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6th Annual LOSS Conference
September 28-29, 2016
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Program Overview

Program Schedule

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

7:30-8:30  Registration and Breakfast
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10:00-11:30 Survivor Panel
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Thursday, September 29, 2016

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8:45-10:15 Keynote
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10:30-11:30 Keynote
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12:30-1:30 Breakout Session
1:30-1:45 Break
1:45-3:15 Postvention Panel
3:15-3:45 Conference Wrap up/Introduction to Arizona LOSS Team/Announcements

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Dr. Campbell is the Senior Consultant for Campbell and Associates Consulting, LLC. He is the past Executive Director of the Crisis Center Foundation and the Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center. In addition to his workshops, he also consults on forensic Suicidology cases and trains communities in the USA and internationally to implement programs that reduce the impact of suicide.

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Dr. Campbell is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and in 1997 was honored as social worker of the year by NASW Louisiana. Dr. Campbell is a past president of the American Association of Suicidology, and is certified in Thanatology.
Welcome to Fort Worth

Judge Brent A. Carr grew up in the Tampa Bay area of Florida and graduated from University of Tampa. After serving four years in the United States Marine Corps he entered South Texas College of Law from which he graduated in 1983. He was elected to and assumed the office of presiding judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court Nine in 1991. In his career he has presided over more than 1,000 jury trials and the disposition of approximately 80,000 cases. Along with others, Judge Carr created and presides over three specialty court programs: Mental Health Diversion program (2003), Veterans Diversion Program 2010, and the High Risk Women’s Intervention RISE Program (2011). In May of 2015, under his supervision, the county launched the Enhanced Mental Health Services Docket to address the needs of mentally ill misdemeanor offenders who are frequently incarcerated. Judge Carr is committed to intervention in the lives of low level offenders by the use of the best tools and practices as a means of removing these individuals from the criminal justice system, lowering the cost of criminal justice, and improving the safety and quality of life in his community. Recent program and personal awards include the Silver Gavel Award for outstanding judicial service – Tarrant County Bar Association; Judicial Excellence Award – Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; Texas Public Elected Official of the Year – National Association of Social Workers; The Patrick Henry Medallion for patriotic achievement – Military Order of World Wars; the first annual Founded on Faith Award – Tarrant Churches Together; 2015 Veteran’s Program Grantee of the Year – Texas Veterans Commission; 2016 Judicial Vision and Leadership – Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals; and 2016 Exceptional Service to Veterans – Texas Military Peer Network.

Eric Nadel is in his 21st year as the lead voice on the Texas Rangers radio broadcasts. It marks his 37th year broadcasting Rangers baseball, the longest tenure of any announcer in the history of the franchise and the second longest continuous current stint with one team in the American League. Nadel was the 2014 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award and honored at the Hall of Fame’s Awards Presentation on July 26, 2014 in Cooperstown, New York. He was inducted as the 15th member of the Texas Rangers Baseball Hall of Fame on August 11, 2012.

A seven-time recipient (1999, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011) of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Texas Sportscaster of the Year Award, and two-time winner of the Associated Press award for best play-by-play in Texas, Nadel is a graduate of Brown University, where he called football and hockey on the college radio station. He had minor league hockey play-by-play stints in Muskegon, MI, Oklahoma City, Dallas and Fort Worth, and was also the radio voice of the Dallas Diamonds of the Women’s Professional Basketball League.

A 1991 inductee in the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame, Nadel and his wife, Jeannie, reside in Dallas with their dog, Kirby, a Yorkie mix.
Wednesday, September 28th
8:45am—9:45am
Crystal D

**Why Now?**

Dr. Cindy Claassen, PhD, will be discussing why the person who attempted or died by suicide choose this moment in their life to end their pain? This is a question that many first responders, clinicians, and loved ones ponder from the time of discovery of the act, sometimes without ever finding an answer. Many who are left behind have commented, “He/she was doing so much better” or “…Just when things seemed to be turning around for him/her.” Searching for answers to the question, “Why Now” can further complicate an already burdened grief process. Although much of each death by suicide is unique not every is. Our presenter will share what research into this temporal landscape can tell us about the timing of suicidal acts among those who attempt and those who die by suicide.

Thursday, September 29th
8:45am—10:15am
Crystal D

**Understanding Suicide-Related Grief: Considerations for Survivors, Therapists, Caregivers, and Educators**

Stuart Smith will address many of the unique aspects of suicide-related grief and the ways in which people can most constructively respond to the very challenging conditions that suicide generates. Participants will be exposed to numerous perspectives on suicide as experienced by those left behind (the “survivors” of suicide) and receive guidance on how to provide compassionate, meaningful support to those survivors.

