

SAVE THE DATE!

THE SILENT EPIDEMIC

A CONFERENCE ON SUICIDE

INFORMATION • INTERVENTION • HOPE

APRIL 7-9, 2016
THE INN AT ST. JOHN'S • PLYMOUTH, MI

The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide will include Keynote Speaker and renowned researcher, clinician and author, Thomas Joiner, PhD; and plenary speakers Michelle Cornette, Ph.D., Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Cheryl King, PhD, of the University of Michigan and Doree Ann Espiritu, MD, of Henry Ford Health Systems, as well as many other excellent presenters.

Pre-conference sessions begin Thursday morning aimed at first responders, medical and nursing students and residents, physicians and hospital emergency department personnel with a focus on the Zero Suicide Initiative. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. A First Responders 2 hour workshop is offered Thursday afternoon.

Thursday evening, we will be premiering the new film, *Death is Not the Answer*, produced and directed by documentary filmmaker, Keith Famie and co-produced by Kevin's Song. The film will eventually be aired by Detroit Public Television PBS.

The Main Conference will commence Friday morning with Keynote address, plenary and breakout sessions. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Breakout sessions in the afternoon including a repeat of the First Responders 2-hour workshop. Friday evening will include a strolling dinner and refreshments followed by musical entertainment.

Saturday will include sessions aimed at survivors of suicide as well as additional plenary and breakout sessions dealing with suicide information and intervention. Following lunch, the conference will close with a Healing Ceremony.

PRESENTED
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WHO

Medical and mental health care professionals, students, first responders, crisis center workers, LGBTQ, social workers, educators, clergy, veterans, survivors of suicide and attempt survivors. (Continuing Education Credits available)

INFORMATION

Why do people die from suicide? What is being done in the State of Michigan to combat the suicide epidemic? What is the latest research telling us about suicide? What perspectives do the different faith communities hold? What challenges and solutions face medical professionals, mental health professionals, veterans, educators and others?

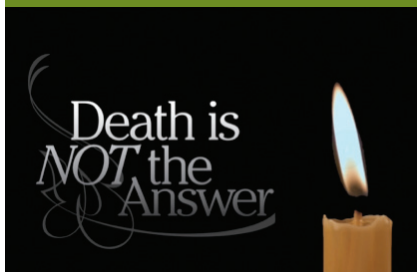
INTERVENTION

Zero Suicide Initiative; suicide awareness programs; the latest techniques and treatment options for those afflicted by suicidal ideation and behavior; programs for educators to prevent youth suicide; the role of a hospital emergency department in the identification of individuals at risk and in the prevention of suicide; and other topics on prevention.

HOPE

Preventing and surviving suicide; the language of suicide loss; the uniqueness of suicide grief; dealing with the aftermath of death by suicide or the survival of a friend, loved one, colleague, patient or client who has attempted suicide; and grief counseling.

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CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Keynote Speaker Thomas Joiner, Ph.D., discussing his theory on "Why People Die by Suicide"

Michelle Cornette Ph.D. will discuss military and civilian suicide risk assessment and intervention and will address new studies regarding suicide ideation among professionals.

Deena Baxter, author of "Surviving Suicide, Searching for 'Normal' with Heartache & Humor" will focus on her unconventional journey - guiding her blended family through the death of their youngest son who died from suicide in 2012.

Karen Marshall, Outreach and Training Coordinator, Sacred Bundle Suicide Prevention Program at American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeast Michigan will discuss her path from loss survivor to advocate and trainer with special emphasis on the Native American experience.

Patricia Smith, MS, RD, Violence Prevention Program Coordinator, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Doree Ann V. Espiritu, M.D. and other medical professionals from HFHS discussing Henry Ford Health System's nationally recognized "Zero Suicide Initiative"

Lawrence Wentworth, Ph.D. presenting "EMDR as a Suicide Prevention Psychotherapy" and "EMDR as a Treatment modality for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One"

Patricia Smith and **Karen Marshall** discussing "State-Wide Initiatives in Suicide Prevention in the State of Michigan"

Gigi Colombini sharing her professional expertise on "How a Mental Health Professional Can Support Someone Through a Suicide Crisis" and "How to Engage the Family's Help During a Suicidal Crisis."

Barb Smith sharing the information with first responders about the basics of prevention, intervention and investigation of a suicide. Her goal is that the first responder walk away more confident in working with those at risk, and better prepared to work with

families in the aftermath of a completed or attempted suicide.

Judith Burdick sharing her experience as a Grief Counselor, specifically, her experience working with grieving individuals, some of whom are featured in her award winning documentary "Transforming Loss"

Dennis Liegghio, loss survivor and founder of KnowResolve, presenting a 45 minute version of the profoundly moving and meaningful presentation that he makes to high school students throughout Michigan

Rev. Marianne Grano and **Rabbi Daniel Syme**, along with clergy from other faiths, sharing their views on "Acceptance and Hope: Perspectives on Suicide from Faith Traditions"

Amelia Lehto, a thought leader with experience at the intersection of social media and suicide prevention, providing training in best practice social media skills and strategies for professional venues and personal ventures

REGISTRATION

Conference Options	Early Bird Before January 7, 2016	Regular After January 7, 2016	After March 15, 2016
3 Day Conference/Premiere Package (All sessions - Thursday Pre-Conference, Friday & Saturday Conference and Thursday evening Premiere of Film)	\$400	\$450	\$475
3 Day Conference ONLY Package (All sessions - Thursday Pre-Conference, Friday & Saturday Conference)	\$300	\$350	\$375
2 Day Conference/Premiere Package (All sessions - Friday and Saturday Conference and Thursday evening Premiere of Film)	\$300	\$350	\$375
2 Day Conference ONLY Package (All sessions - Friday and Saturday Conference)	\$200	\$250	\$275
Thursday Pre-Conference ONLY (includes 2 hour First Responder Training Workshop)	\$100	\$100	\$125
2 hour First Responder Training Workshop ONLY (offered Thursday or Friday)	\$50	\$50	\$75
Saturday SURVIVORS Conference ONLY	\$100	\$100	\$125
Film Premiere ONLY	\$100	\$125	\$150

Registration deadline March 30, 2016. | Group rates available for 4 or more enrollees from same organization at Early Bird rate if booked before March 15, 2016. | Master Card, Visa and American Express accepted. | Registration information available at KevinSong.org.

Cancellation/Refunds

Cancellation before February 15, 2016	90% refund
Cancellation before March 15, 2016	50% refund
Cancellation after March 15	no refund

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Inn at St. Johns

44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth MI 48170
TEL: +1-734-414-0600 (Special rates are available)

The Hilton Garden Inn - Plymouth

Conveniently located just around the corner from the conference center.
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TEL: +1-734-354-0001 (Special rates are available)