The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation

in partnership with

The National Loss Team Committee presents

The National Loss Team Conference:

“Postvention, It’s About Time!”

September 9 - 10, 2014

Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus Airport
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Keynote Speakers:

Frank Campbell, Ph.D., LCSW, C.T.
Melinda Moore, Ph.D.

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The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation in partnership with the National Loss Team Committee will host *The National Loss Team Conference: Postvention, It's About Time!* on September 9 - 10, 2014. The conference will feature Frank Campbell Ph.D., on Tuesday, September 9 presenting the morning plenary: “Postvention, It’s About Time.” Dr. Campbell is senior consultant for Campbell and Associates Consulting. On Wednesday, September 10, the conference will feature Melinda Moore, Ph.D., a Licensed Psychologist, presenting “The Fruits of Trauma? Posttraumatic Growth among the Suicide Bereaved.” Dr. Moore is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Eastern Kentucky University.

- POSTER SESSION -

Each LOSS Team in attendance is encouraged to develop a poster session highlighting these areas such as these: history of the LOSS team, LOSS team structure, fund-raising efforts, training, data collection efforts, community collaboration, follow-up, referral, challenges, and vision. In addition, any published or in-press research may be submitted that has a connection with LOSS teams or postvention. Please note that all poster sessions with a brief description need to be submitted for approval by August 15, 2014 to Carolyn Givens at carolyngivens@ohiospf.org. Posters will be displayed in the Main Conference Ballroom for the entire conference.

- WHO SHOULD ATTEND -

Survivors of suicide, mental health professionals, social service providers, educators, consumers, family members and others concerned with preventing suicide and saving lives are encouraged to attend the conference.

Participants will have the opportunity to socialize on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and on Wednesday evening before the Spirit of Hope Dinner at 5:30 pm.

Expected Outcomes:

- Identify the benefits of active postvention for the community and the emotional benefits of getting help sooner versus later
- Demonstrate a broadened view of those impacted by sudden and traumatic loss
- Let attendees know what is normal grieving for survivors, and to authenticate that there is a reason for their complicated grief
- Identify promising programs and interventions to reduce the risk of suicide, help prevent suicide deaths and identify directions for future suicide prevention initiatives

Conference Host: *Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation* is a not-for-profit 501© 3 created in 2005 as a public/private partnership to promote suicide prevention as a public health issue and advance evidence-based awareness, intervention and methodology strategies to support all Ohio-based suicide prevention efforts. The OSPF vision is to provide information, resources, raise awareness, eliminates stigma and increase help-seeking behavior for all Ohioans.

Accommodations: *Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus Airport*, an all-suite hotel located near Port Columbus International Airport, at 2886 Airport Dr., Columbus, OH 43219; (614) 536-0500. Rooms are available at $132.00/night plus tax, and must be reserved by Aug. 8, 2014. Enjoy a complimentary made-to-order breakfast, two flat-screen HDTVs with in-suite movies, a wet bar, mini-refrigerator, microwave and a desk. The hotel provides complimentary transportation to the airport. Accessible suites are available for guests who require modified amenities. Use group name: Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation National Loss Team Conference and Group Code NLT, or visit [http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CMHATES-NLT-20140905/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CMHATES-NLT-20140905/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)
Conference Agenda

Tuesday, September 9, 2014
8:30 a.m. Registration and coffee/tea
9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction: Carolyn Givens, Executive Director OSPF

**Opening Remarks:** Director Tracy Plouck, Ohio Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services

9:30 a.m. Morning Plenary
Frank Campbell, Ph.D., LCSW, C.T., *Postvention, It’s About Time*

10:30 -10:45 a.m. Morning Break

10:45 a.m. Dr. Campbell - Introduction of Panel Members. Each state will discuss how they have organized the LOSS Team Model in their state

12:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunch** — Networking opportunity

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Plenary
Don Belau, Ph.D., *Impact of Language on Survivors of Loss: Helping clinical professionals, clergy and gatekeepers use appropriate language with persons who are survivors of suicide loss as they grieve."

