2021 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH *Together we thrive*

WEBINAR SERIES

Join us each Thursday in May for an educational webinar focused on mental health and suicide prevention. Webinars are free and open to the public and will be held on Zoom starting at 7:30 am.

Join us!

THURSDAY, MAY 6 — 7:30 am

Safe Suicide Messaging

Suicide Prevention is everyone's responsibility, and it can be as simple and impactful as how you talk about suicide in a public forum. From those in the media to well-intentioned prevention efforts, **knowing what the evidence-based guidelines are is key.**

Leah Rolando, Mental Health America of Wisconsin, Suicide Prevention Program Coordinator
Gena Orlando, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Wisconsin Area Director
Patty Slatter, NAMI Rock Co. Zero Suicide Faculty, Voice of Lived Experience
JOIN WEBINAR AT: https://zoom.us/j/99170471244

THURSDAY, MAY 13 — 7:30 am

Mental Health Awareness Month Kickoff Event

The N.E.W. Mental Health Connection presents this year's campaign with a focus on strengthening adult mental health and suicide prevention in our community. Special guests include:

The Siebers Family – *Journey of Loss and Healing*
Dr. Andrew Schramm, Psychologist and Assistant Professor of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin Mental Health - *Impact of Social Isolation of COVID on Mental Health with a Special Focus on Middle-Age Men*
JOIN WEBINAR AT: https://zoom.us/j/96684062581

THURSDAY, MAY 20 — 7:30 am

Police-Based & Alternative Models of Response to Mental Health Crisis

Dr. Amy Watson, PhD, Professor at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare

For the past two decades, Dr. Watson's research has focused on police encounters with persons with mental illnesses and the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model. She will discuss variations in response models, research evidence and considerations for implementing alternative models.

JOIN WEBINAR AT: https://zoom.us/j/95049379255

THURSDAY, MAY 27 — 7:30 am

People in Crisis – Strengthening the Emergency Response – Local and State Perspectives and Recommendations

In February of 2021, the State Coalition released **recommendations** to increase diversion from emergency detentions and to improve the process when an emergency detention is necessary. Learn how mental health crisis system response in the Tri-County aligns with these recommendations as well as opportunities for innovation.

Tony Thrasher, D.O., DFAPA, Medical Director of Crisis Services - Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division
Dr. Stephen Hargarten, MD, MPH, Associate Dean – Office of Global Health, Professor of Emergency Medicine - Medical College of Wisconsin
JOIN WEBINAR AT: https://zoom.us/j/91204185850

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