



JANUARY 25-27, 2024 | ST. JOHN'S RESORT IN PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

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Friday, January 26, 2024 The second day of the Conference will include an array of powerful presentations that engage clinicians and suicide prevention advocates to enhance their knowledge and skills to prevent suicide. Attendees will hear the latest in research about suicide and risk assessment as well as evidenced-based treatments and prevention strategies to better serve individuals and communities at risk.

In addition, students in the behavioral sciences or professional trainees in medical related fields of study can attend the Friday program **FREE of charge**.

Who's Invited:

- Educators / Teachers
- Parents / Family Members
- Psychologists / Social Workers / Licensed Counselors
- Physicians / Nurses / Medical Professionals
- Crisis Center Workers
- First Responders / Law Enforcement
- Policymakers
- Loss Survivors
- Employers / Human Resource Professionals
- Veterans and Veteran Support Groups
- People with Lived Experience
- Members of the General Public
- Professional Trainees and Students



Goal: The goal of the conference is to share information that will help attendees to identify and address risk factors and promote protective factors, including the safe storage of firearms, within and beyond their own communities.



Objectives: Following the conference, participants will be able to discuss:

- How to identify and assist someone at risk of suicide.
- How to identify and/or mitigate factors within the greater community that increase the risk of suicide for members of particular groups.
- How to tailor our prevention activities to be more socially and culturally responsible, inclusive and effective.

Applications for **Continuing Education Credits** are being prepared for Addiction Professionals, Educators and School Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselors, Nurses, and Social Workers.

Keynote Presentations Include:



Michael Anestis, PhD.
Executive Director NJ Gun Violence Research Center, Associate Professor

Firearm Storage As a Suicide Prevention Tool

Dr. Anestis will discuss how the broad implementation of secure firearm storage may represent the single most powerful suicide prevention tool at our disposal and how a combinations of approaches may help shift social norms around firearm storage in communities otherwise likely to store their firearms more dangerously.



Thomas Joiner, PhD.
The Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Florida State University

Interviewed by
Angela T. Moore, B.A., M.A., LLPC, NCC, President-The Body Principle



A New Theory of Suicidal Violence

Interview discussion of his new theory on the faces of suicide, Angela Moore and Dr. Joiner will explore Dr. Joiner's new theory that a range of behaviors, such as murder-suicide, terrorism, and mass shootings, are better understood as motivated by suicidal impulses than by homicidal ones.

KEYNOTE PANEL: Suicide Prevention in the State Of Michigan

Suicide prevention efforts within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and across Michigan have grown significantly over the past several years. New programs and initiatives have been established increasing statewide capacity to address suicide prevention.



Moderator: Michael Pyne, LMSW HealthWest



Brian Ahmendani PhD.
Co-Chair, Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission



Nancy Buyle, MA, LPC,
ACTP Co-Chair, Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission



Lindsay DeCamp MHA
State suicide prevention coordinator MDHHS and Human Services, Injury and Violence Prevention Section



Kristen Smith, PhD.
Program coordinator for Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men, administered by the MDHHS



Tony Thrasher DO, MBA, CPE, DFAPA
Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division

Mitigating Suicide Risk: Options Outside of Hospitalization and Ethical Considerations

This will be an interactive experience between the presenter and the audience focusing on the mitigation of risk (as opposed to assessing for it). The target will be on not only the alternatives to hospitalization (often with better data supporting them than inpatient stays) but also the ethical considerations that concerned stakeholders must navigate when undergoing this mission!

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