhioHealth</i> ; Kara M. Coates, MHA, <i>OhioHealth</i>	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CE 1	RESEARCH & INNOVATION The Promise of Upstream Prevention: Reducing Suicide Attempts and Mortality through Peer-Led, Upstream Public Health Interventions <i>Presented by:</i> Scott D. LoMurray, MBA, <i>Sources of Strength Inc.</i> ; Dorothy Espelage, PhD, MA, BS, <i>University of North Carolina</i> Ian Cero, PhD, M.Stat, <i>University of Rochester</i>	Kojo Kamau Ballroom A, 4th Floor, Tower 402
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CE 1	YOUTH / SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY YOUTH / SCHOOL / EDUCATION PAPER SESSION 2	Pheoris West A 3rd Floor, Tower 402
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Patterns of Suicide Ideation and Behavior in Preteens <i>Presented by:</i> Paige Picou, PhD, <i>University of Rochester Medical Center</i>	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Examining the Perceptions and Attitudes of Nova Scotia's Healthcare Workers Towards Suicidal Youth and Their Families <i>Presented by:</i> Matias E. Gay, RN, <i>Emergency Mental Health and Addictions, IWK Children's Hospital (Halifax, Nova Scotia)</i>	
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Closing Keynote	Union Station Ballroom, 1st Floor, Conference Center

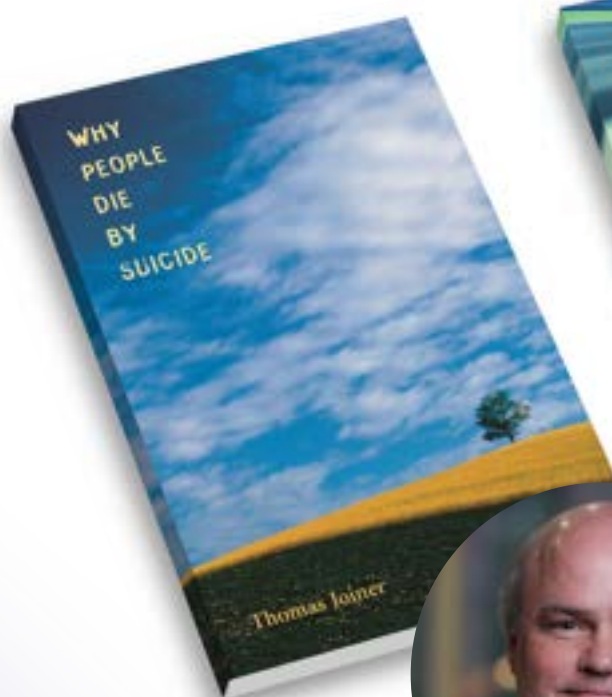
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

Healing After Suicide Loss Summit (HASLS)

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast & Coffee/Tea	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Therapeutic Art Activity by Your Heart on Art	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Bookstore	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Nursing Room	Dorothy Gill Barnes Room, 5th Floor, Tower 402
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration & Information Booth	Foyer, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Wellness Room	Charles Massey Room B & C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Healing After Suicide Loss Opening Remarks	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CE 1.5	KEYNOTE: Purpose Beyond Suicide <i>Presented by:</i> Marlon Rollins, PhD, LPCC, LMHC, <i>Mind Transformed, LLC</i>	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Coffee/Tea Break	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Book Signing Marlon Rollins, PhD, LPCC, LMHC, author of <i>Healing the Impoverished Mind</i>	Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	SUPPORT GROUPS • Child Loss • Clinical Loss • Friends & Family Loss • Helpers to Suicide Loss Survivors • Sibling Loss • Spouse/Partner Loss	Diane Powell Dax Rm, 5th Fl, Tower 402 Alfred Tibor Rm, 3 rd Floor, Tower 402 Charles Massey Rm A, 3 rd Fl., Tower 402 Milton Canniff Rm, 3 rd Fl., Tower 402 Ema Spencer Rm, 5 th Fl., Tower 402 Mary Frances Merrill Rm, 5 th Fl., Tower 402
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM CE 1	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR The Four Phases of Suicide Loss <i>Presented by:</i> Tracy A. Oeser, MSPsy, <i>Postvention Collective, LLC</i>	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CE 1	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR Saving Lives, Healing Hearts: Supporting Communities in the Aftermath of Suicide Loss <i>Presented by:</i> Kathleen M. Cromwell, LCSW; Candice Wilkins, LCSW, <i>Hinds Hospice, Fresno, CA</i>	Pheoris West A, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CE 1	LIVED EXPERIENCE / LOSS SURVIVOR Understanding Maternal Suicide Grief: Stories of Loss, Hope, and Post-traumatic Growth <i>Presented by:</i> Julie Piepenbring, PhD, LCSW, <i>SUNY Plattsburgh</i> ; Laura J. Albee, DSW, LCSW, <i>Southern Connecticut State University</i> ; Trond Harman, LCSW, CSW Candidate, <i>Keystone Rural Health Center</i>	Pheoris West B, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	HASLS Activity <i>See the Conference App for details</i>	Pheoris West C, 3rd Floor, Tower 402
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Closing Remarks	Aminah Robinson Grand Ballroom, 5th Floor, Tower 402

BOOK SIGNINGS

Meet and greet the authors of four informative and insightful books that deal with the painful subject of suicide. Books may be purchased at the **AAS Bookstore** located at the **Aminah Robinson Prefunction, 5th Floor, Tower 402**. The authors will be there to sign copies of their books at the times noted.



