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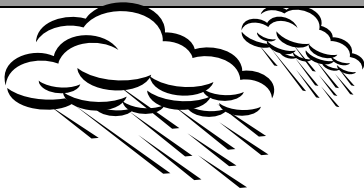
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South Kane County Townships Working Together



Agency Profile: SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES

Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) is one of only 7 agencies in the country that has all of the services for suicide education under one roof: Prevention in the form of training and education, intervention in the form of a 24/7 hotline, depression screenings, and counseling, and postvention in the form of survivor support groups.

SPS came about as the result of several community forums suggesting that intervention and postvention were in place, but more needed to be done to prevent suicide. With some seed money from the 708 Mental Health Board in Aurora, SPS was able to bring Dr. Paul Quinnett to Aurora to present a series of trainings known as QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer.) These trainings featured a general suicide training and then specialized trainings such as alcohol and suicide, teen suicide, etc. Dr. Quinnett trained 12 people who themselves then became QPR trainers.

The mission of SPS is: To open minds, save lives, and restore hope through prevention, intervention, and postvention.” Suicide is THE most preventable death but one must know the warning signs. Any person can take a QPR training in as little as an hour.

SPS focuses on training and education and has trained thousands of schools as well as the general public. It is a part of 2 national hotlines: 1-800-273-TALK and 1-800-SUICIDE. It also has the Depression Hotline (1-630-482-9696.) Depression screenings are done all year around at SPS. Short term crisis counseling is available on a sliding scale. Survivors of Suicide (SOS) is a support group that meets the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Advent Christian Church in Aurora. SOS also has a direct survivor-to-survivor outreach program as well as a monthly newsletter. Survivors of their Own Suicide Attempts (SOSA) is a relatively new support group that began in May of 2008. This group meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Stone Manor, 528 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL, the “home” of SPS.

The Harvest of Hope Brunch is November 22 at Pipers Hall on Route 56 in Aurora from 11:30-3:00. A brunch will be followed by a speaker/author. There is also a silent auction as well as raffles. Price is \$60/person. Call 630-482-9699 for tickets.



Congratulations!

INC’s staff & Board of Directors would like to offer our congratulations to The Association for Individual Development (AID). AID recently was reviewed and received a three-year accreditation from CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

The employees at AID work very hard at serving the residents of south Kane and Kendall Counties and the recognition is well deserved. Great job to Lynn O’Shea, Wanda Thomas and all the good folks at AID.

Sugar Grove West Towns Office is Moving!

Sugar Grove Township recently purchased the old Sugar Grove library building. This will allow them to provide more space for their supervisor and assessor to serve township residents. It also made it possible for INC to move from the rented space on Main Street to the township building. So, on or about November 1st, the Sugar Grove West Towns Human Services office will be moving from 76 N. Main Street to 54 Snow Street, just down the block!

INC will be a paying tenant and West Towns Human Services, a program funded by INC and operated by Dr.

Carol Alfrey, PhD and Conley Outreach Community Services, will have its own dedicated office space and separate entrance on the west side of the building. The phone number, 630-466-5236, will remain the same.

INC and Sugar Grove Township look forward to this collaboration, which will continue our efforts to serve the residents of our service area. INC also has a satellite office with Dr. Alfrey and Conley Outreach Community Services in the Elburn Community Center at 525 N. Main Street, Elburn, IL.

IN TIMES OF CRISIS

With the uncertain state budget situation, the overall economic crisis and the ever-increasing demand for more services, local provider agencies are working hard at bringing in additional resources. One thing that agencies are doing is innovative fundraising. They have also formed collaborative partnerships in order to seek federal or private foundation grants, bringing in “outside” money. This would supplement current funding and help to maintain needed services.

Fortunately, the community has responded in a heroic manner. The Dunham Foundation providing the funds to re-open a closed domestic violence shelter is just one example of these tremendous efforts.

Over and above the immediate funding all of these efforts will hopefully provide, the enhanced relationships that have been forged throughout the community will better serve the south Kane area for years to come.

