



breakout sessions

Research Track - Ascent Center Room 120

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Meaning Making

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Speaker: Janet Schnell, MSW LCSW, Social Worker and Consultant, Retrospective Fatality Analysis and Survivors of Suicide of Dubois County

In this session, Retrospective Fatality Analysts and loss survivors will describe the beneficial impact of meaning-making on their well-being that comes from talking about a loved one's life and death and clarifying life events, relationships, and the sociocultural context of suicide. Loss survivors will share how taking part in this process helped them not only reframe the meaning and their loss narratives but also better understand the experiences of other survivors and engage people and communities in conversations about suicide and suicide prevention.

The Importance of Providing Culturally Relevant and Identity

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Affirming Care to Members of the LGBTQ+ Community

Speaker: Steven Haden (he/him), MSW, MBA, CEO and Co-Founder, Envision:You

LGBTQ+ affirming care training is necessary for staff working in behavioral health settings, hospitals, and social service organizations. LGBTQ+ individuals experience higher rates of mental health challenges and often experience troubling encounters with mental health providers who do not fully understand or appreciate the concerns that stem from being a part of a marginalized community (or more than one marginalized identity). This presentation is designed to help registered and licensed mental health clinicians, addiction counselors, and certified peer specialists develop new skills and gain critical knowledge to enhance the delivery of quality, culturally relevant and affirming behavioral health interventions for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

TMS: The Future of Depression Treatment

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Speakers: Kartiki Churi, M.D. - Clinic Director, Golden - Family Care Center

Dr. Charles Weber, D.O. FASAM LTC(R), - Founder and Chief Medical Director - Family Care Center

This session will inform attendees about Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), an effective FDA-approved treatment without medication used to treat depression. It is Non-Invasive/Non-Systemic, Complimentary to medication and/or talk therapy.

Rocky Mountain Crisis Partner's Follow-Up Program

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Panel Organizer: Melody B Keown, B.A., Follow-Up Program Manager, RMCP

Panel Presenters: Erik Jacobsen, B.A., Program Community Liaison, RMCP |

This presentation aims to educate participants on the higher suicide risks associated with individuals who visit an Emergency Department for a mental health-related concern. It also discusses the Follow-Up Program, which supports individuals post-discharge from an Emergency Department, and how it reduces the risk of suicide in individuals experiencing suicidal ideation. By the end of the presentation, participants should be able to summarize the risks, define the Follow-Up Program, and identify how it reduces risk.

Enhancing our Social Environments as a Suicide Prevention Strategy