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TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

“Together We Can: Looking Back, Moving Forward” A Conference for Georgia’s Suicide Prevention Stakeholders

September 8-10, 2011

Marriott Macon City Center
240 Coliseum Drive - Macon, Georgia

This conference focuses on resources for those who work with vulnerable populations and those affected by suicide. Current statewide activities, best practice models, intervention and postvention strategies will be explored.

All clinicians, administrators, coalition members, survivors of suicide, hospitals, state agency staff, community service provider representatives, college and university staff, and military and veteran organizations are invited to attend. Youth and their families are also encouraged to attend all activities.

The conference will address the following:

- History and accomplishments of suicide prevention in Georgia and throughout the United States
- Resources and information that will increase stakeholders’ success, using workshop tracks that relate to: youth, communities, vulnerable populations, survivors and attempters, military & veterans, and mental illness & substance abuse
- Suicide prevention models for specific populations (older adults, GLBTQ, rural populations, etc.)

<i>Please see attached Conference Agenda for further details and on-site check-in times.</i>			
DATES	EVENTS	TIMES	CEUs
Thursday, Sept. 8	Plenary and Workshops	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	3.5 units
	Networking Reception	5:30 pm	---
Friday, Sept. 9	Plenary Sessions and Workshops	8:30 am - 5:00 pm	4.5 units
	Book Discussion	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	---
Saturday, Sept. 10	Plenary Sessions	8:30 am - 11:00 am	2.5 units
	Celebratory Awards Luncheon	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	---

All registrants are encouraged to read "TH1RTEEN R3ASONS WHY" by Jay Asher, prior to the conference, and participate in the book discussion on Friday evening.

Registration: You must **pre-register by Thursday, September 1** at <http://www.cviog.uga.edu/dbhdd/spstakeholders>
There is no registration fee for conference participation.

CEUs: Continuing Education Units (CEUs) have been applied for through UGA’s School of Social Work and the Alcohol & Drug Addiction Certification Board of Georgia.

Hotel Accommodations: Act immediately to reserve your hotel rooms at the conference rate of \$77 per night. If you reserve your room after August 15, you may request the \$77 government rate, but availability of rooms is not guaranteed. Participants are responsible for their own travel, meals, and overnight accommodations.

Call (478) 621-5300 to make your room reservations using the registration code “**suisuia**”, or follow this link:
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcnfs?groupCode=suisuia&app=resvlink&fromDate=9/7/11&toDate=9/10/11>

Submit conference questions via email to RegistrationMHDDAD@dhr.state.ga.us.

AGENDA		“Together We Can: Looking Back, Moving Forward” A Conference for Georgia’s Suicide Prevention Stakeholders	
Start	End		
		Thursday, September 8, 2011	
11:00am	12:50pm	On-site check-in	
1:00pm	1:30pm	Welcome: Where are we now and how did we get here?	
1:30pm	2:30pm	Keynote: Iris Bolton	
2:30pm	3:30pm	Plenary 1 - Suicide Prevention: 10 Years of Progress in Georgia	
3:30pm	4:00pm	Jeff Inman, Carol Koplan, Carlo Domingo, Eve Byrd, Sheri McGuinness, Charles Willis	
4:00pm	5:30pm	Break	
		Workshops "A"	
		Youth: Lessons Learned from Georgia’s Child Fatality Review <i>Arleyma Raheem (moderator)</i>	
		Communities: Suicide Prevention and the Faith Based Community <i>Adam Lesser , Von Wrighten & Marti Vogt</i>	
		Vulnerable Populations: Suicide Prevention in Older Adult Care Communities: Toolkit <i>Eve Byrd & Carol Podgorski</i>	
		MH & SA: Developing Suicide Prevention Safety Plans in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Settings <i>Doreen Marshall</i>	
		Best Practice: Protocols for Preventing and Responding to School Crisis <i>Maureen Underwood</i>	
		Survivors & Attempters: The Survivor's Journey <i>Stuart Smyth</i>	
		Other: The Military Culture <i>Peter McCall</i>	
5:30pm		Networking Reception	
		Friday, September 9, 2011	
6:30am	8:00am	5K Run/Walk (Registration information not yet available)	
7:30am	8:30am	On-site check-in	
8:30am	9:00am	Welcome: Where are we going?	
9:00am	10:00am	Plenary 2: Transforming Mental Health Systems and the Effect on suicide Prevention	
10:00am	10:30am	Dr. Bryce McLaulin, Cynthia Wainscott, Sally Vander Straeten	
10:30am	12:00pm	Break	
		Workshops "B"	
		Youth: Cyberbullying and Suicide Prevention <i>Patty Agaston</i>	
		Communities: Lessons Learned: Speaking Effectively about Suicide Prevention in Communities <i>Sheri McGuinness & Marti Vogt</i>	
		Vulnerable Populations: GLBTQ Youth and Suicide Prevention <i>Rebecca Wax</i>	
		MH & SA: Safety Planning in Treatment Settings <i>Sally Vander Straeten</i>	
		Best Practice: Means Restriction and Suicide Prevention <i>Elaine Frank</i>	
		Survivors & Attempters: The Road to Recovery and Wellness for Suicide Attempters who Live with Mental Illness: Double Trouble, WRAP, Principals of Recovery, Peer Support Specialists <i>Charles Willis</i>	
		Other: Suicide Prevention in Juvenile Justice <i>Ron Koon</i>	

