

Four County L.O.S.S. Team: Notes from September 11, 2017 meeting

General Notes:

- The team gathered at the Four County ADAMhs Board. There were 21 Loss volunteers present.
- Tonie distributed an updated LOSS Team Contact List. This list includes the 5 newly trained volunteers. A new LOSS Team map was also distributed. Tonie asked the members to dispose of the previous materials to avoid confusion.
- Tonie shared several recent successes with the Team members present. Recently follow up contact has been made with several families who had not previously responded to efforts to support.
- New LOSS Volunteers were present at the September meeting. In an effort to build relationships between new and on-going members, each member was asked to stand and share who they were, and why they were volunteering with LOSS.
- Sandra Manon share information on the Memory Quilt, and encourages ALL LOSS Volunteers (survivors and non-survivors) to contribute a square. Sandra agreed to help by printing any image emailed to her, and putting it on a quilt square. Iron on transfer paper was provided.
- Tonie shared the PSA that will be airing at local movie theaters with the group. The PSA targets middle-aged men, who have an elevated risk for suicide.
- Tonie announced that due to the holiday and the ADAMhs Board's closure, the next meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, just south of the ADAMhs Board. The time will remain the same.
- Mandy Waldfogel, who was on the agenda to share information from the 2017 Ohio Suicide Prevention Conference, was moved to the October agenda.

Activity:

There was 1 LOSS activation since our last meeting on August 14, 2017, (Fulton County). The team reviewed activations as a whole group. Important notes for the group included:

- ✓ Billie Jo Shared the fact that the LOSS Call was a delayed response. She expressed that she experienced some self doubt about her ability to be helpful to the family, but that this was overcome by her ability to simply be present with the family.
 - ✓ Different members of the family carry different experiences and responses to the loss. Team members, in their role as supportive listeners, can provide an opportunity for families to express these differences, and spark healthy conversations within families
- Tonie closed the meeting, reminding the team that we would not meet at the ADAMhs Board for the October meeting. October's meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, south of the ADAMhs Board.

Reminders:

The next LOSS meeting is scheduled for 10/09/17 at 5:30pm.