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SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN MINDEN

Carson City—The Partnership of Community Resources and the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention are co-hosting the *Suicide Prevention: Empowering Communities To Action Conference* in Minden, August 14-16, at the Carson Valley Inn. The conference is open to professionals and members of the public. The cost to attend the three day conference featuring national acclaimed speakers from around the nation is \$125.

Misty Vaughan Allen, Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention, said, "Recent news reports have centered on Nevada suicide rate, second highest in the nation and more than double the national average. The problem in Nevada's rural communities is exacerbated by the lack of mental health services available to people in need and their families."

Allen said the conference will serve as a tremendous resource for professionals, family members, and people interested in making a difference in our society. "The conference will address and provide information about suicide prevention from teens to senior citizens."

Among topics to be discussed:

- Relationship between substance use and suicide
- Adolescent strategies
- Accidental suicide
- Education for medical professionals & first responders
- Survivors emergence from grief
- Suicide and the elderly
- What employers, parents, grandparents and concerned others can do?

For more information about or to register for the *Suicide Prevention: Empowering Communities To Action Conference*, go to <http://www.partnership-resource.org/main.asp?PID=114>, or call Amanda Johnson at (775) 782-8611.

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