



# Western States Conference on Suicide

Fighting Suicide Upstream & Down

**Friday & Saturday, June 23 & 24, 2017**

**Boise State University | Boise ID**

## Conference Agenda

Friday, June 23 | Boise State University

**07:30 am Registration and Check-In Opens**

**09:00 am Opening Ceremony and Remarks**

**09:30 am Plenary 1**

*Zero Suicide in Texas: Creating a Statewide Suicide Safer Care System*

Jenna Heise MA, BC-DMT, NCC

Texas State Suicide Prevention Coordinator

**10:15 am Plenary 2**

*The Assessment and Pharmacological Treatment of Suicidality*

Dr. David Sheehan, MD, MBA

Distinguished Health Professor Emeritus at University of South Florida College of Medicine

**11:00 am Break**

**11:15 am Breakout I**

*Oregon Leadership on Postvention and Death Reporting*

Ann Kirkwood, MA

Suicide Prevention and Intervention

Coordinator Division of Addiction and Mental

Health

**11:15 am Breakout II**

*SAMSHA's Strategic Support for Suicide Prevention*

David A. Dickinson, MA – Regional

Administrator, SAMSHA Region X

**12:00 pm Breakout I**

*Emergency Rooms and Suicide: Best Outcomes for Suicidal Patients from Intake to Follow-Up*

Dr. Carrie Holliday, PhD, ARNP - Clinical

Professor at Washington State University

**12:00 pm Breakout II**

*A Review of Utah's Approach to Successful Suicide Prevention: Schools and Legislation*

Dr. Gregory Hudnall: Founder Hope4Utah &

Utah State Representative Steve Eliason

## 12:45 pm Lunch Break

## 1:30 pm Plenary 3

*Challenges, Barriers and Success: A Multi State Panel Interactive Discussion*

State Coordinator Representatives: Kim Kane – Idaho, Ann Kirkwood – Oregon, Rep. Steve Eliason – Utah, Neetha Mony – Washington, Terresa Humphries- Wadsworth – Wyoming, Misty Vaughan Allen - Nevada

## 2:30 pm Break

### 2:45 pm Breakout I

*Finding Hope from the Inside Out for American Indians: The Emerging Best Practices in Suicide Prevention and Why They Work*

Iris PrettyPaint, Ph.D., Vice President for Indigenous Knowledge Transfer, Kauffman and Associates, Inc.

### 2:45 pm Breakout II

(1 Ethics CEU available for this session)

*The Intersection of Behavioral Health Science and the Law – A Collision of Ethics and Paradigms*

Hon. Jack Varin, Retired Magistrate Judge and John Reusser, LCSW Executive Director Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline

## 3:50 pm Plenary 4

*Keynote Speaker: The Kevin Hines Story*

Mr. Kevin Hines: Suicide Survivor, Activist, Storyteller, Filmmaker

## 4:50 pm Closing

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# Training Day

Saturday, June 24 | Boise State University  
Concurrent Sessions on Registration Basis



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### I: Mental Health First Aid, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a public education program that teaches the skills needed to identify, understand, and respond to signs of behavioral health challenges or crises. First Aid is given until appropriate supports are received. “Know the Signs. Learn the Actions. Be a Lifeline.”

- Adult MHFA: 30-person capacity
- Youth MHFA: 30-person capacity

### II: Clinical Training, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Dr. M. David Rudd: President of the University Of Memphis and Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, he also continues funded research, along with his affiliation with the National Center for Veterans Studies at the University of Utah, as co-founder and scientific director.