Why People Die by Suicide

by Thomas Joiner, PhD

Tuesday, April 1

3:30 PM – 4 PM



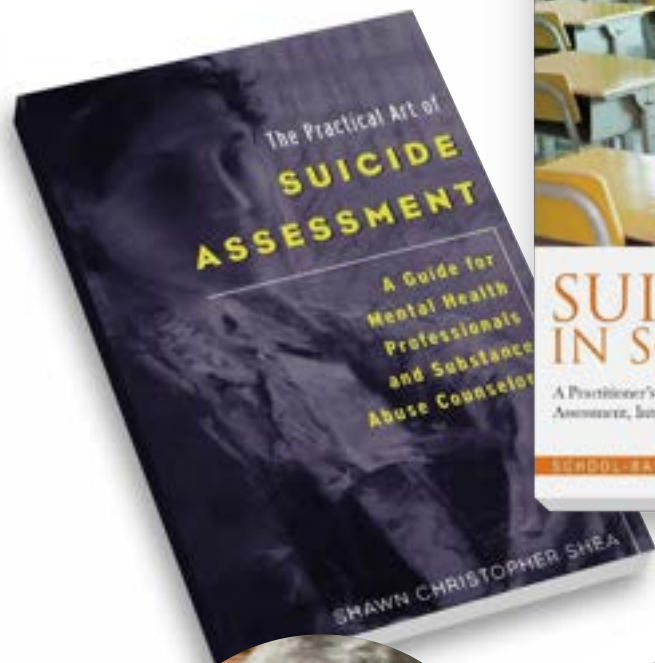
Helping the Suicidal Person

Loving Someone With Suicidal Thoughts

by Stacey Freedenthal,
PhD, LCSW

Wednesday, April 2

10:30 AM – 11 AM

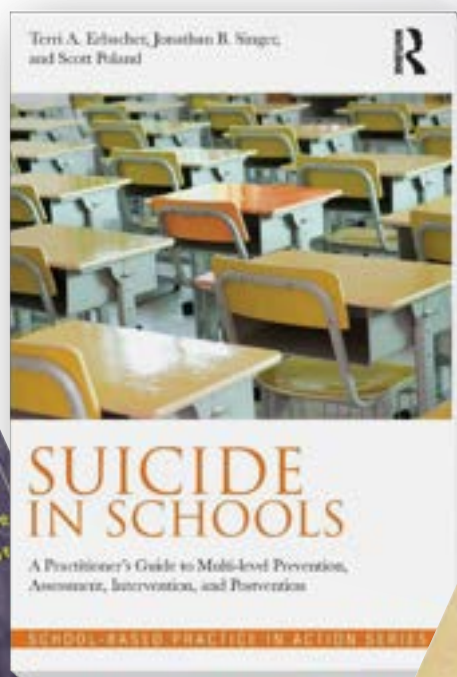


The Practical Art of Suicide Assessment

by Shawn Christopher Shea, MD

Wednesday, April 2

2:30 PM – 3 PM

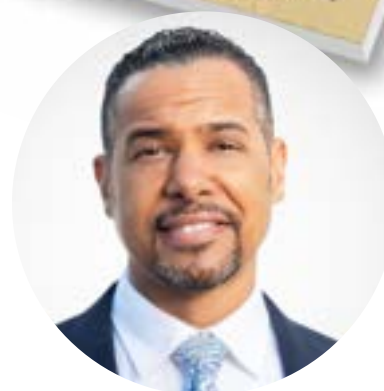


Suicide in Schools

Co-Authored by
Jonathan Singer,
PhD, LCSW

Thursday, April 3

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM



Healing the Impoverished Mind

by Marlon Rollins,
PhD, LPCC, LMHC

Friday, April 4

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

2024 PAUL G. QUINNETT LIVED EXPERIENCE WRITING COMPETITION

Launched in 2015 through a collaboration between the **American Association of Suicidology (AAS)** and **Dr. Paul Quinnett, PhD**, Executive Chairman and **Brian Quinnett, MS**, Chief Executive Officer of the **QPR Institute**, the **Paul G. Quinnett Lived Experience Writing Competition** invites you to explore personal stories of survival, hope, and recovery from suicidal ideation and attempts. This annual competition shines a light on the powerful



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narratives of suicide attempt survivors, offering unique insights into their experiences. Each story captures the profound impact of their journey, shared in a way that resonates with and enlightens the wider community.

