

# Message from the Chair...

The Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council met on Feb 15 in Tallahassee. Robert Siedlecki, who is the new DCF Assistant Secretary over Mental Health was introduced to the council. There was serious concerns at the meeting about mental health and substance abuse budget cuts. From what I have read, most of these cuts were averted. Also, there was a suicide prevention education bill, but it did not get out of committee this year. Both Ellen Piekalkiewicz of the Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention and Lisa VanderWerf-Hourigan, Director of Health Injury Prevention presented 2010 suicide data. Ellen Piekalkiewicz explained what her priorities would be for the coming year; 1. psychiatric hospitals discharge planning, 2. foster care parents and youth, 3. mental health providers, 4. Suicide prevention for veterans and youth. The Statewide Office has gone from two full time employees to one .20FTE temporary employee. There was no budget for a position, so DCF has found some funding. They now have access to the www.HelpPromoteHope.com website and can make changes to it.

Big Bend Hospice again held a **Candlelight Ceremony for Suicide Survivors** the evening of Feb 15. The program was a combination of music and speakers and poems and was very moving. We made legislative visits and manned tables, trying to lay groundwork for next legislative session. In order to put the education bill back in statue and fund at least one position, we will need to start very early (this spring).

The American Association of Suicidology Conference and the co-occurring AAS/American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's 24th Healing After Suicide conference in Baltimore April 18 – 21.

**Take Action Brochures** have been distributed to Coalition Directors for members. Please take these brochures to events that you may have. If you don't have any of the printed brochures, I still have a limited supply and can send to you. Here is a link to the web friendly version:

http://floridasuicideprevention.org/PDF/20112015%20Fl%20Suicide%20Prevention%20Strategy.pd

Please link to this pdf file from your organizations web site. The coalition paid to have this brochure put in a web friendly version with our logo (thanks Steve Roggenbaum for helping to coordinate this). It is a great document and should be used.

The next goal will be to try to have a **retreat in the fall**. This is something that has been suggested the last two annual meetings. In order to achieve this goal, we need to find a place that in the center of the state and is very affordable. If any of you have any ideas, please consider checking into that location to find out the cost. I will check on Camp Blanding where we have met in the past. Any ideas and/or volunteers to help try to put this together would be most appreciated. Various church organizations throughout the state have retreat centers.

**National Prevention Week** is a new annual health observance supported by SAMHSA that celebrates the work that community organizations and individuals do year-round to prevent substance abuse and promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being. **National Prevention Week** will take place **May 20-26**, **2012** and this year's theme is We are the ones. How are you taking action?

http://www.samhsa.gov/preventionweek/about.aspx

Finally, this issue of the newsletter is an attempt to put in one document, some of the **activities and resources dedicated to suicide prevention throughout the state**. If you read this newsletter and see that your region director is vacant, please contact me if you would be willing to serve as a director. Also, please note that the Vice Chair position is still vacant. If you see that a survivor groups is not listed, please also let me know. Terry Smith will be reviewing the newsletter and updating the website with the survivor group information.

Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition www.floridasuicideprevention.org

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#### **Donations:**

Make check payable to FSPC and mail to Rene' Favreau, Treasurer, 710 Valley Forge Rd West Palm Beach, FL 33405 rene.favreau@gmail.com

# Officers of Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition Region 3

Chair ......Judy Broward
Secretary .....Laura Meyer
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Newsletter Layout .....Dianne Walsh

If you or someone you know, is in suicidal crisis or emotional distress, please reach out for hope by calling:

1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

24 hours a day; 7 days a week

# Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition Regions

The Coalition is organized in 15 Regions for the administration and coordination of all activities within the State. Each Region has a Region Director to help coordinate and communicate the activities for the Region.



Counties of: Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton.

Region Director: Raela M. Villanueva

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#### **SAMSHA Suicide Prevention Grant**

The University of West Florida was awarded the Suicide Prevention Grant through SAMSHA and will be receiving over \$100,000 per year for next 3 years. UWF Chapters of Students for Suicide Awareness, To Write Love On Her Arms, Gay- Straight Alliance, and Veteran Students of America have formed a coalition to help carry out prevention programs, trainings, poster campaigns, etc. through the grant.

