

Hafa Adai Prevention Partners in Social Services,

Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's Prevention and Training Branch is happy to announce the open registration for the first and only Connect Suicide Postvention Training for Social Services being offered this year. Your organization/agency is cordially invited to register participants to attend. Seating for this training is limited and participants will be accepted based on receipt of registration forms. Training venue is Pacific Star Hotel from 8:00am-5:00pm. Please complete and submit the attached registration form no later than Wednesday, May 24, 2017 via fax at 477-9076 or electronically to [michelle.sasamoto@gbhwc.guam.gov](mailto:michelle.sasamoto@gbhwc.guam.gov).

A suicide can have a devastating impact on a community or organization. The shock and grief can ripple throughout the community affecting friends, co-workers, schools, and faith communities. Connect postvention training helps service providers respond in a coordinated and comprehensive way in the aftermath of a suicide or any sudden death. Connect has developed postvention protocols for educators, emergency medical services, faith leaders, funeral directors, law enforcement, mental health/substance abuse providers, medical examiners, coroners, military, and **social service providers**.

Training Highlights:

- Best practices on how to coordinate a comprehensive and safe response to a suicide
- Strategies for reducing the risk of contagion
- Review of the complexity of suicide-related grief, especially for different age groups
- Recommendations for funerals and memorial activities
- Suggestions of how to talk to survivors of suicide loss to promote their healing
- Best practices for safe messaging about suicide and responding to the media
- Identification of community resources to promote healing

**Connect Suicide Post Vention (Social Services)**

**Date: May 31, 2017 (Wednesday)**

**Time: 8:00am-5:00pm**

**Venue: Pacific Star Hotel**

For more information, you may reach me at 477-2304. Feel free to share this email with other contacts who may be interested in attending.