Faculty of Social Sciences

BREAKING THE SILENCE: Building Effective Responses for Adolescent Suicide Prevention

November 20–22, 2012
Faculty of Social Sciences Lounge

Silence about suicide only strengthens its power, as communities and families continue to suffer loss. Young lives are stopped needlessly. Suicide prevention is possible, but it takes a willingness to dare and break the silence, to speak and address the problem through building an effective response based on correct information. To break the silence is to inform, create awareness and develop core skills within communities.

Training for professionals/counsellors, teachers and parents on:
• warning signs and risk factors for suicide
• protective factors and resiliency
• the role of teachers in helping to prevent suicide
• strategies for counsellors working with teens at risk for suicide
• skills for parents to support and help teens at risk

This series of trainings is designed as a first step in building a necessary public framework among clinicians, educators and parents and set them toward working together for the common goal of saving adolescent lives.

FACILITATOR: Mr. Michael McFarland is the Director of Psychological Services, Florida National Guard and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) for over 10 years. Mr. McFarland also served as the Director of Psychological Health for the Kentucky National Guard, and was the State Coordinator for Suicide Prevention in the Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health. Mr. McFarland conducts both clinical and community based Suicide Prevention trainings throughout the United States.

COORDINATOR: Dr. Linda Hadeed is a lecturer in Social Work and Mediation at the University of the West Indies. She has extensive experience in trauma related events as well as other mental health issues.

You are invited to attend ONE OR ALL of these training seminars:

PROFESSIONALS/COUNSELORS: Nov. 20th, 2012, 9am-4pm
TEACHERS: Nov. 21st, 2012, 9am-4pm
PARENTS: Nov. 22nd, 2012, 9am-4pm
LOCATION: Faculty of Social Sciences Lounge
UWI - Cost Per Day: $1500 TTD (Lunch, Coffee Breaks and Training Materials)

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