UWF is also are providing QPR suicide prevention gatekeeper training to students, faculty, and staff, are looking into policies and procedures related to crisis response and suicide prevention through a Suicide Prevention Coalition and have a social marketing poster campaign which seeks to encourage help seeking, decrease stigma, and address myths regarding suicide. Please see website for more information including a look at our posters. http://www.uwf.edu/cws/SOS.cfm

QPR gatekeeper training to the Pensacola community at CDAC on April 13th from 9-11. The fee is \$20 per person. For more information about this training, contact Becky Daniels at bdaniels@cdac.info. Let me know if you have any questions.

I am proud to announce that SSA President Shane Kuhlman was chosen as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student for the 2011 calendar year out of 800 students in the Psychology Dept for all his involvement with SSA and the grant!! In honor of his achievement, he will be recognized at the UWF Undergraduate Honors Convocation to be held on Friday, March 30, 2012.

# 4th Annual "Seeds of Hope" Music & Art Show

SSA will be hosting their 4th Annual "Seeds of Hope" music and art show on Sat., April 14 from 12-5pm at the UWF Commons Auditorium. There will be live music, food, t-shirts and cds' for sale, the Survivor Art Exhibit and other resources. The event is free for students and \$5 to the public.

# The Overnight Walk 2012

The DREAM Team will be participating in the Overnight walk June 9 in San Francisco. Seven students and I have begun our fundraising and training. You can follow us at www.theovernight.donordrive.com/team/DREAMteam. If anyone in Florida is participating and would like to walk with us and join our team, please let me know.

# **RISE Phoenix (Revolution Inspired by Self Evolution)**

RISE Phoenix will be passing through FL starting with Pensacola June 26 through Jacksonville July 25. Two survivors from Arizona inspired by "The Bridge" are cycling over 7000 miles from San Fran to NY March 1 through Sept. 30. The are raising awareness about suicide and the healing power of art. SSA is planning a music and art show to re-promote the DREAM Project compilation cd on Jun 27, place TBA and they will speak at our "Escape" music and art session June 26 at Longhollow Studio. Visit their website at www.risephoenix.org or follow their daily updates on facebook by clicking on their facebook link on their website.

Thomas Brown of RISE got my contact info from an outdated SOS website. He asked that I pass on their website and info to FSPC mailing list as they will be cycling throughout FL (from Pensacola down to Tampa over to Orlando and Daytona and up to Jacksonville) and would like to set up speaking engagements in the cities they stop by, and looking for campsites or floors/couches to crash on. They are also documenting their journey and any survivors, support groups, advocates, etc. are invited to be interviewed on the video to highlight what's going on in your area. I raved about how strong our coalition is, so if anyone wants to support them, they can contact Thomas (thomas@risephoenix.org) or let me know as I am keeping a list of contacts for FL. They have made contacts in Pensacola, Destin, Panama City, Tallahassee, and Jacksonville. Please do what you can to help them get to their end destination. Attached is their route itinerary - scroll down to pages 7-8 to see the list of cities in Florida.

# **TCF Survivors of Suicide Support Group**

\*This meeting is open to all survivors of suicide\*
Support group meetings for TCF members who have lost a child or sibling to suicide on an as-needed basis.

Please call for meeting times or for more information. Charity Chapel, 5820 Montgomery Ave Contact: Diane McCullough, facilitator - (850) 725-0191 (h) or (850) 723-6702 or Michelle Knisely - (850) 438-3348 (h) or (850) 712-5841 (c)

Counties of: Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla and Washington.

#### **Region Director:**

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http://www.211bigbend.org/

# **Big Bend Hospice's Suicide Loss Support Group**

Continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for people who have experienced loss due to suicide. They'll be meeting on March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, & July 17. www.bigbendhospice.org

# Save the Date for A Night in the Tropics!

On Sat, April 21st, A Night in the Tropics will raise funds for the crisis counseling and suicide prevention hotlines run by 2-1-1 Big Bend. Food, drinks, gaming, music and a silent auction are on tap at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. www.211bigbend.org

# A Cross-country Bicycle Tour

To spotlight suicide prevention & awareness is scheduled to come through Tallahassee around July 1. For more information, visit www.risephoenix.org

Counties of: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee & Union.

