

## **NMSPC –New Mexico Suicide Prevention Coalition February 2007 On-Line Newsletter**

### **Website News:**

The New Mexico Suicide Prevention Coalition is happy to present our expanded website. We hope you find the information useful and helpful in your work and life. It has taken many long hours to gather the information and put it all together. Please take some time to check it out, and after, offer us feedback.

Remember, the NMSPC grows more powerful as we grow in numbers, so take a minute to join the coalition. Your support helps with this website and all the many things we are doing to help reduce the suicide rate in New Mexico. **Together we will save lives.**

[www.nmsuicidepreventioncoalition.org](http://www.nmsuicidepreventioncoalition.org)

### **Legislative Update:**

Mark your calendars and plan to come out for New Mexico Suicide Prevention Day at the Roundhouse. This year's event is **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** and will include a 1 pm press conference. **WE NEED YOU THERE**, especially at the press conference!

We hope to have at least 100 of our devoted coalition members attend. We will be tabling all day, handing out information. Please join us, and we'll help you find your way to the offices of your representative and key legislators to sign rosters in support of bills. We will provide nametags that say: **I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF SUICIDE PREVENTION**. It's actually a lot of fun as we advocate and network with each other.

Let's make a showing this year and continue to be heard on this critical issue. Again, we will show our strength in numbers, so be one of those hundred!!!

If you would like to help organize and make Suicide Prevention Day at the Roundhouse a success, please contact me: [Suzanne@nmsuicideprevention.org](mailto:Suzanne@nmsuicideprevention.org)

The NMSPC is supporting two new bills for funding Native American services. Representative Begaye is sponsoring these bills.

**HB27** \$500,000 to increase Mental Health Services at Native American School Based Health Centers.

**HB29** \$100,000 Native American Youth Peer-to-Peer Suicide Prevention Programs

The NM Assembly on School Based Health Care is the agency working these bills. They need your help by contacting Representative Begaye and thanking him for his sponsorship of this needed funding and asking that he keep it a funding priority.

You can reach his office at:

505-986-4436 Or  
[ray.begaye@nmlegis.gov](mailto:ray.begaye@nmlegis.gov)

The NMSPC is also asking everyone to call or e-mail the Governor if you haven't already, and thank him for making suicide prevention a priority. He and his administration have been very supportive of suicide prevention funding and the work that is happening throughout the state.

You can reach Governor Richardson at:

505-476-220 Or  
[www.governor.state.nm.us](http://www.governor.state.nm.us)

Saying thank you and making contact are very important and let our state decision makers know we are appreciative of their hard work. Take a minute to make these contacts. It could be your bill we support next.

### **Coalition Meeting:**

The next full Coalition meeting will be in Albuquerque on March 21, 2007. Location TBA.

We have changed the time slightly to offer a longer meeting. 9:30am-12:30pm Mark your calendar. Let Suzanne know if you have any suggestions or items you would like on the agenda. [Suzanne@nmsuicideprevention.org](mailto:Suzanne@nmsuicideprevention.org)

### **Trainings:**

Suicide Prevention workshops throughout the state are listed on the website. Be sure to keep an eye on these offerings and let us know of any that need to be posted.

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The Suicide Prevention 102 workshops scheduled for April 3rd and 5th in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, filled very quickly. Hopefully, this follow-up workshop to Suicide Prevention 101 will be offered again in the not-to-distant future. Watch the website.

A Suicide Prevention 101 workshop is being planned for **Farmington on March 8**. Details will arrive on the website soon. Details for the **Santa Rosa 101, February 20<sup>th</sup>**, are on the website.

## **Regional News:**

The Fred Fund, based out of Taos, is a new organization that has been set up to raise funds for allocation to 501c3 entities promoting awareness of depression and suicide. They are holding a fundraiser in Taos on Sunday, February 4, 2007. Look at the information below and go out to support this new resource.

Olivier Roberti, a cousin of Frederic de Braconier, will arrive in Taos from Paris to perform a piano recital in honor of Frederic and we are very proud to sponsor this upcoming event:

Bring your family and Join us for a recital by renowned concert pianist Olivier Roberti

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM  
the presentation will be held at the TCA

All ages are welcome as Mr. Roberti will be performing works by:

Felix Mendelssohn

Ludwig van Beethoven

and Franz Liszt

\$10.00 suggested donation at the door to help benefit

The Fred Fund

[www.TheFredFund.org](http://www.TheFredFund.org)

This concert is being presented to benefit The Fred Fund, [www.TheFredFund.org](http://www.TheFredFund.org). The goal of The Fred Fund is to provide information to the public about depression and to aid in the prevention of suicide. All proceeds from this event will go to the Santa Fe Community Foundation which administers The Fred Fund and/or to cover operating costs of the website. The website is concerned with both prior and post trauma and provides hotline and helpline numbers, statistics, grieving information, and a place to write, read or comment on memorials in honor of loved ones lost to suicide. With benefits such as Mr. Roberti's piano recital, we are raising funds to donate to existing 501(c)(3) organizations to help disseminate information concerning suicide and depression and its prevention in communities that need it most. Donations made by check to the Santa Fe Community Foundation are tax deductible. Thank you for keeping an eye on helping yourself and helping others!

-The Fred Fund Office, Claudia Kleefeld, Donna Olean, Autumn Bitterlich

***We hope you find the NMSPC website as exciting as we do, and hope this newsletter is helpful. Thank you for all your hard work, and remember, we are all making a difference. Together we will save lives.***

Sincerely,

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