



STOP SUICIDE: 2nd ANNUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Saturday

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STOP SUICIDE:
2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Conference

featuring **Alton Kirk, PhD**, Regional Director
National Organization of Suicide
Prevention for People of Color

Saturday, September 13, 2008
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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NO COST to attend.
Pre-registration required.
There is a maximum seating capacity.

SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS:

- Clergy
- Community members
- Counselors
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Students
- Teachers
- Therapists
- Veterans
- Youth

Anyone interested in suicide prevention is welcome;
however, the content of this conference is not
recommended for children under 14 years of age.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 / FREE TO ATTEND.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

Register online at **www.vceonline.org**
or complete the information below and:

- fax to VCE at (734) 785-7740
- email information to info@vceonline.org with subject line "Suicide Prevention Conference"

Full Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone #: _____

Organization Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Job Title: _____

If applicable, indicate your License Type below:

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You will receive a confirmation of your registration via e-mail within two weeks. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact the VCE Message Center at 888-785-7793.

E-mail your questions/comments to info@vceonline.org.

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES:

NSO-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE HELPLINES:

- Wayne County Crisis Line.....313-224-7000 or 800-241-4949 toll free
- National Suicide Prevention Helpline.....800-SUICIDE and 800-273-TALK
- Michigan Problem Gambling Helpline.....800-270-7117
- Wayne County Critical Incident Stress Management Team.....800-241-4949

SUICIDE/SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE WEBSITES AND/OR ARTICLES:

- American Association of Suicidology (AAS); www.suicidology.org
- Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN); www.spanusa.org
- American Foundtion Suicide Prevention (AFSP); www.afsp.org
- The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC); www.sprc.org
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); www.nami.org
- National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP); <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/suicideprevention/>
- www.ForSuicideSurvivors.com
- Parents of Suicide; www.parentsofsuicide.com
- www.SiblingSurvivors.com
- Youth Suicide Prevention Program; www.yspp.org

WEBSITES AND/OR ARTICLES ON GAMBLING AND SUICIDE:

- National Council On Problem Gambling (NCPG); www.ncpgambling.org
- Gambling and Suicide; www.family.org/socialissues/A000000432.cfm
- www.family.org

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

- This conference is FREE to attend, however, pre-registration is required by September 1, 2008.
- Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Training materials will be provided.
- Parking is easy and free at the Vista Tech Center.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

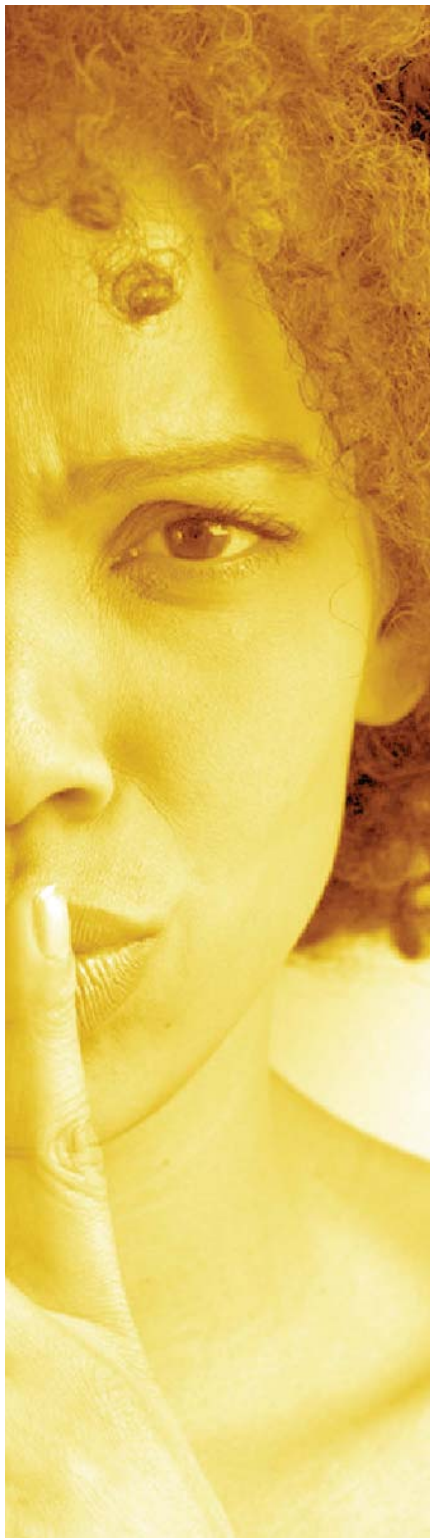
1. Online at **www.vceonline.org**
2. Fax your registration form to VCE Events at **734-785-7740**
3. Email all requested information to **info@vceonline.org** with the heading "Suicide Prevention Conference"

CONFERENCE AGENDA:

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| 8:00 AM | Hospitality & Check-In

Please arrive early for check-in and continental breakfast |
| 9:00 AM | Introductions & Survivor Panel |
| 10:45 AM | Break |
| 11:00 AM | "A Perspective of the Study of Suicide Among People of Color"
Alton Kirk, PhD |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch |
| 1:15-3:00 PM | Breakout Sessions & Evaluations
(You will be able to choose one session to attend the day of the event.) |





ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Alton R. Kirk has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Michigan State University where he was a Martin Luther King Fellow. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C. He has studied, researched, taught, published, consulted and practiced in the field of Suicidology for more than 35 years.

