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What: 4th Annual Western States Conference on Suicide addressing mental health awareness, suicide prevention education, and training.

Who: Open to the public – great for parents, educators, first responders, clinicians, and anyone who works in the mental health field

Where: Boise State University – Student Union Building – Jordan Ballroom

When: October 22 & 23, 2018

Cost: Registration is $100 for Monday’s conference. Tuesday’s training registration fees are varied. Registratoin closes on Friday, October 19 with a limited number of tickets available at the door.

Register: www.WSCOS.org

Special Offer: The Speedy Foundation, by way of an Impact Club donation, is offering 60 complimentary seats at the CAMS-care clinical training. Register here: www.WSCOS.org, use promotional code: TSFCAMScareWSCOS

Why: This event will provide critical education for professionals as well as community members. The WSCOS continues its mission to advance the prevention of suicide in the Western United States, while simultaneously creating a collaborative networking relationship with our state partners. The opportunity for continuing education and training is available to conference participants so that they may make a difference in their own communities. Speakers from all over the U.S. will talk about the latest advances in working with mental health as well as assessing and managing suicidal risk and exceptional trainings will be available to clinicians, educators, and community members. This conference will amplify the resources available to all people and help to reduce the negative stigma of mental health issues and suicide.

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The Western States are known for their honor culture, their isolation due to vast geography, the lack of mental health services, ease of access to lethal means, and other economic and societal issues—all of which factor into the West’s nationally high rates of suicide each year. Attendees of the conference can receive CEU & PD credits.

We are excited to present several speakers & trainings of national caliber, to name a few:

• Speakers:
  o Dr. Sally Spencer-Thomas - Psychologist and International Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Professional Speaker
  o Dr. Nathaniel Mohatt - Research Psychologist, Denver VAMC & Special Guest Nan Wise
  o Tom Mendenhall – Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention
  o Local School Program & First Responder Panels

• Trainings
  o Collaborative Assessment Management of Suicidality (CAMS-Care)
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- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- The Power of Storytelling
- safeTALK
- Question Persuade Refer Train-the-Trainer
- Introduction to Community Resilience Model

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BOISE, Idaho - The 4th annual WSCOS conference will take place this year at Boise State University and will build on the successes of the 3 previous conferences. Participants will leave the conference with a better knowledge of how they impact prevention, models of success and resiliency, and how each can implement facets from the conference into their own lives and professions. The conference focus is on the power of storytelling and gatekeeping. There will also be a focus on innovative models that are rural based and help to share best practices for serving rural veterans and/or employing transitioning military personnel to the rural health care field.

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