10:30am—11:30am
Crystal D

**Kicking My Blue Genes in the Butt. Turning Impossible to I’m Possible**

Josh Rivedal will preform a portion of his fifteen-character, one-man play *Kicking My Blue Genes in the Butt*. After the show, Josh will deliver a keynote inspired by the true stories in his newest book The i’Mpossible Project: Reengaging With Life, Creating a New You. Josh will discuss how to turn the impossible to "I’m possible" after a tragedy or loss. He will share his story on losing his father and grandfather to suicide, his own near-sucide attempt, and how he found hope, healing, and new life in the aftermath. He will also share several stories from The i’Mpossible Project of people who have lost a loved one to suicide and how they’ve learned to manage to find hope and healing in the aftermath. There will be a question and answer period to close the session.
Panels

Wednesday, September 28th
10:00am—11:30am
Crystal D

SURVIVOR PANEL—Julie Compton, Tom Harris, Julie Laughlin, Julie Mankins, Ryan McBride, and Scott Millican
This panel will allow you to hear from 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.

3:00pm—4:15pm
Crystal D

STUMP THE DOCTOR—Don Belau, PhD., Frank Campbell, PhD., Cindy Claassen, PhD., Terri Mossige, PhD., and Nekesha Oliphant, MD.
This panel will allow you to hear from doctors in various fields who can answer your postvention specific questions.

Thursday, September 29th
1:45pm—3:15pm
Crystal D

POSTVENTION PANEL—Lezlie Culver, Terri Marti, Sandra McNally, Dave Miers, Pamela Pflum, Carla Sawyer, Kevin Wade, and Tammy Weppleman
This panel will allow you to hear from LOSS Teams from across the country to share what they have found to work in their community for those interested in starting a LOSS Team.
**Breakout Sessions**

**Wednesday, September 28th**
**1:00pm—2:15pm**

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**Sandra McNally & Jill McMahon**

*Expanding the LOSS Team Concept: Developing a Comprehensive Postvention Program for Schools*

During this workshop, participants will be educated on a framework for developing a comprehensive postvention program for schools. Presenters will discuss an overview on how the community postvention model has been integrated into Tempe, Arizona as well as explaining how this model was expanded to include LOSS Team to provide immediate support after a school experiences a suicide. Participants will increase their knowledge about the steps to take to educate school staff about postvention and be introduced to an innovative elearning module that has been tailored to help educators, administrators, school counselors, and nurses respond to a student death. Participants will learn how to identify key components such as but not limited to: coordinating a crisis response team, understanding appropriate memorialization or a student in the school community, identifying students at risk of suicide contagion and responding appropriately, learning how to help the school community move forward after a suicide.

**Sgt. Danny Paine, Jennifer Judd, Desiree Partain, Warren Muncy, and facilitated by Billy Mitchell**

*First Responder Panel*

Join our expert panel in a unique opportunity to ask questions to first responders about suicide. This is part one of the two part panel where the panel will be introduced and discuss their involvement with LOSS Team, how each organization is able to utilize LOSS Team, and the dos and don’ts of being on scene.

**Deirdre Browne & Julie Laughlin**

*Suicide—One of Addiction’s Hidden Risks*

This workshop will focus on the tenants of treating Addiction using a Chronic Health Model, similar to models used for other chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease. We will walk through the fundamentals of explaining addiction as a brain disease and then discuss the prevalence of the role that addiction plays in suicide attempts. This presentation will also make recommendations for providers and loved ones on what to do if someone is having suicidal thoughts.

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First Responder Panel—Part Two

Donald Belau, PhD
The Impact of Suicide on Siblings & the Importance of the Language of Healing

Dr. Terri Mossige

Building a Collaboration in our Community

This breakout will look at how a community can approach mental health needs wherever a person is through the mobile outreach approach. Also discussed will be two initiatives, the Paschal Collaborative and the No More Initiative. The Paschal Collaborative is a collaboration between community stakeholders including community leaders, faith based organizations, and mental health professionals in an effort to bring hope to the community, parents, and families. The No More Initiative is an annual symposium where speakers from the mental health community educate, equip, and empower our community on the issue of suicide prevention and awareness.