#### **Region Director:**

Marshall Knudson, Director

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Gainesville, FL 32641
352-264-6792
mlk@alachuacounty.us
www.alachua.fl.us/government/depts/css/crisis/

#### **Cofrin Nature Park**

Land was designated in Cofrin Nature Park as a suicide survivors memory garden. There will be a labyrinth, seating, gardens, etc. The land is cleared, the landscape design was accepted by the city and we will start fundraising and building very soon.

# **Survivors of Suicide Support Group**

The group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Alachua County Crisis Center, 218 SE 24th St, Gainesville. If you are interested in joining the group or for further information, please call Perry Peace, the Group Facilitator, at 352-264-6779.

#### **Laressa Gribbons Memorial Lecture**

University of Florida College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry Friday, April 12

Anthony J. Rothschild, M.D. Professor of Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts "Reducing the High Risk of Suicide Through Improved Recognition and Treatment of

Psychotic Depression"

1:25 - Meet & Greet

2:00 - Grand Rounds

DeWeese Auditorium

Evelyn F and Williams L McKnight Brain Institute

1149 South Newell Drive

Gainesville, Fl 32611

Reply by April 6, 2012 to Sandy Pulcini pulcini@ufl.edu or 352-273-5885

# **Keep Hope Alive**

There will be a suicide awareness and prevention forum called **Keep Hope Alive** on Thursday, April 5th from 6-8pm in the Reitz Amphitheater. There will be guest speakers, a suicide myth busters panel, and an expressive part including poetry, song, and speech. We will conclude with a candlelight remembrance ceremony for all those who lose their life everyday to suicide.

Counties of: Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau & St Johns

#### **Region Director:**

**Roberta Zipperer** 

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# **AFSP Florida First Coast Chapter Memory Cookbook**

We are creating a "Memory Cookbook". We want to compile your favorite recipes and those of our lost loved ones. The "Memory Cookbook" will be available later in 2012 for purchase and we will sell them at future events.

Become a part of this as we collect memories. Please email your recipes to julielynno68@aol.com (Julie Rollberg) no later than March 31, 2012. Feel free to include a brief message to honor your loved one. There is no charge for recipes to be included.

Space for Memorials or Advertising can be purchased. If you are interested in purchasing space for advertising your business or a memorial for your loved one, you can contact Julie (904-955-0486) for pricing information or if you have any questions.

# The Second Annual "Riding Out of the Darkness – A Motorcycle Ride"

The ride will take place on Saturday June 2. This year it's being expanded to include a Car and Truck show and lots of fun children activities. Come for family fun, food and music! Additional information will be available soon.

# Our Seventh Annual "Out of the Darkness Community Walk"

The walk will take place on Saturday November 10th. Information will be on the www.outofthedarkness.org registration website soon.

The AFSP Survivors of Suicide Event will take place on Saturday November 17th. More information will be released soon.

# **Melody & Harmony Music Foundation**

My name is Dove Hagan and I'm an independent singer and songwriter that believe children are the visionaries and fact-seekers that bring about change from generation to generation. The dynamics to which children go to find themselves and dissect the world differs from culture to culture and continent to continent, but what they all have in common is the passion, desire and ability to create trends. The greatest indicator of the adolescent's power to influence is shown in music sales and is continuously exploited leaving our children vulnerable to dangerous fantasy, glamorization of external ills leaving them desensitized when faced with imminent danger.

Melody & Harmony Music Foundation was created as a vehicle to explore the healing power of music and implement positive enforcers to influence the young mind. One of the goals of the foundation is to use music as therapy to heal and enlighten children that are lost in the shadows of depression, abuse and have considered suicide as their only way out of their turbulent life. The "Not Invisible" campaign, held October 2011, was a community initiative that brought awareness to the alarming and escalating rate of suicide in children and teens in the Jacksonville, Duval County area. We are not naïve enough to think that a song will erase the hurt and pain that a child endures or has endured due to life stressors, but we are hopeful that the initiatives set forth will enlighten many as to the true plight that our children are faced with daily.

The next initiative, Shields, is an anti-bullying campaign that will launch this spring via a documentary produced by the foundation to bring awareness to the torment that some children suffer daily. Children that see no way out of the abuse may be apt to take their life as a means of escape and release. We want to make sure that this stops. The public school systems must accept that this is a growing problem and safeguards and education to nurture prevention must be put in place.

