



INTIMATE PARTNERS AND SUICIDE FINDING HOPE WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS

DESCRIPTION:

The loss of a partner or spouse to suicide often creates a uniquely challenging grief journey. In addition to describing the impact of suicide, and the range of common emotions that surviving spouses and partners may have, this training will identify eight practical ways that healers of all types can use to support partners who have lost a loved one to suicide.

PROGRAM DETAILS

This presentation features experienced professionals offering their own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the experts talking and presenting. If you login for the live version of the program, you'll also have the opportunity to email or text the experts questions that they will discuss and answer during the program's Q & A session.

LIVE DATE:	July 30, 2019
TIME:	noon – 1:00pm ET, with optional 30-min question/answer session
ON-DEMAND:	through July 29, 2020
LENGTH:	60 minutes, with optional 30-min question/answer session
CEs:	1 hour for a variety of professional boards
CE FEE:	\$25 per certificate
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Health care clinicians, social service clinicians, counselors and others working in or providing counseling in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, or nursing home environments.

*CE credits are included in the price of registration for the in-person event and for the live webcast **This program will be live on the air date, recorded and made available for on demand viewing.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) CREDITS

This program is valid for 1 hour of CE credit for the following professional boards. The CE cost is \$25 per certificate. CE credits are available until July 29, 2020.

- **National Association of Social Work Boards (NASW)**
Intimate Partners and Suicide: Finding Hope when the Unthinkable Happens is approved by the National Association of Social Workers for 1 Social Work continuing education contact hours. **Approval expires 5/31/2020***. Accepted/recognized in all states except ID, MI, NJ, NY, OR, and WV.
**Program and online CE process must be completed prior to expiration for NASW CE credit to be awarded.*
- **Alabama State Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation**
This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Alabama State Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.
Note: Alabama nurses are responsible for reporting their hours to the Alabama Board of Nursing. When doing so, please leave the "provider number" field blank on your individual transcript; however all other information must be completed.

- **Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC)**
This program has been pre-approved by the Commission for Case Manager Certification to provide continuing education credit to Certified Case Managers (CCMs).
- **Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC)**
Pre-approval for *Intimate Partners and Suicide: Finding Hope when the Unthinkable Happens* is granted by the Association for Death Education and Counseling's (ADEC) Distance Education Committee for 1 contact hour to count toward certification/re-certification for ADEC's Certified Thanatologist (CT) and Fellow in Thanatology (FT).
- **The American Institute of Health Care Professionals, Inc. and the American Academy of Grief Counseling**
This continuing education program has been approved by The American Institute of Health Care Professionals, Inc. & The American Academy of Grief Counseling for 1.0 contact hours of continuing education credits
- **Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP)**
Approved for 1 Contact Hour (APFSP Category A, 0.1 CEUs, Instructor Led/Web).
- **Association of Professional Chaplains**
Continuing Chaplaincy Education Credits (CCEs) are no longer required; a Certificate of Attendance will be issued for use in reporting continuing education hours
- **Certificate of Attendance**

*Approval numbers will be provided on CE certificate

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

To view this online program, you will need a computer and screen, reliable internet access, and speakers. If you are showing to a large group, you will need a way to project on a large screen and a sound amplification system. Please test your system ahead of time to ensure you have the capabilities to view and hear the program. Please also be sure to test on the SAME equipment you will use on the day of the program viewing.

TEST LINK for Audio and Video:

http://eventcenter.commpartners.com/se/Meetings/BrowserTest_New.aspx?account.id=CommPart

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REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this program.

Register directly online at <https://spousesandsuicide.eventbrite.com>, or contact TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing® at 800-959-5277 or email Institute@taps.org.

Course materials will be emailed to registered users and will also be available on the TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing® website at <https://www.taps.org>. Materials include log-in information (viewing instructions and technical information), CE instructions, the program's slides, and additional program material. *Information will be posted and/or emailed as soon as they become available.*

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Describe two factors that can create a uniquely isolating experience for current and prior service military spouses who have lost a partner to suicide.
 2. Identify at least two very practical ways to support those in close relationships who have lost a spouse or partner to suicide.
 3. Ways to apply this training (who does it apply to? Who can it benefit?)
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PROGRAM OUTLINE

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2. Learning Objectives

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- C. Ways to apply this training (who does it apply to? Who can it benefit?)

3. Foundation of Understanding

- A. What makes this a uniquely challenging grief journey?
- B. Three factors that can create a uniquely isolating experience for current and prior service military spouses who have lost a partner to suicide
- C. Mapping Attachment Trauma to Suicide of a Partner/Spouse

4. Understanding Survivor Experience

- A. Describe range of emotions
- B. Describe and characterize nature of commonly reported future fears

4. Introduce TAPS Postvention Model

- A. Rationale for the Model
- B. Benefits of the Model
- C. Overview of the 3-phase Postvention Model

5. Eight Ways to Help those who have lost a partner of spouse to suicide

- A. Move in close and listen well
- B.) Normalize the full range of emotions
- C.) Connect survivors with others who can help
- D.) Assess risk and trauma
- E.) Help survivors understand why people die by suicide
- F.) Help survivors approach and feel grief
- G.) Help them reconnect (if desired)
- H.) Help them rebuild confidence in their inner voice

6. Take-Aways, Resources, and time for Q and A

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Participants must attend the entire 1-hour program. Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online, before the CE deadline (see above for specific CE deadlines). In order to go online, attendees will need to enter in a Course Code, which is only provided at the end of the program. The online CE process includes a required evaluation form and exam. The exam must be completed at 80% or above (the exam may be re-taken, if necessary). Attendees will be able to choose the board they wish to receive credit from (from the approved list of boards*) and will then be able to print their CE certificate immediately after completing all CE requirements online (on the TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing® CE site at educate.hospicefoundation.org).

*A complete list of board approvals for this webinar program will be posted to this document (see above). Please check back for updates on the approval status for each board.

EXPERT PANELIST

Shauna Springer, PhD, is the Senior Director of TAPS Suicide Prevention and Postvention Initiatives. She has particular expertise in attachment processes, trauma recovery, innovative suicide prevention approaches, close relationships, peer support program development, and working with veterans, including post-discharge adjustment and strategies for engaging veterans in behavioral health care. Prior to coming to TAPS, for eight years, she served as a front line mental health psychologist for hundreds of Veterans, helping them see their worth in the community, reconnect with their military and homefront Tribes, and build lives driven by their deepest values. Dr. Springer is a licensed Psychologist with an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and a Doctoral degree from the University of Florida.

MODERATOR

Kim Ruocco, MSW, is Vice President, TAPS Suicide Prevention and Postvention. Ms. Ruocco has been the keynote speaker at many national events and is regularly quoted in national newspapers articles on the topics of suicide, military culture, mental illness, PTSD, and Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense policy matters. She assisted in the development of the Department of Defense Suicide prevention Office (DSPO) Postvention Toolkit and was a reviewer for the current national strategy for postvention. She and her sons were lead participants in the Sesame Street *When Families Grieve* video which is distributed internationally to families who have a recent death. Ms. Ruocco created a team of peer-professionals who provide care and comfort to nearly 5000 survivors of military suicide. Ms. Ruocco is currently the co-lead on the National Action Alliance Military and Family Task force and a member of the National Expert Advisory Panel for Research. She is also the surviving widow of Marine Corp Major John Ruocco, who died by suicide in 2005.

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