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Break

3:15 - 4:45 p.m. Panel featuring Workshop Presenters

A) Melinda Moore, Ph.D., *Working with the Suicide Bereaved to Facilitate Posttraumatic Growth*

B) Kim Ruocco, MSW, *Ten Things We Know to be True About Suicide Loss*

C) David Miers, Ph.D., LIPC, *Family Needs Following the Suicide of a Teenager*

D) Ohio Federation for Children’s Mental Health, Ohio Resiliency Leadership Team

4:50 - 5:15 p.m. **Closing Wreath Ceremony**
Individuals who have lost someone to suicide will have the opportunity to acknowledge the memory of their loss through their participation in the *Circle of Healing.*

*Please turn in Evaluations and pick up CEUs*

5:30 p.m. **Spirit of Hope Dinner**
Cash bar will be available.

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Wednesday, September 10, 2014
8:30 a.m. Registration and coffee/tea
9:00 a.m. Welcome: Carolyn Givens, Executive Director, OSPF

**Opening Remarks:** Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton

9:30 a.m. Morning Plenary
Melinda Moore, Ph.D., *The Fruits of Trauma? Posttraumatic Growth Among Suicide Bereaved*

10:30-10:45 a.m. Morning Break

12:00 -1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Partners from Texas will tell us about the Loss Team 2015 Conference

1:00-2:30 p.m. **Survivor Panel Discussion:**
*A look at Active Postvention: Which is right for your community?*

2:30-2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break

2:45-4:15 p.m. Select one of the following Workshops

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4:15 - 4:30 p.m. **Closing of the Conference**

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Tuesday Plenary Sessions

September 9, 2014

9:30 a.m. Morning Plenary

Postvention, It's About Time, Frank Campbell, Ph.D., LCSW, C.T., Keynote
Dr. Edwin Shneidman challenged the membership of the American Association of Suicidology over 40 years ago to consider how postvention following a suicide could also be prevention. By shortening the elapsed time between deaths by suicide and finding the services needed, many are overcoming the dangers associated with sudden and traumatic loss traditionally associated with a longer time span. Once connected to the support needed, many individuals and families are coping with this devastating loss sooner and in a safer more effective way. This presentation will address what is being accomplished toward the goal of helping those bereaved by suicide at the local, national and international level. Dr. Campbell will discuss many of the benefits of Active Postvention for communities who are working to help the newly bereaved know how to find resources so they are not alone.

10:45 a.m. Understanding How Each State Utilizes the LOSS Team Model in Their State [Panel]
Frank Campbell, Ph.D., LCSW, C.T., Moderator
This presentation will provide a multi-state perspective on how five different states have developed LOSS teams. The LOSS Team is an example of a dynamic, community-based effort to provide postvention activities.

1:30–3p.m. Impact of Language on Survivors of Loss: Helping Clinical Professionals, Clergy and Gatekeepers Use Appropriate Language with Persons Who are Survivors of Suicide Loss as They Grieve, Donald P. Belau, Ph.D., Keynote
The language of loss is unique, and individualized when one is confronted with the loss of someone to suicide. LOSS Team members become skilled at adapting the language of loss, particularly if they have a sense as to current best practice. This presentation will give hands on opportunity to develop and practice the use of loss language that can promote healing. These are words that newly bereaved will cling to as they move forward.

3:15–4:45 p.m. Panel Exploring Workshops to be available on Wednesday, Sept. 10

A) Working with the Suicide Bereaved to Facilitate Posttraumatic Growth, Melinda Moore, Ph.D., Based on the pioneering work of Calhoun and Tedeschi (2012), this workshop will focus on helping participants learn how to assess Posttraumatic Growth and how to address it when working with the suicide bereaved in the aftermath of a suicide loss.

B) Ten Things We Know to be True: Healing after Suicide Loss, Kim Ruocco, MSW, LSW, This workshop will provide a better understanding of the unique culture of military families and how this effects pre and postvention. It will include an in depth review of the comprehensive peer based postvention care provided by TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors).

C) Family Needs Following the Suicide of a Teenager, A Phenomenological Study
David Miers, Ph.D., LIPC, This study helps develop an understanding of family needs following the suicide of a teenager. Parent units in the Midwest who have lost a teenager to suicide were interviewed. Participants in the study indicated several key themes that describe parent needs following the suicide of a teenager. These needs are: support by listening and responding, support from another suicide survivor, support in finding direction, support in seeing the teen, support in remembering the teen, and support in giving back. The research presents implications for mental health professionals, first responders, suicide survivor intervention teams, and support networks.