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Donald Belau, PhD

The Impact of Suicide on Siblings & the Importance of the Language of Healing

This session will provide the participant an opportunity to become familiar with the oft forgotten child or adolescent whose world is devastated by suicide. This workshop is designed for clinicians and all LOSSteam members. Developmental needs of children and adolescents are addressed along with the use of language that can promote the healing journey which will last a lifetime. Objectives of this course: 1) Provide an overview as to how the emotional crisis of a suicide can impact developmental differences of children and adolescents; 2) Present specific tools with which to provide to children and adolescents to promote their healing; 3) Identify how recognizing key cultural differences in the use of language can impede or promote healing; and 4) Participants will demonstrate the use of healing language.
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Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention in a School Setting—are we making progress?
This session will examine the epidemic of suicide, discuss legislative mandates for prevention in public education, and review possible tools for intervening in suicide and explore postvention programs for schools.

Erin Donohoe, M.A., LPC
The Forgotten Survivors: Helping Children in the Aftermath of a Suicide
Presentation will focus on how children perceive and process the death of a loved one by suicide. It will provide insight on how to talk to a child about suicide and what to expect from a child after a death loss. It will also provide ideas on how to approach funerals with children as well as ideas on how children can honor their loved one who died.

Frank Campbell, PhD, LCSW, CT
What Survivors have Told Me Help Them
This presentation is intended to help those who may be a resource to survivors of suicide. This would include Clergy, Support Group Leaders, Peer support, Mental Health Professionals, LOSSTeam members, and anyone who is in the role of a caregiver following a suicide. The content for this presentation comes from working with survivors for the past thirty years and learning from their stories what was more helpful and what was less helpful in individual and group support settings. Come prepared to ask questions or share experiences from your personal experiences with survivors of suicide.

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Donald Belau, PhD., is the Dean of the Doane College Masters of Arts in Counseling program in Lincoln, Nebraska. He helped develop the Lincoln/Lancaster LOSS team, and is the Clinical Director. Dr. Belau has provided leadership in developing the annual National LOSS conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr. Belau is a clinician as well as survivor of suicide.

Cynthia Bethany, LCSW-S, CTTS, is the Critical Incident Coordinator for Fort Worth ISD and works out of the Guidance and Counseling department to provide professional development and consultation to counselors, intervention specialists and administrators on campuses. She is also the co-owner of a private practice Bethany, Yates & Associates in Arlington since 1997. Cindy was named Mental Health Professional of the Year for North Texas Critical Incident Stress Management in 1999 and Social Worker of the year in Tarrant County in 2000.

Deirdre Browne, BA, LCDC, has been in the field of chemical dependency since 1987 and received her LCDC in 1991 and is currently the Senior Director of Residential and Homeless Services for MHMR Tarrant, Behavioral Health. Dee has testified in front of Congress twice in 2006 for more federal dollars for family treatment services. She obtained her undergraduate degree at Maryville University in St. Louis in 2002 and her Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2005.

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Cindy Claassen, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of North Texas Health and Sciences Center in Fort Worth, Texas. For nineteen of the past twenty years, she has worked clinically as a hospital-based clinical psychologist and supervised doctoral level psychology candidates and psychiatry residents in clinical and research settings. She also conducts research on suicide-related topics. Her current research emphasis is on methodologies for surveillance of suicidal events generally, and on understanding the presentations of suicidal patients in emergency departments in particular.

Julie Compton, is a Behavior Specialist at Crowley ISD and she lost her son, Chantz to suicide in 2010. Julie has been an active member of the LOSS Team of Tarrant County since 2011.

Lezlie Culver, MSW, received her BA in Psychology from the University of Oklahoma and attended Syracuse University of London, England for Special Studies. Lezlie also received her Master’s of Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington. Lezlie has presented at LOSS Team National Conference’s, the American Association of Suicidology, Department of the Army Fort Worth District Suicide Stand-Down, and the Department of Veterans Affairs Suicide Awareness Conference.

Erin Donohoe, MA, LPC, is a Victim Services Counselor with the Arlington Police Department. As a Victim Services Counselor. Before joining APD, Erin spent two years working as a counselor at The WARM Place, a grief support center for children in Fort Worth, and she also spent four years as a caseworker for Child Protective Services in Dallas County.
Tom Harris, President of Alliance Air/Aviation Services, is the founder of the North Texas First Candle SIDS affiliate. Tom and his wife Ellen are also the co-founders of the Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises funds for depression research efforts, advocates on behalf of families who have lost loved ones to suicide and supports the local chapter of Mental Health America, now affiliated with MHMR. Harris is a 1977 graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, a 2008 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business Executive Development Program and a graduate of Leadership Fort Worth.

