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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Working with Those Bereaved by Suicide in the Professional Setting: Postvention Strategies

To: DBHDD Regional Coordinators
Community Providers of Mental Health and Addictive Diseases Services

From: J. Bryce McLaulin M.D., Executive Director, Division of Mental Health

CC: DBHDD Management Team

Date: December 6, 2010

Title: **Working with Those Bereaved by Suicide in the Professional Setting: Postvention Strategies**

Background: In the United States, a person dies by suicide every 16 minutes and in Georgia, more than 900 residents die by suicide each year. It's estimated that each suicide intimately affects at least 6 other people. The devastated family and friends that individuals who completed suicide leave behind are known as "survivors." Based on the 742,000+ suicides from 1977 through 2001, it is estimated that the number of survivors is 4.45 million (1 out of every 64 Americans). There are millions of survivors who are trying to cope with this heartbreaking loss.

Description: The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Suicide Prevention Program is pleased to announce **Working with Those Bereaved by Suicide in the Professional Setting: Postvention Strategies.** This training will provide mental health professionals and other professionals who work with people bereaved by suicide with an overview on how to work with "suicide survivors" in the professional setting. The training will also help participants understand common experiences of those affected by the suicide death of a loved one (adult and youth suicide survivors) and to identify effective strategies for working with survivors in professional settings as well as overall postvention strategies for community intervention. The impact of suicide on clinicians and other professionals will also be discussed. Resources related to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention will be shared with participants.

Objectives: As a result of this presentation, participants will:

- Be able to identify common experiences of suicide survivors and understand the relationship between experiencing a death by suicide and other clinical issues (complicated grief, trauma).
- Identify effective strategies for working with suicide survivors in a clinical setting as well as for community postvention.
- Explore the impact of suicide on clinicians and other professionals.
- Identify resources related to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.

Audience: This training is intended for mental health professionals as well as other professionals working with individuals bereaved by suicide.

Dates & Locations:

Working with Those Bereaved by Suicide in the Professional Setting: Postvention Strategies Registration begins at 8:30 am.		
Dates of Event	**Registration Deadline**	**Location**
Friday, **January 28, 2011** **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**	January 21, 2011	KENNESAW Kennesaw State University Center, Room 300 3333 Busbee Drive Kennesaw, GA 30144 http://www.kennesaw.edu/coned/directions/index.html (The Center is not located on the KSU campus)
Friday, **February 4, 2011** **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**	January 28, 2011	LAWRENCEVILLE Gwinnett Technical College, The Busbee Center Room 1313 5150 Sugarloaf Parkway Lawrenceville, GA 30043 http://www.thebusbeecenter.com/location.cfm
Friday, **February 18, 2011** **9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**	February 11, 2011	GAINESVILLE DCH Children with Special Needs Building 1856 Thompson Bridge Road, Suite 103 Gainesville, GA 30501 http://www.mapquest.com/

Presenter: **Doreen Marshall**, PhD, LPC, is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Counseling Department at Argosy University in Atlanta, GA. She has been an active consultant and trainer in suicide prevention, intervention and postvention for several years. Dr. Marshall is a member of the Training Core for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and conducts local and national training as part of her consultation practice. Her clinical practice is located in Atlanta, GA. She previously served as the Associate Director of The Link's National Resource Center for Suicide Prevention and Aftercare from 2000-2004. Dr. Marshall is a licensed psychologist and licensed professional counselor (LPC). She holds a PhD in Counseling Psychology from Georgia State University and has been a member of the Georgia Coalition for Suicide Prevention since 2001.

Registration: **REGISTER ONLINE: http://www.cviog.uga.edu/dbhdd/**

- ***Please register online if possible – it's quick and easy!***
- If you are **unable** to access the Internet to register online, you may fax the Registration Form to DBHDD at 404-463-4186. For faxed registrations, please use the form on the last page of this announcement.
- This announcement will also be posted on the **DBHDD Training website at http://www.dbhdd.georgia.gov/training**
- Please note **registration deadline(s)** contained in this announcement. No registrations, online or faxed, will be accepted after the deadline(s).
- Early registration is encouraged and **you must provide an email address** so that we can communicate with you (or your supervisor if you do not have email.)

- When submitting registration online, an email will automatically be sent to the email address you provided; this email confirms receipt of your registration. This email is not an approval to attend the training.
- There are often more registrants than we are able to accommodate and the DBHDD reserves the right to utilize various factors in selecting participants.
- **Notification that you have been approved to attend will typically be sent two weeks prior to the date of the session for which you registered. This notification will be sent via email from the DBHDD Training staff.** Exceptions to this timeframe may occasionally occur, depending on when the training was announced.
- If you have not received an email indicating whether you are approved or not approved to attend the training by 10 days prior to the event, please email **RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us** to inquire about your status. In that email, please be sure to tell us what event and session you registered to attend.
- **RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us** is also the address to which you may send any other registration questions.

CEUs: It is the goal of the DBHDD to continue to provide those working within the publically-funded DBHDD system with free, high quality opportunities to acquire credits needed for professional license renewal. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities policy regarding issuance of CEUs is based upon State Law and the guidelines set forth by the Georgia Composite Board, which state that "**participants must attend the entire presentation in order to receive continuing education credit**." Please plan to arrive early or on time for all Department sponsored training events. **If you are more than 15 minutes late in arriving for a seminar, you will be welcome to remain for the balance of the presentation but we will not be able to issue continuing education credits to you as a participant. This policy applies to early departures as well – if you leave more than 15 minutes early, we will not be able to issue CEUs for your participation.**

We have instituted this policy in an effort to cut down on unnecessary interruptions during the presentation and to ensure that our ability to offer CEUs is not put into jeopardy. Participants are expected to make prior arrangements for management of work-related emergencies so that such events do not interfere with their full attendance and participation in the training.

CEUs for this training are issued by the National Association of Social Workers. There is no charge to participants for CEUs; however, those who require CEUs for licensure are responsible for (1) signing the Attendance Sheet for CEUs and (2) completing the Evaluation Forms. Certificates will be mailed to participants who complete all these forms at the conclusion of the training. No CEUs can be issued to any attendee who does not complete both these forms and attend the entire training event.

Please Note: While there is no fee for this event, participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements. You may also want to bring a light-weight jacket or sweater since facilities vary widely in their temperatures.

Contact: For questions, send an email to RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us and specify the title of the training in your subject line.

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*FAX registration form only, **please register On-Line** if possible!*

Last Name | First Name | Middle

Mailing Address (Street Address or PO Box) | EMAIL Address (PLEASE PRINT)

City | State | Zip

Work Phone | Fax | Alternate Phone

Full Name of Organization You Work For

Job Title

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Program Area You Work In

- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Developmental Disabilities
- ☐ Addictive Diseases
- ☐ Mental Health & Addictive Diseases
- ☐ All Program Areas

DBHDD Region Your Organization Serves

- ☐ Region 1
- ☐ Region 2
- ☐ Region 3
- ☐ Region 4
- ☐ Region 5
- ☐ Region 6

Your Role

- ☐ Direct Service
- ☐ Supervisor/Management
- ☐ Administration
- ☐ DBHDD State or Regional office
- ☐ Consumer Advocate
- ☐ Other

Area of Licensure

- ☐ Social Work
- ☐ Registered Nurse
- ☐ Psychologist
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not Applicable
- ☐ Licensed Prof Counselor
- ☐ Certified Addiction Counselor
- ☐ Licensed Marriage/Family Therapist

Please select which session you plan to attend:

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