The NJ Coalition for Education & Positive Choices

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SUICIDE PREVENTION SEMINAR

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Thursday, March 24 (Adults & Parents)
Thursday, March 31 (Teens)

at

Abundant Life Whippany 43 South Jefferson Road, Whippany

Light refreshments will be served

Suicide is a serious health concern and is the second leading cause of death among adolescents age 15 – 24. It is complicated and tragic but it can be preventable. Knowing the warning signs and how to get help saves lives. How can members of communities work together to try and prevent suicide? In conjunction with the Mental Health Association, Abundant Life Whippany and the Morris County Sheriff's Office, the NJ Coalition for Education & Positive Choices (NJC4EPC) has worked to develop goals and strategies to increase awareness that could assist in hindering a suicide attempt. This high-powered group invites the public to attend these sessions to learn how suicide might be prevented by learning the warning signs and risk factors. Learn how by asking non-judgmental questions you can get a child to share his or her thoughts with you.

The teen session will include a brief presentation focusing on what signs to look for in a friend who might be suicidal and provide some tips on what they can do. This will be followed by a peer-led discussion on teen mental health delivered in a safe, supportive space.

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