Dr. Kirk is the Director of Associated Psychological Services where he is in private practice as a psychotherapist and consultant in Suicidology in East Lansing, Michigan. He is author of the book "Black Suicide: The Tragic Reality" which will be published later this year.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

(You will be able to choose ONE session to attend the day of the event.)

1. **Black Suicide: A Tragic Reality**

Alton Kirk, PhD

- Participants will become more familiar with signs and symptoms of suicidal behaviors and how to respond to them
- Participants will become more familiar with local, state and national resources for the education and prevention of suicide
- Participants will become more knowledgeable about cultural diversity in the assessment of suicide.



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Regional Director
National Organization
of Suicide Prevention
for People of Color

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- 5.0 Continuing Education Credits available for licensed Social Workers.
- In the interest of ensuring that participants receive the maximum benefits of the trainings, we must adhere to guidelines from the State of Michigan Continuing Education Collaborative which requires that participants arrive on time and maintain their presence during the instructional time. Late arrivals or absences from the event room of greater than ten minutes will result in a deduction of continuing education credit and in some instances no credit.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS:

- If you have individual requirements or need special services to participate in this training, please notify:

Katrina Palmer
734-785-7705 ext. 7560.

Please make arrangements at least two weeks prior to the training.

Veteran Affairs, 800-273-TALK (8255), www.va.gov
In recognition to all of our veterans.



SUICIDE PREVENTION PLANNING & WORKGROUP COMMITTEE:

- Angela Griffin, LMSW
Veteran Affairs Medical Center
- LaNeice Jones, LMSW
Neighborhood Service Org.
- Margaret Keyes-Howard, MA
D-WCCMHA
- Linda King, LPN, BS
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- Larry Lewis, MSW
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- Katrina Palmer, BA
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- Rita Turner, LMSW
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- Grace Vaughn, EA
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- Wayne County Suicide Prevention Coalition
(may be contacted at 313-833-3984)

2. *Suicide in Diverse Populations: Implications for a Transformed Mental Health System*

Sean Joe, PhD

- Describe national trends in racial disparities suicide. Describe racial differences in the national 12-month and lifetime prevalence estimates of suicide ideation, planning and attempts among Americans.
- Enhance participants' knowledge regarding racial differences in suicide, notably among Black Americans.
- Introduce to the participants information on cultural factors affecting help-seeking, and the implication for mental health services and future research.

Sean Joe, PhD, LMSW

Dr. Joe holds a joint position as Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan's School of Medicine. He is also a Faculty Associate with the Program for Research on Black Americans at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.



Dr. Joe is a recipient of an NIMH Career Development Award for a controlled examination of risk among African-American adolescents reporting to an Emergency Department for a suicide attempt. In 2008 he received the Early Career Achievement Award from the Society for Social Work and Research, and he currently directs an NIMH-funded study, examining the role of religion in black American suicidal behavior. He serves on the board of the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA), the scientific advisory board of the National Organization of People of Color Against Suicide, and the editorial board of *Advancing Suicide Prevention*, a policy magazine.





3. **Problem Gambling & Suicide: Gambling With Our Lives**

LaNeice Jones, LMSW & Michael Burke, JD

- Increase knowledge of research findings related to Compulsive Gambling and Suicide.
- Learn about the prevalence of compulsive/pathological gambling, the elevated suicide risk and attempts as a result of problem gambling, screening instruments, treatment interventions and available resources.
- Understand the similarities between problem gambling and co-occurring disorders.

LaNeice Jones, LMSW

LaNeice Jones is Vice President of Community Programs for Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO). She has been with NSO for 14 years, beginning her service as an emergency telephone counselor. Ms. Jones holds a Bachelors degree in Sociology and a Masters in Social Work – Social Welfare Administration from the University of Michigan.



Michael Burke, JD

Michael Burke received his Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School in Lansing. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Since 2004 he has been speaking on the topic "Never Enough. Addiction Minefields: How Addictions Changed My Life." He has been published on the subject by both the American Bar Association and Michigan Bar Journal. Dr. Burke has been a practicing attorney in Livingston County for 25 years and is a member of the National Association of Drug and Alcohol Counselors. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of Problem Gambling and the Michigan Association of Drug and Alcohol Counselors.



4. **Suicide Prevention Among the Veteran Population**

Angela Griffin, LMSW

- The scope of the problem of suicide among the veteran population
- The importance of suicide prevention
- How to Refer a Veteran for care at the VA
- Some of the signs and symptoms of suicidal thinking

Angela Griffin, LMSW

Angela Griffin currently works for the Federal Government for the first ever Suicide Prevention Program for the John D. Dingell Veteran Affairs Medical Center, as the Suicide Prevention Coordinator. She has a diverse background in child and family services for the State of Michigan Department of Human Services (formerly known as FIA (Family Independence Agency)). She worked as a Protective Services Worker, Family Independence Specialist, Foster Care Clinical Case Management and Licensing Department. She also worked at Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital as a Clinical Social Worker specializing in group and individual psychotherapy for Incompetent To Stand Trial and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity chronically mentally ill criminals/ individuals providing treatment and discharge planning and readjustment into the community.

