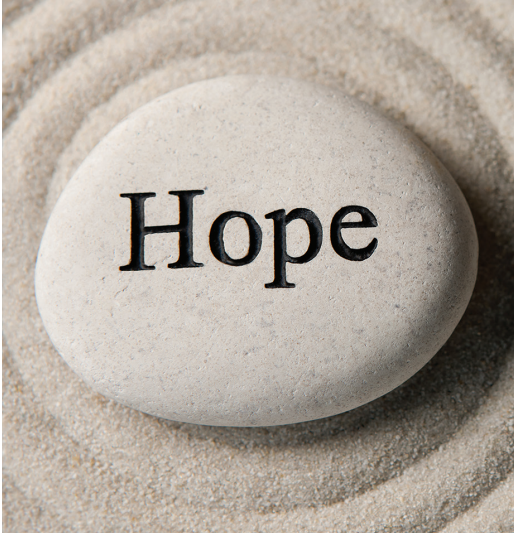


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In recognition of Worldwide Suicide Prevention Day, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital presents its

11th Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference

Co-hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Saturday, September 12

8 am - 4 pm

Moderated by:

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Offered in person at
USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
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Suicide remains a major public health issue in California and around the world. According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), suicide continues to be the leading cause of violent death in the state. In 2024, the most recent data show that adults ages 25 to 44 continue to experience the highest suicide rates in California, followed closely by those ages 45 to 64. During this same period, firearm-related suicides increased statewide and now account for more than half of all gun deaths. Younger individuals are also being impacted, with recent trends showing a rise in firearm-involved suicide deaths among people under 25. Firearms remain one of the leading causes of death for youth and young adults in California, underscoring the urgent need for prevention efforts across age groups.

The USC Verdugo Hills Hospital Suicide Awareness and Prevention Conference (SAPC) aims to raise awareness about suicide, offer training on identifying and supporting individuals at risk, and highlight resources for prevention and recovery. The event brings together community members, first responders, mental and behavioral health professionals, and individuals with lived experience.

The goal of SAPC is to empower attendees with knowledge and tools to recognize warning signs, initiate help-seeking behaviors, and reduce stigma around mental health and suicide. By promoting understanding, compassion, and effective intervention strategies, the SAPC helps foster community resilience and save lives.

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