The core of the foundation is to show what could happen at the end of the depression that is untreated or unrecognized, at the end of the abuse and bullying that is dismissed or made light of, and at the end of the anger from the child that feels abandoned by society. Although in its infancy, with less than a year of existence, Melody & Harmony Music Foundation will continue to tackle stigmas that hinder the healing of our children.

To learn more about Melody & Harmony Music Foundation or to become a partner of the organization, please visit: www.melodyandharmonymusic.com

#### **Survivors of Suicide**

P.O. Box 1754

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004

Meetings are for families and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Contact: Deborah A. Davis (904) 868-5156 1st & 3rd Thursday each month from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm

Facilitated by: Peer Charge: No

Newsletter: No

Counties Served: Duval, Clay, Baker, Nassau, St. Johns

Counties of: Pasco & Pinellas

#### **Region Director:**

#### **Bonnie McClelland**

Chapter Founder
Suncoast Yellow Ribbon
Suicide Prevention Program
727-394-8222
bonnie@SuncoastYR.org
www.SuncoastYR.org

#### **Pasco Aware**

Pasco Aware (Pasco County Suicide Prevention Task Force)
April 10, 2 – 4 p.m.
Pasco County Health Department
10841 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654

# **Suicide Bereavement Meeting**

Suncoast Yellow Ribbon in conjunction with PEMHS hosts a suicide bereavement meeting. The group meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:00 pm at PEMHS Main Campus Activities Center (also known as building I) 11254 58 Street North, Pinellas Park 33782-2213. This is an open group and folks can join at any time.

For more information contact:

Bonnie McClelland at 737-394-8222 or (bonnie@suncoastyr.org)

Matthew Cook at 727-545-6477 ext 435 or (mcook@pemhs.org)

Counties of: Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton.

#### **Region Director:**

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Suncoast Kid's Place
www.suncoastkidsplace.org

# Walk for Hope and Help - Hosted by Hands Across the Bay

When: June 9th, 2012

Where: Sunshine Skyway Bridge South Side Rest Area

Check in: 8-9 am Walk: 9-10:30 am

Presentations/Music/Food: 10:30-12:00 am

This walk is to raise funds to support a collaborative effort in the Tampa Bay area to provide a wellness approach program for awareness and prevention of suicide, violence, bullying and abuse. Together we can make a difference!

- Carrabba's Restaurant will be serving lunch to all participants.
- Big Frog t shirts will offer custom t shirts at \$13.00 per shirt (shipping additional) Contact Big Frog at for information.
- Jay Rosenberg, former American Idol contestant will be performing music.
- Local area community and legislative leaders will be presenting.
- Other sponsors: Gold and Diamond Source, AFSP, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Carrabba's, Tampa Bay Rays

Go to www.handsacrossthebay.org for more information.

# **Suicide Loss Group**

The LIFE Center of the Suncoast, Inc., 6811 N. Central Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33604-5500 hosts a Suicide Loss Group that provides support for surviving loved ones and friends and meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:15 pm. For more information call (813) 237-3114 or email thelifecenter@tampabay.rr.com

# **Support Groups**

#### Offered at the Group Life Center

Campus of Van Dyke Church
17030 Lakeshore Rd.
Lutz, 33558
Facilitated by Betsey Westuba
Free childcare available with advance reservation.
First and third Wed. of the month, HALOS Adult Group from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

#### **HALOS High School Group**

Second and Fourth Wed. of the month starting in April 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Please call 813-990-0216 to register.

#### **Crisis Center of Tampa Bay**

One Crisis Center Plaza, Tampa, FL 33613 Sponsoring QPR Gatekeeper Suicide Intervention (Question, Persuade, and Refer) 4-19-2012 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 5-11-2012 from 10 am to noon.

CCTB is also hosting Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

3-24 and 3-25 (Saturday and Sunday)

10 am to 6 pm both days

See website for additional workshop events often hosted monthly (http://www.crisiscenter.com/).

The University of South Florida's Department of Child and Family Studies has released the **2012 Edition of the Youth Suicide Prevention School-based Guide**. The **2012** Guide is now available online and printed copies can be purchased (http://theguide.fmhi.usf.edu).

