

In recognition of Worldwide Suicide Prevention Day, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital presents its

10th Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference

Co-hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Saturday September 6, 2025

8:00 am - 4:00 pm



Hope

In-Person Venue

(200 spots available)

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital

1812 Verdugo Blvd.

Glendale, CA 91208

Register Aug. 1 - Sept. 1 at:

bit.ly/USCVHHSAPCLive2025

Webinar Venue

(500 spots available)

Register Aug. 1 - Sept. 6 at:

bit.ly/USCVHHSAPCWebinar2025

Admission to this conference is free and includes complimentary breakfast and lunch.

Approval for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is currently pending.

All participants should note that the event will be recorded in audio and video formats. The recording will be posted on the USC VHH website.

For more information and FAQs

bit.ly/2025USCVHHSAPC

REGISTRATION

8:00 AM – 8:55 AM

Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Resource Fair

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

8:55 AM – 9:00 AM

Clifford Feldman, MD, JD, MFS

Clinical Director, Geropsychiatric Program

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital

MORNING SESSIONS

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Keynote I: The USC Mental Health Screening Program: A Brighter Future for Our Students

Steven Siegel, MD, PhD

Chair and Professor, Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences, Keck School of Medicine

Chief Mental Health and Wellness Officer, Keck Medicine

Vice President for Behavioral Health,

University of Southern California

9:50 AM – 10:40 AM

Keynote II: Still Here: A Journey Through Darkness to Healing, Teaching, and Advocacy

Joseph Rosa III, MD

Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor of Medical Education & Anesthesiology KSOM of USC (Vol.)

Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology &

Perioperative Medicine DGSOM at UCLA (Ret.)

10:40 AM – 10:50 AM

Break

10:50 AM – 11:40 AM

Tragedy to Triumph: Launching from Grief

James Espinoza, MS, RBLP-T, CPD

CEO & Owner, American Freedom Consulting LLC

President & Co-Founder, The Veteran Mentor Project, Inc.

Retired Law Enforcement Officer / Army Veteran

LUNCH & RESOURCE FAIR

11:40 AM – 12:30 PM

Lunch and Resource Fair

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Be the Difference: Intro to Suicide Prevention and Intervention Skills

Sandi Kramer

Senior Director, Training & Community Engagement

Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center

Nathan Lichtman

Director, Training & Community Engagement

Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM

Break

2:10 PM – 3:00 PM

Complicated Grief After Suicide, Bereavement, and Other Causes of Death

Sidney Zisook, MD

Board-Certified Psychiatrist,

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry

UC San Diego School of Medicine

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Addictions and Their Impact on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Harut Hovsepyan, MD, MPH

Board-Certified Emergency Physician & Addiction

Medicine Specialist

CLOSING REMARKS

3:50 PM – 4:00 PM

Acknowledgments, CEU Instructions, and Final Thanks

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