



A CONFERENCE ON SUICIDE:
CONFRONTING A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2018

The third annual Conference on Suicide will focus on how the economic and human cost of suicidal behavior to individuals, families, communities and society makes suicide a serious public health problem. A public health approach to suicide prevention can address these factors in many ways. The 2018 Conference will bring together policymakers, researchers and noted advocates of this public health model to address:

- *Approaches that impact groups or populations of people, in addition to the treatment of individuals.*
- *Preventing suicidal behavior before it ever occurs (primary prevention), and addresses a broad range of risk and protective factors.*
- *A strong commitment to increasing our understanding of suicide prevention through science, so that we can develop new and better solutions.*
- *The importance of a multi-disciplinary collaboration, which brings together many different perspectives and experience to enrich and strengthen the solutions for the many diverse communities.*

Who's Invited:

- Mental Health and Medical Professionals
- Crisis Center Workers
- Educators/Parents & Students
- First Responders
- Policymakers
- Employers
- Veterans and Veteran Support Groups
- Loss Survivors and Attempt Survivors of Suicide
- General Public

The 2018 Conference on Suicide will feature local and national presenters including:



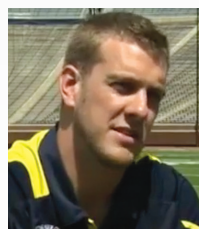
Thomas Joiner is an American academic psychologist and leading expert on suicide. His theory on suicide established a new theoretical framework for diagnosis and risk-assessment. Joiner is an advocate for the creation of preventive and public-health campaigns aimed at the suicide prevention.



Sally Spencer Thomas sees issues of suicide prevention and mental health promotion from a host of perspectives - clinical psychologist, mental health advocate, faculty member, patient and survivor. She works with employers to implement a comprehensive, public health approach to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention in the workplace.



Bart Andrews is vice president of clinical practice and evaluation at Behavioral Health Response. Dr. Andrews has dedicated the last 17 years of his life to suicide and crisis intervention. Dr. Andrews believes that suicide and its prevention is a community health problem, which everyone can and must help to address.



Will Heininger is a former Michigan defensive lineman who struggled with depression during his time at the school. He is working to raise awareness for student-athletes struggling with mental illness with the hope that as a culture and as a society, communities will realize the importance of mental health services.

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