

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, 2026

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

In-Person Venue

(200 spots available)

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital

1812 Verdugo Blvd., Glendale, CA 91208

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

Webinar Venue

(500 spots available)

Register | Info & FAQs:

(in-person or virtual)

<https://www.keckmedicine.org/events/suicide-prevention-conference/>

CEUs available. Approval pending, will be issued.

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.

2026 SAPC sponsored by:

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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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

Medical Director, Geropsychiatric Program,
USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
Adjunct USC Professor

MORNING SESSIONS

9:00 AM – 9:55 AM

**Keynote: USC Mental Health Programs:
A National Model for Improved Behavioral Health**
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

10:00 AM – 10:55 AM

**From Risk to Resilience: Clinical Assessment,
Safety Planning, and Therapeutic Intervention
for Suicide Prevention**
Robert Stohr, MS, LMFT

Board of Directors President, Greater Los Angeles and
Central Coast Chapter for AFSP
Executive Director, U.S.VETS

10:55 AM – 11:05 AM

Break

11:05 AM – 12:00 PM

**Risk and Thriving: Understanding Suicidality
Among Trans and Nonbinary Youth**
Russell Toomey, PhD

Professor of Human Development and Family Science,
University of Arizona

LUNCH & RESOURCE FAIR

12:00 PM – 12:25 PM

Lunch and Resource Fair

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

12:25 PM – 1:20 PM

**The Silent Epidemic: Assessment, Intervention,
and Prevention of Adolescent Suicidality**
Kevin Callo, USMC

Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
Strong Families Strong Children, Child Guidance Center, Inc.

1:25 PM - 2:20 PM

Suicide Risk and Older Adults

Haydeh Fakhrebadi, PsyD

Clinical Psychologist II
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

2:20 PM – 2:10 PM

Break

2:30 PM – 3:25 PM

**Bridging Research and Practice in Grief and
Prolonged Grief Disorder**

Sidney Zisook, MD

Board-Certified Psychiatrist
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry
UC San Diego School of Medicine

CLOSING REMARKS

3:25 PM – 3:45 PM

Acknowledgments, CEU Instructions, and Final Thanks

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