Start	End	
Friday, September 9, 2011 (<i>Continued</i>)		
12:00pm	2:00pm	Plenary 3: Working Boxed Lunch Suicide Prevention Coalition of Georgia Looking at the State Suicide Prevention Strategy
2:00pm	3:30pm	Workshops "C"
		Youth: Understanding and Addressing Adolescent Grief Issues and Guiding Grieving Children <i>Dave Opalewski</i>
		Communities: Communities Responding to Multiple Suicide Deaths <i>Maureen Underwood</i>
		Vulnerable Populations: Cultural considerations in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention <i>Michelle Zelaya, Jim Osterman & Amy Stevens</i>
		MH & SA: The CAMS Approach to Suicide Prevention in Georgia <i>Ron Koon & Paul Wade</i>
		Best Practice: Using the TIP 50 for Preventing Suicide in Substance Abuse Settings <i>Von Wrighten</i>
		Survivors & Attempters: The Survivor Experience and Survivor Services in the Community for Families who have had a Loved One Die by Suicide: SOS Peer Groups, home visits, information packets, awareness quilts <i>Sheri McGuinness (moderator)</i>
		Other: Murder Suicide <i>Dr. Curtis Lucas (VA) & Taylor Tapp (GCADV)</i>
3:30pm	4:00pm	Break
4:00pm	5:30pm	Workshops "D"
		Youth: Working with Parents in the Schools to Help them Understand their Child's Need for Help <i>Maureen Underwood & Scott Fritz</i>
		Communities: Beginning a Suicide Prevention Coalition in your Community and Sustaining the Momentum <i>Brenda Frazier & Barbara Funke</i>
		Vulnerable Populations: Using Technology to Address Suicide Prevention in Rural Areas: Telemedicine <i>Rena Brewer</i>
		MH & SA: Best Practices in Planning for Transition to Recovery <i>Sally vander Straeten</i>
		Best Practice: New Media Guidelines for Reporting on Suicide <i>Adam Lesser (moderator)</i>
		Survivors & Attempters: Panel of Suicide Attempters <i>Paolo Mancini, Jim Osterman & Charlotte Spell</i>
		Other: The Jail Diversion Program for Veterans <i>Kimberly Paul</i>
5:30pm		End of day
7:00pm	9:00pm	13 Reasons Why - Book Discussion - All Welcome (even if you haven't read the book)
Saturday, September 10, 2011		
7:30am	8:30am	On-site check-in
8:30am	9:30am	Plenary 4 - Sources of Strength - Youth Peer Leadership <i>Mark Lomurray, SoS Youth</i>
9:30am	10:00am	Break
10:00am	11:00am	Plenary 5 - Motivational Message Plenary - The Gift <i>Sheri McGuinness (moderator)</i>
11:00am	12:30pm	Celebratory Luncheon and Awards
End of Conference		