D) Resiliency, Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health, Ohio Resiliency Leadership Team, will address resiliency principles and how they have helped others get through difficult times when they were feeling suicidal. The team will also share what it's like to be suicidal and how sometimes you can't be resilient without outside help.
9:30 a.m.  Morning Plenary

“The Fruits of Trauma? Posttraumatic Growth Among the Suicide Bereaved”
Melinda Moore, Ph.D., Keynote
Posttraumatic Growth (PTG) is a construct of positive psychological change that occurs as the result of one's struggle with a highly challenging, stressful, and traumatic event. PTG can manifest itself in various ways, including increased appreciation for life, better interpersonal relationships, changed priorities, increased sense of personal strength, and a deeper spiritual life. The limited research on suicide bereavement has focused on the psychopathology of this loss. Research is beginning to emerge about how people can grow from suicide loss. Dr. Moore will discuss the several studies she has conducted on Posttraumatic Growth and suicide loss, where research is heading in this area, and how PTG has emerged in her life as a suicide survivor.

1:00-2:30 p.m.  Survivor Panel Discussion: A look at Active Postvention: Which is Right for Your Community?
This workshop will allow you to hear from both sides of the coin, those survivors with a LOSS Team response, and those without. Survivors will share their experiences; the similarities and differences, the impact of a LOSS Team response, and their views today on LOSS Teams.

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David Miers, Ph.D., LIPC, Luncheon Speaker
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Director Tracy Plouck, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Tracy Plouck has been Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services since July 2013, previously serving as the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health since January 2011. She brings strong policy background to her role, having served twice as Ohio’s State Medicaid Director and also as a deputy director with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Additionally, Tracy has significant state budgeting experience, having served eight years with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, most recently as deputy director for budget. Tracy holds a master’s degree in public administration from The Ohio State University and a bachelor’s degree from Kent State University.

Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, Formerly a Justice with the Supreme Court of Ohio

Evelyn Stratton, retired from the Supreme Court of Ohio after 23 years in the judiciary to pursue criminal justice reforms, particularly as they relate to mental health, juveniles and veterans. Born to missionary parents in Thailand, Stratton spent her childhood in Southeast Asia. She attended boarding school in South Vietnam at the height of the Vietnam War. At age 18, she returned to America alone with only a few hundred dollars. Working her way through school, she earned a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University College of Law. She began her legal career as a trial lawyer in the courtrooms of Central Ohio. In 1989, she was the first woman to be elected Judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, where she became known as “The Velvet Hammer” for her approach to sentencing in serious felony cases. Her success on the trial bench led to an appointment in 1996 to the Supreme Court of Ohio, where she was elected to a third term in 2008. Stratton believes that the courts, in partnership with the mental health system, can affect positive change in the lives of many defendants whose mental illness has led to criminal activity. To that end, she formed the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Mental Illness & the Courts, which was composed of mental health, law enforcement and criminal justice professionals who were dedicated to mental health initiatives in the court system. That committee has now merged into the Attorney General Task Force on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice, and she still serves as co-chair along with Attorney General Mike DeWine. Nationally, Stratton is a co-founder and former co-chair of the Judges’ Leadership Initiative, a professional association that supports cooperative mental health programs in the criminal justice system. Her latest focus in Ohio and nationally is on establishing veterans courts to help those returning veterans with Post Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and other issues, whose problems may lead to involvement in the criminal justice system. Since retiring from the bench, she works through EStratton Consulting, LLC on criminal justice reforms, particularly focusing on engaging the judges in different states in these reform efforts. She is also Of Counsel to a major Ohio law firm, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation gratefully acknowledges support from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as a sponsor of this conference.
Featured Presenters

Frank Campbell, Ph.D., LCSW, C.T.

Dr. Frank Campbell is the former Executive Director of the Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center and the Crisis Center Foundation in Louisiana, USA. He is currently Senior Consultant for Campbell and Associates Consulting where he consults with communities and on Forensic Suicidology cases. It was due to his more than twenty years of working with those bereaved by suicide that he introduced his Active Postvention Model (APM) most commonly known as the LOSS Team (Local Outreach to Survivors of Suicide). His work with survivors and victims of trauma has been featured in three discovery channel documentaries. The APM concept involves a team of first responders who go to the scene of a suicide and provide support and referral for those bereaved by the suicide. The Active Postvention Model has shown to have a positive impact on both the team members as well as the newly bereaved. The model has now been replicated in countries as diverse as Australia, Singapore, Northern Ireland, Canada and America. Dr. Campbell is a past president of AAS and has received the Roger J. Tierney award for service and the Louis I Dublin Award in 2010 for his contributions to the field of Suicidology. Campbell was also selected by the International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP) to receive the Dr. Norman Farberow award for his international contributions on behalf of those bereaved by suicide.

