

ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN SUICIDE PREVENTION: A CRUCIAL LINK

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SPEAKERS

Colleen Creighton, M.A., Executive Director, American Association of Suicidology (AAS)

Colleen Creighton joined the American Association of Suicidology in June 2017. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the Alliance for Consumer Education (ACE), a nonprofit foundation dedicated to the safe and responsible use of consumer household products. She also served as Director of CHPA Educational Foundation where she was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day management of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association's educational foundation. Prior to her work in the nonprofit foundation arena, Ms. Creighton worked in the educational field, having taught at the elementary, middle, and secondary level.

Alan E. Fruzzetti, Ph.D., Director, Boys DBT Program, McLean Hospital

Alan E. Fruzzetti, PhD, is the program director of the 3East Boys Intensive Program, the director of Family Services for 3East Continuum and Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School. He has adapted and implemented dialectical behavior therapy for underserved populations, and developed many successful DBT programs for people with borderline personality disorder and other problems with emotion regulation. His research focuses on the connections between severe psychopathology and interpersonal/family processes and their interplay with emotion dysregulation. He is co-creator of the Family Connections Program. Dr. Fruzzetti is on the Board of Directors of the National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder, the International Society for DBT, and the Linehan Institute. He has authored more than 100 research and clinical papers and book chapters and has lectured and trained professionals in more than a dozen countries on BPD, DBT, and family interventions.

Perry D. Hoffman, PhD, President and co-founder, National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder (NEABPD)

Perry D. Hoffman, PhD, is the President and co-founder of the National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder (NEABPD). Dr. Hoffman has had several grants from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) with a focus on families who have a relative with borderline personality disorder (BPD). Dr. Hoffman is co-designer with Dr. Alan Fruzzetti of the 12-week evidence-based, peer-led course for families, Family Connections. Dr. Hoffman initiated the now international early prevention and intervention effort called the Global Alliance for Early Prevention and Intervention for Borderline Personality Disorder (GAP) and she received awards both from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the New York State Office of Mental Health, Suicide Prevention Office.

Beth McCrave, M.S, National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder (NEABPD), Family Connections leader and trainer

Beth McCrave is the mother of a 22 year old son who struggles with traits of BPD, and suicidal ideation. She is on the Board of NEABPD, and has taught hundreds of families through the Family Connections Program both in the U.S. and internationally.

Richard McKeon, Ph.D., MPH, Chief, Suicide Prevention Branch, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Richard McKeon Ph.D., MPH received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Arizona, and a Master's of Public Health in Health Administration from Columbia University. He has spent most of his career working in community mental health, including 11 years as director of a psychiatric emergency service and 4 years as Associate Administrator/Clinical Director of a hospital based community mental health center in Newton, New Jersey. In 2001, he was awarded an American Psychological Association Congressional Fellowship and worked for United States Senator Paul Wellstone, covering health and mental health policy issues. He spent 5 years on the Board of the American Association of Suicidology as Clinical Division Director and has also served on the Board of the Division of Clinical Psychology of the American Psychological Association. He is currently Chief for the Suicide Prevention Branch in the Center for Mental Health Services, of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, where he oversees all branch suicide prevention activities, including the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention, and Campus Suicide Prevention grant programs, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, and the Native Aspirations program. In 2008, he was appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Secretary's Blue Ribbon Work Group on Suicide Prevention. In 2009, he was appointed by the Secretary of Defense to the Department of Defense Task Force on Suicide Prevention in the Military. He served on the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention Task Force that revised the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and participated in the development of WHO's World Suicide Prevention Report. He is also the Co-Chair of the Federal Working Group on Suicide Prevention

Christine Moutier, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Dr. Christine Moutier, AFSP's Chief Medical Officer, knows the impact of suicide firsthand. After losing colleagues to suicide, she dedicated herself to fighting this leading cause of death. Since earning her medical degree and training in psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego, Moutier has been a practicing psychiatrist, professor of psychiatry, dean in the medical school, medical director of the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit at the VA Medical Center in La Jolla, and has been clinically active with diverse patient populations, such as veterans, Asian refugee populations, as well as physicians and academic leaders with mental health conditions. She has presented at the White House, testified before the U.S. Congress on suicide prevention, and has appeared as an expert in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Time* magazine, *The Economist*, *The Atlantic*, the *BBC*, *CNN*, *NBC* and other print and television outlets.

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