

Newsletter Introduction to promote the Suicide Prevention Webinar Series

Hello colleagues,

The Suicide Prevention Unit at the Minnesota Department of Health presents the Suicide Prevention Webinar series. These educational webinars will serve as a touch point for further connection and knowledge exchange. Over the next few months, we will host six webinars on these topics with subject matter experts working across the state on these topics:

- [July 30 - Shared Risk and Protective Factors - Melissa Adolfson](#)
- [August 25 - Suicide Prevention and Tribal Communities - Luther Talks](#)
- [Sept 15 - Change the Narrative on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention - Kelly Felton](#)
- [October 19 - Suicide Prevention and the Faith Community - Glen Bloomstrom](#)
- [November 16 - Veteran Populations and Suicide Prevention - Brittany Miskowiec](#)
- [Dec 8 - Mental Health and Wellbeing - Anna Lynn](#)

We want to highlight our first speaker, Melissa Adolfson who will be speaking on shared risk and protective factors and suicide prevention efforts.

Biography:

Melissa has over a decade of research and evaluation experience. She has worked on projects addressing substance use, mental health, suicide, juvenile justice, maternal and child health, and adverse childhood experiences. Prior to joining Wilder in 2019, Melissa worked as an independent consultant and also worked for both the Education Development Center and the Minnesota Institute of Public Health. In addition to evaluation, she has extensive experience providing epidemiological training and technical assistance to communities, states and tribal nations addressing substance misuse. She holds a master's degree in population health sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a bachelor's degree in women's studies from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Webinar description:

Melissa Adolfson is starting this series by introducing Shared Risk and Protective Factors in Suicide Prevention work. The SRPF framework explores root causes to address the larger forces that impact multiple health outcomes. In this webinar, we will examine the concept of SRPF, how it relates to suicide prevention, resources and a case study on suicide prevention projects undergoing strategic planning and SRPF integration.

To sign up for this July, please click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mdh-suicide-prevention-webinar-series-shared-risk-and-protective-factors-tickets-159035735165>

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Warm Regards,
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