



Idaho State University Institute of Rural Health Presents:

Youth Suicide Prevention VGR Series

This four week series will be video-cast throughout Idaho. Speakers will cover topics on supporting families in and friends after a suicide, establishing community protocols, and how Idaho communities are working together to prevent suicide. Family members, clinicians, educators, advocates and those who work with or have an interest in youth suicide prevention are invited.

All sessions will run on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12:30pm MDT (10:am to 11:30am PDT)

April 1, 2009: Suicide: The Coroner's Role

Coroners work with families, schools and others in the aftermath of a suicide. This session will provide information on what coroners do and how they can support families and others during this time of crisis.

Presenter: Erwin Sonnenberg, MT (ASCP), Ada County Coroner

April 8, 2009: Establishing Protocols for Postvention

Agencies, schools, and other organizations look for standardized ways to assist families and friends after a suicide occurs. This session will feature sample protocols and procedures from the Wisconsin Mental Health Association and how they may be customized for other communities.

Presenters: Shel Gross, MPA, Director of Public Policy, Mental Health Association of Wisconsin; Brenda M. Jennings, MSE, ATODA consultant, Department of Public Instruction

April 15, 2009: Engaging your Community in Prevention

Grassroots community organizations in Idaho are reaching out to promote suicide prevention. Join us for this session featuring leaders from the Suicide Prevention Action Network of Idaho, Eastern Idaho Chapter and learn ways that you can promote prevention in your community.

Presenters: Jeni Griffin, Roma Hawkins, SPAN Idaho, Eastern Idaho Chapter

April 22, 2009: Safe Messages for Suicide Prevention

Many communities are attracted to the media as a way to get the word out about suicide prevention. But what messages are safe and effective? This session will focus on safe messaging for suicide prevention and how it can be applied to your community.

Presenter: Ken Norton, LICSW, Frameworks Suicide Prevention Program Director, NAMI New Hampshire

Pocatello: ISU Campus, Vocational Arts Building 46, Room VA117

Idaho Falls: ISU-Idaho Falls, 1784 Science Center Drive, Room CHE 208

Twin Falls: ISU -Twin Falls Center, 315 Twin Falls Ave, Evergreen Bldg, Room C-89

Boise: ISU Boise, 12301 W Explorer Drive, Suite 102, Room 143

Coeur d'Alene: NICHE, 1000 W. Hubbard Street, Suite 128

Lewiston: Lewis Clark State College, Corner of 4th and 9th Ave, SG 210 (SG 50 on site map)

Registration

Certificates of Completion will be offered to professionals to obtain continuing education credits.

The session is FREE but seating is limited.

To register, please call.

For parking information or if you have other questions, please contact Marsha at the ISU-Institute of Rural Health at tracmars@isu.edu or 208-373-1799.

Other sites may be available on request. Contact Kenny at cutilkenn@isu.edu or 208-282-5913