

Community Conversation

Detecting and preventing suicide risk among youth

Thursday, April 27, 2017
1:30 to 4 p.m.

Fairfax County Public Schools'
Virginia Hills Center
6500 Diana Lane
Alexandria, VA 22310

Event is free and open to the public. 3.0 contact hours available for clinicians.*

RSVP online:
<http://bit.ly/2mZ2wKZ>

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Lisa M. Horowitz, Ph.D., MPH, will present recent evidence-based research on tools for detecting depression and suicidal outcomes among youth. Dr. Horowitz specializes in pediatric psychology and is on staff with the National Institute of Mental Health. She is the lead clinician on several suicide screening

instrument development studies that include children with intellectual disabilities and pediatric and adult medical patients. The major focus of Dr. Horowitz's research is in the area of suicide prevention, with an emphasis on developing tools for medical practitioners and educators to guide them in the detection of suicide risk.

Tisha Deeghan, Executive Director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, will facilitate a panel addressing youth suicide in Fairfax County. Panelists will provide updates on prevention efforts, youth mental wellness, and other behavioral health initiatives underway. Experts include:

- Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH, Director, Fairfax County Health Department
- Lyn Tomlinson, Assistant Deputy Director, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- Dede Bailer, Ph.D., Coordinator, Psychology Services, Fairfax County Public Schools
- Jesse Ellis, Prevention Manager, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services
- Betty Petersilia, LCSW, Manager, Children's Behavioral Health Systems of Care

This Community Conversation is an outreach collaborative between the CSB and NEXUS, a committee of an advisory board serving the CSB's Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County. NEXUS forums are designed to engage the community on topics associated with mental health, substance use disorders, and developmental disabilities and emphasize resilience, recovery and wellness.

Light refreshments will be provided.



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