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Minnesota Suicide Prevention E-News

January 2007

Thought of the Month:

"Caring adults are the cornerstone of a child's development." From article "Every Child Every Promise from Americas Promise Website: www.americaspromise.org.

TAKE NOTE:

- ◆ **Suicide Prevention Meetings** scheduled for January throughout Minnesota.
- ◆ **Legislative Alert!**
- ◆ **2007 Starlight Gala** February 24 at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center. See below or contact the [Yellow Ribbon Office](#) for more information.
- ◆ **Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health** presents

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU ARE INVITED - PASS THE WORD!!!

Are you interested in hearing about what has been happening in suicide prevention nationally and in our state? Do you need some information about suicide prevention to better do your work? Whether you are just starting a suicide prevention effort or have been working on prevention for some time, whether you are working in your school, town, county or region, this meeting is for you. Thank you for your work that you have done and continue to do to prevent suicides in our communities. We hope that you will share your experiences with us. The Minnesota Department of Health, in conjunction with Yellow Ribbon and SAVE, will be visiting communities throughout the state to listen to community priorities and activities, to share updates, to continue the work of updating the State Suicide Prevention Plan and to collaborate in planning and implementation. Please join us at one of the following meetings:

- ❖ 1/22/07 Virginia from 9:30am-12pm
- ❖ 1/24/07 Mankato from 9:00am-12pm BW3's Civic Center Plaza
- ❖ 1/25/07 Bemidji from 2:00pm-5:00pm (In conjunction with Health Communities, Healthy Kids Suicide Prevention Taskforce)
- ❖ 1/26/07 Redwood Falls from 1:00pm-4:00pm
- ❖ 1/29/07 St. Paul from 10:00am-1:30pm

Tentative Agenda:

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Community Updates
- ❖ National and State Updates
- ❖ State Suicide Prevention Plan
- ❖ Setting Priorities and Commitments
- ❖ Technical Assistance, Question and Answer Session

For meeting locations, more information or to register, please contact Ann Gaasch at 651-201-3586 or

Dr. Ross Greene
Thursday, February
15, 2007.

www.macmh.org

- ◆ **The AAS** is seeking applicants for their Advanced Clinical Skills Training Program.

www.suicidology.org

- ◆ **Applications being accepted** by the University of Rochester's Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide for the 2007 Spring Research Institute in Suicide Prevention.

<http://www.rochesterpreventsuicide.org>

- ◆ **Minnesota School Health Education Conference**
February 5-6, 2007.

www.bemidjistate.edu

- ◆ **2007 Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs (MAAP) Conference**

ann.gaasch@health.state.mn.us.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

Hello suicide prevention supporters! I wanted to pass along some hopeful news to everyone and ask your help.

First, the news. There are a couple groups that will be putting forward legislation later this week to restore all of the 1.1 million in suicide prevention grants in this state! We hope to have bipartisan support on this and support from both the house and senate. In addition to this single-cause bill being sponsored, full restoration of the 1.1 million for suicide prevention grants will also be included in another bill being sponsored and presented this week to a different group of legislators. Look for a press conference on this bill Friday. It's doubtful that this second bill will go forward "as-is", but rather in pieces, so hopefully between that bill and the other, we can see a restoration of the funding for this important cause at least on some level.

Second, the favor. Please call your legislators, email your legislators, visit them (especially if you are a constituent in their area), and let them know how important this is. Ask them to support mental health legislation and suicide prevention funding. Yellow Ribbon can not and does not lobby, but we can advocate for those that can't speak and you can too. We have a small window of opportunity over the next couple of months to be heard in St. Paul. Tell your representatives that suicide is preventable and funding the grants will help SAVE lives.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our work!

Rachel

2007 STARLIGHT GALA

Yellow Ribbon and One Bright Star are beneficiaries of this year's Fifth Annual Starlight Gala on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center. The black tie optional event includes a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, entertainment by All That Pizzazz, dancing with Mary Guentzel and her Quintet, live auction with Gil Gutknecht and Matt Mages, and a large silent auction. For reservations or more information contact the [Yellow Ribbon Office](http://www.yellowribbon.org) at 507-387-5020.

