

Four County L.O.S.S. Team: Notes from April 2018 Meeting

General Notes:

- The team gathered at the 4 county ADAMhs Board. There were 16 volunteers in attendance. Tonie distributed LOSS response packets as needed, and provided the team with the updated materials for the packets, which were purchased through the 2018 Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Mini-Grant.
- A reminder to those volunteers who have not signed the updated LOSS Procedure and Code of Conduct forms. During the distribution of those forms, it was discovered that the forms still contained 2-1-1 as part of the procedures. Tonie agreed to update the forms, and redistribute to all LOSS volunteers for signature.
- The team said goodbye and thank you to the following LOSS Volunteers: Kathy Helmke, Alma Cerda, Greg Olsen, and Kathro Yoder.
- A warm welcome was given to Bethany Shirkey of Maumee Valley Guidance Center. Bethany has joined the LOSS Team, and will be part of the On-Call leadership. She will attend the upcoming LOSS Training scheduled for May 19, 2018.
- Changes to the LOSS on-call were discussed, and the team was given the new On-call number of 419-591-6824. The addition of new MVGC staff was discussed, as well as the inclusion of Mandy Waldfoegel in the LOSS on-call rotation.
- Tonie shared materials for the State of Ohio's crisis text/chat line, which can be accessed by texting 4hope to 741741. This will replace the Teen text/chat previously provided through Comprehensive Crisis Care. It was explained that this service was available 24/7 to both adults and youth. Tonie also reminded the volunteers that the local behavioral health hotline was still available in the absence of 2-1-1. The hotline number can be accessed at 800/468-4357.
- The evening closed with the team processing pages 23-42 of Dr. Wolfelt's book, "*Companioning the Mourner*". The discussion and response was very positive.

Activity:

Since the March 2018 LOSS meeting, there had been 3 LOSS Team activation. The team did not respond to one call, as the family refused.

- Fulton County –Karen V and Tonie L
- Defiance County – Tonie L. and Billie Jo H.
- Henry County - Jeff M. and Tonie L.

Reminders:

The next LOSS meeting is scheduled for 05/14/2018 at 5:15pm at the ADAMhs Board.