Counties of: Brevard, Orange, Osceola & Seminole

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# **Support Group Training**

Facilitating Suicide Bereavement Support Groups for Adults - May 4-5

Are you interested in starting a support group for adult survivors of suicide loss? AFSP's Florida Chapters are holding a training right in your backyard. Whether you're brand new and want to start a group, or an experienced facilitator who wants to polish your skills - don't miss this two-day training program.

You'll learn everything from the nuts and bolts of how to structure a group to strategies for handling challenging situations. Lecture, interactive discussion, and role-playing with feedback are included.

Space is limited and the registration deadline is Wednesday, April 18. See details & register today.

If you can't join us for our May Training in Orlando, feel free to register for one of our other trainings listed below:

Indianapolis, IN on April 14-15 - Register by March 25

Salt Lake City, UT June 1-2 - Register by May 16

Madison, WI - Details to be announced soon

Counties of: Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry & Lee

#### Region Director: Vicki Snyder Clark

vsnyderclark@gmail.com 239-850-1159

# **Survivors of Suicide Support Group**

This group is for anyone who has lost a family member or friend to suicide.

The meetings are held at Hope Hospice 9470 HealthPark Circle Fort Myers Second and fourth Thursdays of each month 6pm - 7:30pm.

# **Region 9**

County of: Palm Beach

#### Region Director: Rene Favreau

The Center for Information & Crisis Services (211)
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Lantana, FL 33465-3588
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# **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**

4400 No. Federal Hwy, Suite 210 Boca Raton, FL 33431 561-392-7877

Contact: Rhoda Freeman, Area Director

rhoda@afspflse.org

Meeting Place: 4400 No. Federal Hwy, Suite 210

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time:

2nd & 4th Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Facilitated by: Peer Charge: No

Newsletter: Yes to AFSP members.

Counties Served: North Broward and South Palm Beach

#### **Boynton Beach**

**S.O.S.** 

Jewish Family and Children's Services of Palm Beach County

8500 Jog Road

Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Contact: Ronni Cutler, LCSW, CAP (561) 369-3800 x403

Meeting Place: JFS 8500 Jog Rd., Boynton Beach

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time: 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 5 - 6:30PM

Facilitated by: Professional

Charge: N/C Newsletter: No

Counties Served: Palm Beach/Broward

#### **North Palm Beach**

#### **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**

4400 No. Federal Hwy, Suite 210 Boca Raton, FL 33431

Contact: Rhoda Freeman, Area Director

561-392-7877

rhoda@afspflse.org

Meeting place:St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church

10970 State Road A1A

North Palm Beach, FL 33408

2nd floor of building behind the Church

Day of meeting and time: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month @ 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Facilitated by: Peer

Charge: No Charge.

Newsletter: Yes to AFSP members.

Counties Served: Martin and North Palm Beach

County of: **Broward** 

#### **Region Director:**

**Rene Barrett** 

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# **Region 11**

Counties of: Dade & Monroe

#### **Region Director:**

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# **Tri-County Triangle of Care Suicide Prevention Conference**

The Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention is having its annualTri-County Triangle of Care Suicide Prevention Conference on June 9th, 2012 for professionals and the general public. It will be held at the Nova Southeastern University-Terry Health Professions Building located at 3200 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328. This day will include an introductory speech, then two blocks of 4 speakers each, for which psychologists and DOs would be able to get CE credits for at least two of the presentations from each block. Each of these speakers will cover a different topic associated with suicide prevention. This will be completed by a panel of experts talking about different aspects of suicide. Additionally, breakfast and lunch will be served during breaks.

#### The Solutions Unlimited Now

The SUNsm program, embraced by the Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach County School Systems, was developed by Judith S. Tellerman, MAT, MEd, PhD, CGP, DAPA. It is a structured group counseling problem-solving program designed to prevent destructive behaviors, increase the ability to make healthy choices, teach a method to solve and cope with problems that can be applied to most situations, decrease violent confrontations and reduce impulsiveness. Group members overcome alienation and isolation and develop a sense of belonging. They learn to develop a support network, empathize with each other, interact more effectively in groups, work as team members, value multicultural perspectives and give and receive constructive feedback, becoming more self-assured, positive and focused on productive tasks as a result of newfound competencies. The SUN program can be used with youths and adults.