Jennifer Judd, MSW LBSW IPR., started at Fort Worth Police in 1997 as the coordinator of a crisis response team for family violence. After more than 10 years, Mrs. Judd is now the Human Services Coordinator with the Victim Assistance Section and focuses on general violent person crimes such as homicides, suicides, major case, officer involved injuries, sexual assaults, and traffic related offenses. Mrs. Judd is a trained mediator, a member of the FWPD peer support team, and is trained in critical incident stress management, debriefings and crisis response teams. Mrs. Judd also serves as the intern field supervisor for UTA Master level Social Work students and is a certified TCOLE instructor.

Julie Laughlin, LMSW, LCDC, has been employed at MHMR Tarrant since 2010 where she has worked as Program Director at the Adolescent Youth Campus, Director of Addiction Services Quality Management and is currently Senior Director of Behavioral Health Quality Assurance. Julie is a person in long term recovery with over 28 years of engagement in solution oriented living.

Julie Mankins, lives in Saginaw, Texas and owns a small business. Her two sons are Ryan and Colton McBride. Colton McBride Memorial Inc., was started in 2009 after the loss of Colton to suicide. All the proceeds go to the Tarrant County LOSS Team in Fort Worth, Texas. Her desire is to assist in prevention and give hope to families of who have experience a loss to suicide.

Terri Marti, M.Ed., recently retired from teaching Special Education after 39 years. In 1976, Terri lost her father to suicide when she was 22 years old. At that time, there were no supports for suicide bereavement. She was one of the founding members of the Nebraska LOSS Team in 2007 and has held various positions.

Ryan McBride, is the President of Colton McBride Memorial, Inc. a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, that was founded after Ryan’s younger brother, Colton, died by suicide in 2008. The mission of the foundation is to raise awareness and provide suicide prevention by organizing an annual concert and golf tournament. All proceeds from both events go directly to the LOSS Team of Tarrant County.

Jill McMahon, MA, LPC, Jill McMahon is a Licensed Professional Counselor and works as a Prevention Specialist for EMPACT-SPC, a non-profit community agency in Tempe, AZ. She has specialized in working with Survivors of Suicide, facilitating support groups, and working with Survivors individually for the last 14 years. She can also be found providing suicide prevention presentations and trainings throughout the community.

Sandra McNally, MA, LISAC, has worked in a variety of inpatient, outpatient, and school settings as a counselor and administrator for over 27 years. In addition, she has been an adjunct faculty instructor for Rio Salado College for over 21 years, and Grand Canyon University for the past 9 years. For the past 16 years, Sandra has been employed at EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center in their Prevention Department. In addition to overseeing the agency’s suicide prevention and postvention programs, she serves on the Board of the Arizona Suicide Prevention Coalition, EMPACT’s Suicide Prevention Task Force, and the Special Interest Group for Postvention for the International Association for Suicide Prevention.
Speaker Bios

David Miers, PhD., 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 published research and co-authored a chapter focusing on family survivors of a child suicide in the International Handbook on Clinical Suicide Research. Dr. Miers provided leadership in the development of the Lincoln Lancaster LOSS Team in Lincoln, NE and helped with developing the National LOSS Team annual conference that started in Lincoln, NE. He is co-chair of the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Scott Millican, grew up in Fort Worth, and graduated from the University of Texas-Austin. He is married with two (living) children residing in Arlington. He has been in the Food Service industry as a sales rep for various national food-manufacturing companies. In 2011, Scott began volunteering with AFSP North Texas, and served as their sponsorship chair in 2013 and 2014 for the Out of the Darkness annual walk. Scott has been a LOSS Team volunteer since January 2016 and attends Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth.

Billy Mitchell, is a 25 year veteran of the Fort Worth Police Department where he served 4 years in patrol, 2 years in the Vice Unit, 12 years in the School Resource Unit, and has served the last 7 years as the Peer Support/CISM Coordinator. During this time he has served 13 years as a Hostage Negotiator and 7 years as an Instructor of Cultural Diversity initiatives. He has also developed and implemented mandatory programs in Alcohol Awareness and Ethics for The Fort Worth Police Department.

Terri Mossige, PhD, grew up in Arlington, Texas. She received her bachelors from Texas Wesleyan and went ion to TCU to pursue her Masters in Education Administration in 2002 and Doctorate in Education Leadership in 2013. She was a science teacher for 8 years throughout the metroplex and later spent three years as the Assistant Principal at Leonard Middle School. She was the Principal at Stripling Middle School from 2006-2010 where she brought the campus from a struggling campus to a Recognized Status campus from TEA in that four year period. She has been the principal of Paschal High School since 2010.