Melinda Moore, Ph.D.

Dr. Melinda Moore is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) and a Licensed Psychologist. She conducts suicide bereavement research at EKU, as well as maintains an ongoing collaboration with the Department of Defense-funded Military Suicide Bereavement Study at the University of Kentucky where she recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship. Dr. Moore received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and served in various capacities in suicide prevention there and in Ohio.

Don Belau, Ph.D.

Dr. Belau has been the Director of Treatment services at the Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center-Geneva for 30 years. In addition, he has been providing psycho-educational evaluations and consultation services for school districts in the York-Geneva, Nebraska. As an adjunct faculty member for the Doane College Masters in Counseling program, he provides supervision of graduate students in the central Nebraska. He specializes in the assessment and treatment of youth who experience self-injurious behaviors and suicidal tendencies, and provides workshops on the state, regional, and national level in the areas of suicide postvention, AMSR, self-injurious behaviors, and bullying behaviors. He was awarded the award of being the 2011 Counselor of the Year by the Nebraska Counseling Association. In addition, he has been an active member of the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition, and is currently serving as a Co-chair. He was instrumental in the development of Lincoln/Lancaster LOSS team, and is serving as the Clinical Director. Dr. Belau has also provided leadership in developing the annual National LOSS conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dedicated to improving the quality of life of youth within the juvenile justice system, he has served as a co-chair of the National Alliance for Suicide Prevention’s Juvenile Justice task force charged with developing national, regional, and local standards for suicide prevention in the juvenile justice system.

An application for Continuing Education Credits for Social Work, Counseling, Psychologists, Nursing, and Chemical Dependency Professionals has been submitted.
Workshop Presenters

David Miers, Ph.D., LIPC received his B.S. from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, NE, a M.S. from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Dr. Miers is the Counseling and Program Development Manager for Mental Health Services at Bryan Medical Center in Lincoln, NE and manages the Bryan Counseling Center. He has been with Bryan Medical Center for 16 years. He is the co-chair of the state of Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition and has published research focusing on family survivors of teen suicide. Dr. Miers assisted in the development of the Lincoln Lancaster Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors team in Lincoln, NE.

Kim Ruocco, MSW, LSW is the National Director of Suicide Postvention Programs for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). In her role at TAPS, Kim develops comprehensive, peer-based programs that offer comfort and care to all those who are grieving the loss of a service member to suicide. She manages a team of peer professionals that support thousands of survivors coping with the trauma of a death by suicide in the Military. In addition to postvention care, Kim provides suicide prevention education for organizations across the country. She is a national speaker who uses her education and experience as well as information gathered from service members and bereaved military families to more fully understand suicide. Kim provides trainings to military as well as civilian audiences across the country. Kim holds a BA in Human Services and Psychology from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters degree in Clinical Social Work from Boston University. She is also the surviving widow of Marine Corp Major John Ruocco, who died by suicide in 2005.

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To attend the National Loss Team Conference the registration fee for both days of the conference, September 9 and 10, 2014, is **$150.00 per individual.** If you would like to attend only Tuesday, September 9, the fee is **$75.00** or to attend Wednesday, Sept. 10, the fee is **$75.00.** Registration includes CEU’s, lunches and dinner on Tuesday evening. Register online at [www.regonline.com/nationallosssteamconference2014](http://www.regonline.com/nationallosssteamconference2014) or complete this form and mail it with a check by Sept. 2, 2014 to **Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, 2323 West 5th Ave. Suite #160, Columbus, OH 43204.** Please make checks payable to the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. (Payment must be made with registration.)

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- $75.00 for Tuesday, Sept. 9th only
- $75.00 for Wednesday, Sept. 10th only
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## Team Conference Registration

To attend the National Loss Team Conference the registration fee for Teams (of up to 5 individuals) for both days of the conference, September 9 and 10, 2014, is **$500.00 per Team**. If your Team would like to attend one day only, the Team fee is **$250.00**. Please fill out a Registration Page for **each** Team Member. Registration includes CEU's, lunches and dinner on Tuesday evening. Please make checks payable to the **Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation**. Complete this registration form and mail it with a check by Sept. 2, 2014 to **Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, 2323 West 5th Ave. Suite #160, Columbus, OH 43204** or register on line at: **www.regonline.com/nationallossteamconference2014**

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