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PART OF THE 2022 KEVIN'S SONG
 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON SUICIDE



Goal:

The goal is to provide loss and attempt survivors with information and resources to help with their individual journeys through healing, loss and grief, to combat stigma and to assist mental health professionals and other caregivers in understanding the needs of survivors.



Objectives:

In this final day of the Conference, suicide attempt survivors and survivors of suicide loss as well as mental health professionals and caregivers will:

- *Learn how to cope with loss, deal with grief and move forward with their lives in order to reintegrate into their families, school or work environment or community with needs identified, understood and met.*

On Saturday, January 29, 2022, the Conference focuses on survivors of suicide loss and attempt survivors, support group facilitators, mental health professionals, and others interested in sharing and understanding the lived experience of surviving a suicide attempt/suicidal thoughts, and/or the loss and grief following the suicide of a loved one.

A compendium of survivor stories will be presented to attendees. **The Saturday Survivor Program is FREE** and will be live streamed on Facebook Live in partnership with Detroit Public Television.

For more information and to register for this FREE event visit www.kevinssong.org



Keynote Speakers:



Changing Minds: Stories Over Stigma

Jordan Burnham, *Director of Training, Minding Your Mind*

A survivor of a suicide attempt, during high school, and shares his powerful story. He has received numerous accolades for his work and has been featured in Sports Illustrated, PEOPLE Magazine and USA Today, as well as numerous appearances on TV including an Emmy nomination. Since his suicide attempt, Jordan has now dedicated his time sharing his story and providing mental health education to youth.



Racism is a Public Health Crisis

Kevin Fischer, *Executive Director NAMI Michigan*

How race and racial disparities have resulted in lack of access, awareness and a lack of culturally competent mental health care in the African American community. How variances in stigma affect the ways African Americans view behavioral health disorders.

Kevin will share his very personal experience of his son, Dominique's diagnosis of serious mental illness; the challenges he faced; his death by suicide and Kevin's subsequent battle with depression and suicidal ideation. Kevin firmly believes it is imperative that we "close the gap" in behavioral health care.

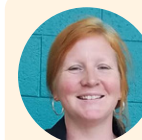


A Journey Through Suicide Grief

Barb Smith, *Founder and Executive Director Barb Smith Suicide Resource & Response Network*

A presentation for educators, mental health professionals, clergy and those who support survivors of suicide loss. Appropriate for those bereaved by suicide. Barb will use

research, case stories, her personal experience and humor to guide you through a Suicide Grief Journey. Come walk with me.



SURVIVOR PANEL

Giving Purpose to Pain: An Honest Conversation with

Suicide Loss Survivors

Moderated by: **Amelia Lehto**, *Kevin's Song Advisory Council Member*

Suicide loss is often a shocking, painful and unexpected experience. The grief on experiences can be intense, complex, and a deeply personal, unique process. Each survivor of suicide will experience it in their own way and at their own pace. A diverse panel of suicide loss survivors will discuss how they find themselves navigating their journey, sharing their personal experiences, and surviving the pain of suicide loss.

PANELISTS INCLUDE:

La Toya Bond, Greg Boudreau, Jacob Harris and Karen Hiyama.



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