The competition aims to increase the visibility of suicide attempt survivors by elevating their personal narratives. These writings describe the impact on the authors and present their journeys in an accessible and understandable manner.



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2024 WINNERS

FIRST PLACE
"The Ghost I Became"
by Alec Williams

SECOND PLACE
**"Unbroken: Rising from
Trauma and Finding Purpose"**
by Caitlin Ruzycky

THIRD PLACE
"Sunrises and Sunflowers"
by Bethany Lemons



2025 ROBERT I. YUFIT FAMILY AWARDS

CRISIS CENTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize one center for, either, 1) outstanding service in the face of extraordinary circumstances, or 2) for service to their community through an innovative and creative program. AAS wants to reward and encourage creative responses to crises and life-threatening community problems.

2025 AWARD WINNER

Northeast Kingdom Human Services

EDWIN S. SHNEIDMAN AWARD

Eligible nominees for the Edwin S. Shneidman Award must be a person under forty years of age or a person who is not more than ten years past their highest degree earned. The eligible nominee is a person who has made outstanding contributions in research in the field of suicidology.

2025 AWARD WINNER

Megan Rogers, PhD

LOSS SURVIVOR AWARD

The Loss Survivor Award has been given since 1995 to acknowledge ways in which survivors of suicide transform the trauma of their loss into suicide prevention efforts and/or survivor support. It is intended to recognize significant accomplishments of an individual involved with suicide prevention, intervention and/or postvention advocacy/activism that embodies the mission of AAS.

2025 AWARD WINNER

Sue Mitchell Metz, RN, BSN, MS, CT

LOUIS I. DUBLIN AWARD

The Louis I. Dublin Award is a lifetime achievement award for outstanding services/contributions to the field of suicide prevention as evidenced by leadership, devotion, and creativity.

2025 AWARD WINNER

Craig Bryan, PsyD

MORTON M. SILVERMAN STUDENT AWARD

Eligible nominees for the Morton M. Silverman Student Award for a paper written by a student on a topic directly related to the field of suicidology. Anyone who is pursuing a degree in their field and is currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate, graduate, professional, or medical student or trainee is eligible.

2025 AWARD WINNER

Madison Risner

ROGER J. TIERNEY SERVICE AWARD

The Roger J. Tierney Service Award recognizes time and effort given to advance the association's principles, growth, and development, and/or for applied contributions to the fields of suicidology and crisis intervention. The award is to recognize broadly defined service contributions that are to be distinguished from academic or research endeavors.

2025 AWARD WINNER

Melinda Moore, PhD

TRANSFORMING LIVED EXPERIENCE AWARD

The Transforming Lived Experience Award acknowledges a person who has survived their own suicidal experiences and transformed their pain into suicide prevention and recovery efforts. It is intended to recognize significant accomplishments in suicide prevention, intervention, advocacy, and/or recovery that embody the mission of AAS.

2025 AWARD WINNER

Ashlee Zaragoza



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The Wellness Room

The **AAS25 WELLNESS ROOM** is a safe space for conference attendees to take a break from conference activities. The subject matter and content of some of the conference presentations can cause emotional distress for some attendees, and can be particularly stressful for suicide loss survivors, and those with lived experience. Emotional wellness is defined by the National Institutes of Health as “the capacity to successfully manage life’s pressures and adapt to change and tough circumstances.” The Wellness Room will focus on introducing a variety of wellness tools, including, but not limited to aromatherapy (essential oils and herbs), arts and crafts, (coloring, rock painting and wrapping), light therapy, puzzles (board, crossword, and word search), and positive affirmations. Volunteers will be available to assist conference attendees as needed. This year’s Wellness Room is sponsored by OhioHealth.



The Wellness Room is located in the Charles Massey Room B & C, 3rd Floor, Hilton Tower 402. The Room will be available to all attendees Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 AM till 5 PM; Friday from 9 AM till 1 PM

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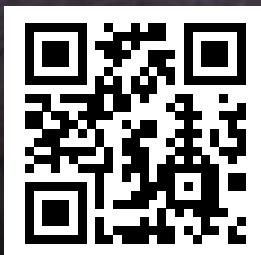
WHAT IS A LOSS TEAM?

LOSS – Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors – is an active suicide postvention model. This model involves two or more trained volunteers, called a LOSS Team, who proactively go to the scene of a suicide to provide immediate support to those left behind. At least one of the volunteers is a survivor of a suicide loss. LOSS Team volunteers offer a compassionate, non-intrusive presence to those left behind, providing support, resources, and understanding during a difficult time.



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