SPRC R2P Webinar

Invitation

SPRC Research to Practice Webinar
Saving Our Youth: How One Native Community Reduced Teen Suicide

When: Thursday, March 29, 2012
3:00 PM-4:30 PM Eastern Time

Presenters:
Patricia Serna, LISW, Executive Director, North Central Community Based Services, Inc.
Sharon Julian, Staff of the Tribal Program
Philip A. May, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico and Research Professor, University of North Carolina, Nutrition Research Institute, Gillings School of Global Public Health

Opening Remarks:
Richard McKeon, PhD, MPH, Branch Chief, Suicide Prevention, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Brief description:
This webinar will provide an overview of the Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program, which was developed by and for a Native community in New Mexico. The comprehensive, community-driven program showed significant, sustained reduction in youth suicide gestures and attempts over 13 years. Presenters will describe three critical aspects of the program, which could be replicated in other settings:

1) A commitment to addressing suicide as part of a system of care, with services addressing other behavioral health topics – such as family violence and substance abuse – at all levels of prevention;
2) Active involvement from key constituencies – tribal leadership, health care providers, elders, youths, and clients – in the design and implementation of the program to ensure that program strategies are culturally appropriate; and
3) Flexibility in program development and implementation based on continuous evaluation and feedback from community and program staff.

Objectives:
By the end of the webinar participants will:

1. Know the key components of the Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program
2. Understand how data was collected and used to improve the program
3. Be aware of the impact the program had on the community where it was implemented
4. Identify ways to adopt or adapt the strategies, approaches and tools of the Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program for use in their own communities.

Additional resources:

- Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program Manual: A Public Health Model for Native American Communities
- Suicide Among Racial/Ethnic Populations in the U.S.: American Indians/Alaska Natives
- To Live to See the Great Day the Dawns: Preventing Suicide by American Indian and Alaska Native Youth and Young Adults
- Ensuring the Seventh Generation: A Youth Suicide Prevention Toolkit for Tribal Child Welfare Programs
- Acting on what we know: Preventing youth suicide in First Nations
- Indian Health Service AI/AN National Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan (2011-2015)

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If you have questions, contact Tiffany Kim, SPRC Project Coordinator at 202-572-3717 or tkim@edc.org.

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