



# breakout sessions

## Programs that Work Track - Calaway Academic Center Theater

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

### **H.O.P.E. Certification: Implementing the National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention**

**Speaker:** Erin Ivie, United Survivors International Board Member and SpeakUp ReachOut

*In this presentation, participants will learn about the H.O.P.E. Certification (Helping Our People Elevate through tough times) and the nine best practices within an “upstream, midstream and downstream” approach. These practices are recommendations made by the National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention, a set of tools and guiding principles developed by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and United Suicide Survivors International. Presenters will place particular emphasis on the practice of developing “peer allies” at work.*

### **Our Toolboxes: Social Connection in Rural Communities**

**1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Panel Organizer:** Maret C Felzien, MA, High Plains Research Network

**Panel Presenters:**

JC Carrica III, Ed.D, VP & Chief of Healthcare Innovation & Strategy, Valley-Wide Health Systems

Clinton Wilson, MA, Program Director of AgWell, Rocky Mountain Farmer's Union

*The presentation will highlight unique efforts and partnerships to address suicide prevention through upstream approaches and engage the audience through discussions about the value of social connection and mental wellness conversations in regular community life. The panelists of this presentation are all trained in COMET and specialize in engaging rural and agricultural audiences who are difficult to reach with traditional mental health information and care. They will discuss the COMET Program and how it has influenced other programs which focus on mental health for rural audiences in Colorado and neighboring states.*

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

### **911/Crisis Line Call Diversion**

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Speakers:** Madyson Ganeles, Law Enforcement, & Public Safety Liaison, Mental Health

Professional, RMCP | Amin Shariff, Law Enforcement & Public Safety Liaison, Mental Health

Professional, RMCP | Michelle Muething, Our Hope Center

*The presentation aims to address the challenges faced by law enforcement and public safety agencies when dealing with individuals in crisis situations. Many individuals in crisis are hesitant to seek help due to the fear of law enforcement involvement, medical bills, and other barriers to treatment. The presentation proposes a “least restrictive crisis intervention” model of care that aims to remove these barriers to treatment and improve access to care for those in need.*

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

### **Addressing Library Worker’s Trauma & the Public Library Offers Upstream Mental Health Supports**

**Speaker:** Michelle Boisvenue-Fox, Library Director, MLIS, Mesa County Libraries

*This presentation discusses how public libraries can address mental health issues before they become suicide issues through participation in the community's Suicide Prevention Coalition. The presentation aims to help participants identify ways their local library can support the community's mental health, list ways to support their staff's mental health and wellness, and understand the importance of offering upstream solutions for mental health supports.*

**Enhancing our Social Environments as a Suicide Prevention Strategy**