



American Foundation *for* Suicide Prevention

SURVIVOR of SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING February 5-6, 2009 in Denver, CO

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's comprehensive, hands-on training program teaches the how-to's of creating and facilitating a support group for survivors of suicide loss. This two-day program is conducted by members of AFSP's Training Corps and combines lecture, interactive discussion, and role-playing with feedback.

The program is appropriate both for survivors who would like to start a new group, as well as those who currently facilitate a group and would like to increase their knowledge and skills. Mental health professionals are also welcome. **Note:** Since this training program is not meant to serve as a healing conference, it's important for survivors to consider where they are in their own journey of healing prior to attending. In order to create an environment in which participants can best develop and practice the skills necessary to facilitate a group effectively, we ask that survivors wait *at least 2 years after* the suicide of their loved one before attending.

We are pleased to announce that this training is being offered in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs, VISN 19 MIRECC (Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center), and will include a special focus on the aftermath of suicide within the military and veteran communities. Family members of individuals who have served in the military and have died by suicide, as well as colleagues, mental health professionals, clergy, and interested others are warmly encouraged to attend. **Note:** This training is applicable for anyone who would like to start a support group for survivors of suicide loss— you do not need to have a connection to the military or veteran communities in order to attend.

Schedule: Thursday, February 5th, 1:00-9:00 pm; Friday, February 6th, 8:00 am-3:30 p.m.

Location: [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#) at the Denver Intl. Airport. **Cost:** \$175, which includes a working dinner on Thursday evening, breakfast and lunch on Friday, and all training materials.

Registration deadline: January 14, 2009. *Limited partial* scholarship money may be available. Transportation to/from the training and hotel accommodations are not included. AFSP has reserved a block of rooms at the hotel at a special rate of \$129/night plus tax (double occupancy). Indicate on your application whether you need hotel accommodations (to help keep costs down, we suggest that attendees share rooms; if you'd like us to find you a roommate, just indicate that as well). **AFSP WILL MAKE ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS. At check-in, simply give the hotel your credit card to cover your room charge and incidentals. Roommate assignments will be given at that time.**

Space is limited. Please return the attached application with your payment by Wednesday, Jan 14th by mail, email, or fax. AFSP Survivor Initiatives, 120 Wall Street, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10005; Fax: 212-363-6237; Email: rthorp@afsp.org. You will receive an e-mail confirmation with further information once your application has been processed. Applications received after the deadline will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Thank you for your interest and your willingness to give to others. If you know someone else who might be interested in attending, they can find a copy of this information and application at www.afsp.org/facilitatortraining.

Cancellation Policy: If you must cancel, please call AFSP at 212-363-3500 ext. 33 by Wednesday, Jan. 14th. If you cancel after that time, your registration fee may be applied to a future AFSP program or may be converted to a tax-deductible contribution.

Questions? Contact rthorp@afsp.org or 212-363-3500 x33



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(Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Home/Business/Cell (circle one)

Email: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M/F

Are you a survivor? ___ yes ___ no. If so, who did you lose? _____
(e.g., spouse, sibling, child, parent)

What was his/her name? _____ Was s/he a veteran? ___ yes ___ no

Was s/he Active Military ___ yes ___ no Was s/he National Guard or Reservist ___ yes ___ no

When was the suicide: (month/day/year) ___/___/____ (if it's been less than 2 years, please call AFSP at 212-363-3500 ext. 33 **before** submitting your application).

Are you a mental health professional? ___ yes ___ no. If so, what type? _____

What is your occupation? _____

Have you ever attended a support group? ___ yes ___ no. If so, for how long? _____

If not, why not? _____

Have you ever facilitated a support group? ___ yes ___ no. If so, for how long? _____

How did you hear about this training? (*Circle all that apply*) a. AFSP e-Network email b. AFSP website c. AFSP Chapter
d. Support group e. Employer f. Friend/family g. Local media h. Other (describe) _____

Is there anything else about your background or any special needs that you'd like us to know about (e.g., connection to the military or veteran community, dietary, physical limitations, particular challenges you've experienced in your own healing)?

Hotel Accommodations (AFSP will make all reservations):

- ___ I DO need hotel accommodations
- ___ I would like to share a room with: _____
(name)
- ___ I would like AFSP to assign me a roommate
- ___ I would like a single room and will pay the entire \$129/ night plus tax
- ___ I do NOT need hotel accommodations

Program Registration Fee: (payment must be received to secure your registration)

- ___ A check for \$175 payable to "AFSP" is enclosed
- ___ A check for \$175 payable to "AFSP" will follow by mail (for faxed or emailed applications *only*)
- ___ Please charge my credit card:
 ___ Visa/MC/AmEx card number _____ Exp. Date _____
- ___ Other (please explain): _____

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