In addition to introducing SUN to the tri-county school systems, The Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention, Inc. (FISP) is currently running the SUN program with mothers recovering from addiction at Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center. FISP is also running a SUN program with teens at the Juvenile Detention Center. FISP has just completed and is starting a new SUN Adam Silverman Group (for college students) at Atlantic International University. FISP has begun a SUNshine group with seniors at the Willow Wood Independent & Assisted Living, and will commence additional groups at the Daniel D. Cantor Center, the Southeast Focal Point/Joseph Meyerhoff Senior Center and in the Weston Police Sheriff's office.

#### SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUPS

#### **Miami Dade County**

#### **MIAMI**

Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention Inc.

2645 Executive Park Drive Weston, FL 33331

Contact: Call FISP office before attending 954-384-0344

Website: http://www.fisponline.org

Meeting Place: Coconut Grove Bank Bldg. Suite #500

2701South Bay Shore Drive, Miami, FL 33133

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, 8-9:30pm

Facilitated by: Peer Charge: No

Counties Served: Miami-Dade

#### **MIAMI**

#### **Suicide Survivors Support Group**

4400 N. Federal Hwy., Suite 210

Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Contact: Lorie F. Simmons, 561-392-7877, lsimmons@afspflse.org

Linda Foris, 954-607-0736

Meeting Place: Switchboard of Miami

190 NE 3rd Street

Miami, Florida 33132

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month - 7:30 to 9:00 PM

Facilitated by: Peer Charge: No

Counties Served: Southeast FL

#### **Broward County**

#### **CORAL SPRINGS**

#### Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention, Inc. (FISP)

Contact: Call FISP office before attending 954-344-3000

Meeting Place: Coral Springs Medical Center, Cafeteria Conference Room

3000 Coral Springs Drive

Coral Springs, FL 33065

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time: 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, 7:30-9:00pm

Facilitated by: peer

Website: http://www.fisponline.org

FORT LAUDERDALE

#### **Suicide Survivors Support Group**

c/o American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

4400 N. Federal Hwy., Suite 210

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Contact:Lorie Simmons (561) 392-7877, inquiry@afspflse.org

Meeting Place: Broward General Medical Center

1600 South Andrews Avenue

# West Wing Conference Room

Fort Lauderdale, FL

(Please call for more detailed directions)

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9 p.m.

Facilitated by: Peer Charge: No Newsletter: Yes

Counties Served: Broward, but all are welcome

#### **HOLLYWOOD**

#### Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention, Inc. (FISP)

Contact: Rene Barrett, 954-257-4568, 954-384-0344

Meeting Place: Hollywood Beach Culture & Community Center

1301 S. Ocean Drive

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Facilitated by: Peer, Rene Barrett

Charge: no

Website: http://www.fisponline.org Counties Served: Broward/Miami-Dade

#### OAKLAND PARK

#### **Suicide Survivors Support Group**

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Meeting Place: 211 Community

250 NE 33rd St

Oakland Park FL 33334

No Charge

Contact: Howard Cohen: Call before attending FISP Office: (954) 384-0344

www.fisponline.org

#### WESTON/FT. LAUDERDALE

#### Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention, Inc. (FISP)

Contact: Call FISP office before attending 954-384-0344

Website: www.fisponline.org

Meeting Place: Cleveland Clinic Weston - Jagelman Conference Center Room #4

2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd

Weston, FL 33331

Meeting Day(s)/Meeting Time: 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm Facilitated by: Professional Charge: No

# Region 12

Counties of: Flagler & Volusia

#### **Region Director:**

**Lisa Grubbs** 

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# **West Volusia County**

#### "After Suicide Loss Support Group"

Location: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church 319 W Wisconsin Ave.

Deland, FL 32720

Address of Meetings: 342 Clara St

Deland, FL 32720

(Little house next to playground & parking lot of church & school)

Meeting Time and Dates: The group begins at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth

Tuesday each month

There are no fees for attending-peer facilitated

Facilitator and Contact: Laura Meyer

Phone: 386-736-2446

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Counties of: Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion & Sumter

#### **Region Director:**

**Position is Currently Open** 

# **Region 14**

Counties of: Hardee, Highlands & Polk

#### **Region Director:**

Kirk D. Fasshauer, MSW

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# **Region 15**

Counties of: Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee & St Lucie

**Region Director:** 

**Position is Currently Open**