Warren Muncy, is a born and raised resident of the Dallas/Fort Worth. He is a professional career Firefighter with 29 years of experience in the fire service and emergency incident management. Currently he serves as a Fire Captain and supervises a large portion of a metropolitan city. Warren owns and operates AAA Scene Cleaners, a biohazard remediation company that he started fourteen years ago and has proudly served hundreds of people.

Nekesha Olipchant, MD, is board certified in Family Medicine and Psychiatry. She is currently the medical director of inpatient psychiatric services at JPS as well as a medical school assistant professor of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry for UNTHSC. She completed Family Medicine residency training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and psychiatry training at Western Psychiatric Institute and clinic in Pittsburgh, PA. She has recently received the “Excellence in Psychiatric Education” award from JPS residency training program. She is named one of Fort Worth Texas “Top Doctors 2016” as well as “Super Doctors 2016” both in the field of psychiatry.

Desiree Partain, originally from San Diego, moved to Texas seven years ago. Desiree has been in EMS for 14 years where she first began her career as an EMT-Basic. She has worked in various roles throughout her career such as working on the ambulance and fixed-wing aircraft as a paramedic, teaching, quality assurance, and Critical Care and Community Health paramedicine. She currently is the Clinical Programs Manager over MedStar Mobile Healthcare’s Mobile Integrated Health and Critical Care team. She has her BA in Health and Human Services and is currently working on her MBA in Healthcare Management.
Sergeant Danny Paine, joined Fort Worth Police in July 1995 and began his career as a Patrol Officer. After five years in Patrol he transferred to the Narcotics Section. Following that he was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for four years as a Task Force Officer. He then promoted to the rank of Detective and was assigned to the South Division Criminal Investigations Unit for a short time and was then selected for the Robbery Unit. He was later selected to be on the Homicide Unit, working for four years until the next promotion of Sergeant in 2015. As a Sergeant, he was assigned to the Central Patrol Division until he was transferred to the Special Response Team (SRT). After spending approximately one year in SRT, SGT Paine was selected to be in his current role as the Supervisor of the West Division Criminal Investigations Unit.

Pamela Pflum, Pamela is the former (since 9.15.16) LOSS Coordinator for the Four County LOSS Team (Fulton, Henry, Defiance and Williams Counties, Ohio). The Four County LOSS Team went live in May 2015. Pamela is a 33 year veteran RN who has experience in acute care, public health, and mental health. She plans to relocated to the state of Florida with her husband before the end of the year and plans to continue work as a consultant in the LOSS model.

Josh Rivedal is an author, actor, international public speaker, and a contributor to The Huffington Post. He wrote and developed the play, The Gospel According to Josh, and since 2011 it has been paired with suicide prevention education and toured the U.S., Canada, England, and Australia. He has previously served on the board of AFSP’s New York City Chapter and currently serves on the advisory board of Elijah’s Journey, a Jewish response to suicide prevention.

Carla Sawyer, is a Public Health Nurse for Tulare County for 18 years. She became involved with suicide prevention after her 20 year old son, Bo, took his life in 2007. Carla is a voting member of the Tulare/Kings County Suicide Prevention Task Force representing survivors. She also facilitates the survivor of loss support group and is an ASIST trainer. I became the LOSS Team coordinator November of 2013. She is married and have one surviving son.

Stuart Smith, is a licensed psychotherapist serving clients in the greater Atlanta area. He served as Clinical Coordinator of the National Resource Center for Suicide Prevention and Aftercare at The Link Counseling Center for close to a decade. He holds Masters degrees in Interdisciplinary Humanities and in Human Development and Psychological Counseling as well as post-graduate certificates in Addictions Counseling and Expressive Arts Therapy. His therapeutic work at The Link and his private practice in Atlanta are dedicated largely to grief work, relationships, and psychological growth over the lifespan.

Kevin Wade, LCSW, ACSW, has been working in mental health and social services since 2002. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and maintains a board approved supervisor credential from the Texas Board of Social Work Examiners. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry. Kevin became the coordinator for the LOSS Team of Tom Green County in July, 2016. He is in the process of helping to develop the LOSS Team and coordinate our suicide postvention efforts for our community.

Tammy Weppleman, has worked at Denton County MHMR Center since 2001. She has worked in various roles at the center, most recently as the Administrator of Crisis Services since 2007. Tammy oversees DCMHMR’s mobile crisis outreach team, crisis services, psychiatric triage facility, crisis residential program and LOSS team. Tammy has her Master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from UNT and is both a CRC and an LPC.