AMERCIAN ASSOCIATION OF SUICIDOLOGY

AAS is a membership organization for all those involved in suicide prevention and intervention, or touched by suicide. AAS is a leader in the advancement of scientific and programmatic efforts in suicide prevention through research, education and training, the development of standards and resources, and survivor support services.

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An Open Letter to the NFL, NFLPA, and football fans everywhere:

On behalf of the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) our deepest sympathies go out the family, friends, and community that have been impacted by the suicide and homicide that occurred in Kansas City this weekend. Suicide, which is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, continues to impact lives and communities around the globe. We, at the American Association of Suicidology, continue to dedicate ourselves to the assessment, management and understanding of suicide and its aftermath.

The grief and trauma that are often associated with suicide (and homicide) often leave people and communities at a loss. We will continue to partner with local, state, federal, national, and international stakeholders to reduce the number of suicide deaths and assist suicide survivors (those bereaved by suicide loss). In the meantime, we encourage all community members to learn more about suicide and suicide warning signs.

Suicide takes the lives of, approximately, 101 U.S. citizens every day. The American Association of Suicidology and other organizations within the suicide prevention field will continue to strive daily to combat this all-too-common tragedy.

For more information please contact our central office at 202-237-2280 or visit our website at the American Association of Suicidology, "like" us on facebook, follow the organization and/or myself on twitter, or get in touch with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. If you know of somebody having thoughts of suicide, or you are having suicidal thoughts, please contact the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Sincerely,

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