FROM THE FIELD

Every Child Every Promise

A new study reveals we can improve the chances of success for our youth. For the full page article visit: www.americaspromise.org.

February 21-23, 2007 in Brainerd, Minnesota.

www.maapmn.org

- ◆ **SPRC** is seeking materials for their library relating to depression, mental illness, suicide or suicide attempts among rural populations, as well as faith-based prevention materials. Submit your contributions or suggestions to library@sprc.org
- ◆ **Have related events coming up? Let us know!**

WHAT'S UP IN MN?

- ◆ **SEND US YOUR INPUT** – yr@chartermi.net with the subject line: "for newsletter."
- ◆ **Yellow Ribbon** exhibited at the DECA Conference in Minneapolis.
- ◆ **Rocori Middle**

RESOURCES

COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

The Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health presents Dr. Ross Greene Thursday, February 15, 2007 from 9am-4pm. Come and learn exciting new strategies and techniques for Collaborative Problem Solving. For more information, or to register visit www.macmh.org.

2007 MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS CONFERENCE

This year's annual conference will be held February 21-23, 2007 at Cragun's Conference and Golf Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota. For more information visit www.maapmn.org. For information on the resort visit www.craguns.com.

ADVANCED CLINICAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

The American Association of Suicidology (AAS), in partnership with the Suicide Prevention Partnership (SPP) has developed an advanced behavioral skills training program Assessing and Managing Clients at-risk for Suicide. This training is for clinical mental health professionals working with clients at risk for suicide. This call for applicants seeks experienced clinician trainers interested in being trained to facilitate the training for this program. Those selected will be trained in Washington D.C. during the week of March 19-23, 2007. Those interested should contact Kristin Bergeron at AAS: kbregeron@suicidology.org or via fax: 202-237-2282. Applications must be submitted no later than February 2, 2007.

2007 SPRING RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN SUICIDE PREVENTION APPLICATIONS

The University of Rochester's Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide is now accepting applications for the 2007 Spring Research Institute in Suicide Prevention: Community Partnered Research (SRI/CPR). This event will be held in Rochester, New York April 15-21, 2007. Application Deadline: January 26, 2007. For more information visit <http://www.rochesterpreventsuicide.org> or contact Janette Keyser: 585-275-3477 (Phone), 585-276-0307 (Fax), Janette_keyser@urmc.rochester.edu.

Presentations and Materials from the SAMHSA Grantee Meeting Now Available

Agendas, Power Point Presentations and handouts from SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Conference for State/Tribal/Adolescents at Risk Grantees are now available on SPRC's website: www.sprc.org.

Resource Guide for Joint Commission Safety Goals on Suicide

Screening for Mental Health Inc. has developed a resource guide for implementing the new Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations 2007 National Patient Safety Goals on Suicide. For more information visit: www.mentalhealthscreening.org.

School held their 6th Annual Ask-4-Help Presentation.

- ◆ **Yellow Ribbon** presented Ask-4-Help to East Senior High School
- ◆ **Cedar Mountain Youth Board** held their First Annual Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Awareness Week.
- ◆ **Yellow Ribbon** Presented at the South Central Youth Health Conference.

MINNESOTA SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The purpose of this conference is to improve health education in Minnesota schools. Conference details include: Date: February 5-6, 2007, Location: Sheraton Hotel, Bloomington, Minnesota, Registration deadline: January 19, 2007. For more information visit

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/conferences/mnhealthconf/registration.asp>

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO INSURE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY

You are invited to attend this event, which is an opportunity to raise awareness about this issue and to show your support for parity. The forum in Minnesota will take place from 9-11 a.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007 at the auditorium in the Humphrey Institute on the west bank of the University of Minnesota. The address is 307 19th Ave. South, Minneapolis. Congressman Jim Ramstad and Patrick Kennedy will be chairing the event. Contact the NAMI office to register: 651-645-2948 or 1-800-473-0237.

FINDING FUNDS

UPCOMING MINNESOTA FUNDERS DEADLINES

February 1

- [The McKnight Foundation](#) (Youth Enrichment During the Out-of-school Time)

February 15

- [The McKnight Foundation](#) (Children and Families International)
- [Best Buy Children's Foundation](#) (Scholarships)

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