

**JOIN THE NEOMED COORDINATING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN
OBSERVING NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

The Northeast Ohio Medical University Coordinating Centers of Excellence – the Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence and the Ohio Program for Campus Safety & Mental Health – join partners in observing **National Suicide Prevention Month** this September. Constituents from each of our coordinating centers interact with individuals at risk for suicide – and **can** and **do** help to reduce suicide risk in communities throughout Ohio.

Please join the Coordinating Centers of Excellence in helping to prevent suicide:

Visit our [Coordinating Centers of Excellence Suicide Prevention Resources](#)

Campus mental health is a serious concern and suicide remains the second leading cause of death for youth and young adults 10-24 years of age, and the prevalence of suicidal thoughts is higher among young adults 18-29 years old than any other age group. Learn about the [Ohio Program for Campus Safety & Mental Health \(OPCSMH\)](#)'s upcoming and previous webinars and other suicide prevention resources by visiting [this page](#).

Attend our Sept. 22, 12 p.m., Suicide Prevention Month Webinar

A Suicide Prevention Strategy: Facilitating Critical Connections During Times of Transitions

The webinar will help participants appreciate the significantly increased risk for suicide during transitions – whether they are from inpatient or emergency to outpatient psychiatric care, from home to college or university, from jail or prison to community, or following a mental illness diagnosis or initial relapse – and the need for people who are struggling or in crisis to feel supported during these transitions. The webinar will also help participants learn about programs and interventions offered by the coordinating centers of excellence that reduce suicide risk by fostering connections at critical times. Click [here](#) to register.

Thank you for your continued partnership and your commitment to our shared mission of improving the quality of care and the quality of life for people affected by mental illnesses, their loved ones and their communities.

Sincerely,

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