**MCPC Announces the Launch of a L.O.S.S. Team for Survivors of a Suicide Loss**

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**Dayton, OH – The Montgomery County Prevention Coalition (MCPC) is expanding its suicide postvention efforts through a new program called Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (L.O.S.S.) Team. The L.O.S.S. Team is designed to provide resources and hope to families caught in the immediate aftermath of suicide. This trauma-responsive model involves two or more trained volunteers, who respond to the scene of a suicide to provide non-intrusive support to those impacted by this loss. At least one of these two trained volunteers is a survivor of a suicide loss. The new L.O.S.S. Team is funded by the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF), and Drug Free Communities through the CDC.**

**“Having a L.O.S.S. Team at the scene of suicide provides loss survivors with support, a connection to resources, and most importantly, a sense of hope,” said Brittini Long,** Senior Program Coordinator for Montgomery County ADAMHS.

**The MCPC’s Suicide Prevention Committee began the L.O.S.S. Team planning process in July. This planning team includes partners from Montgomery County ADAMHS, Montgomery County Coroner’s Office, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, Dayton Police Department, Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County, NAMI Montgomery County, providers, volunteers, and community members. A Stakeholders meeting will be held at 8:30 am on September 12, 2024, in the Montgomery County ADAMHS Board Room, 409 E. Monument Ave. Suite 102, Dayton, OH 45402.**

**The coalition is seeking volunteers for the L.O.S.S. Team with empathy, listening skills, and experience with trauma who can help grieving families and loved ones. The volunteer application can be found** [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchWK1qgborWkV01EvVk6s24Ir9QgfDooEO6bEdKctmH6S0QA/viewform)**.**

**What is the MCPC?** – The MCPC is comprised of community leaders with a passion to prevent substance misuse and promote positive mental health. The mission of the coalition is to mobilize Montgomery County to prevent youth substance use and promote positive mental health through the implementation of evidence-based prevention strategies and community collaboration. The vision of the coalition is a community where every individual lives a substance-free life with optimal mental health.