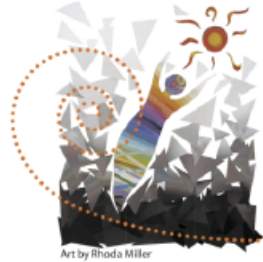


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Dear Friends,

I'm writing today to invite you to join me for a free Suicide Prevention Week Webinar on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. In the Webinar I will discuss Ohio's suicide trends and prevention efforts. Joining me will be Dr. Glenn Albright, who will introduce a new technology-assisted approach to suicide prevention gatekeeper training (summary below). Dr. Albright is a clinical psychologist and Director of Applied Research at the learning technology company, Kognito Interactive.

**Who should attend?** Information presented in the Webinar will be of special interest to legislators, policymakers, educators, and clinical service providers as well as leaders working in the following areas: Mental Health, Youth Services, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Health, Education, Rehab and Corrections, Supreme Court, Juvenile Court, Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts, National Guard, Veterans Affairs, Ohio Board of Regents – as well as Behavioral Health Advocacy Associations, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Boards, Behavioral Health Treatment and Prevention Providers, Suicide Prevention Coalitions, Nurses, Physicians, Teachers/Educators, Universities, and all others wanting to help restore hope and connect for life are encouraged to attend.

**What's new here?** Having worked in the arena of suicide prevention, mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction, it is my personal opinion that the technology Dr. Albright will discuss holds extraordinary potential for implementing public health approaches to suicide prevention across our communities. In his remarks Dr. Albright will cover research findings as measured by a national survey conducted at 72 universities, including Vanderbilt and The Ohio State University and recent neurological discoveries that help explain the effectiveness of this approach.

Click on this link to register for the Webinar: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/782856641>

I look forward to having you join us.

Best regards,

*Carolyn Givens*

Carolyn Givens, Executive Director

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### Air Guard's "Wingman Project" Lifts the Fog of Suicide

National Guard Bureau

Citizen Airmen and their loved ones worry about the risks of combat, but they should know that a far greater risk lies in suicide, according to statistics compiled by Air National Guard officials.

In fact, the Air Guard's suicide program, "Wingman Project" at [www.wingman.org](http://www.wingman.org) states that for every Airman killed in combat, seven Airmen take their own lives.

Air National Guard officials are providing such facts, along with the resources and tools to prevent suicide, through the "Wingman Project" which was named as one of the best suicide prevention programs in Air Force last year. [Read more.](#)

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### AHRQ State Snapshots Expanded to Include New Data on Health Insurance Coverage

AHRQ's recently released State-by-State quality data has been expanded to include new data on health insurance, including data on health care quality categorized by source of payment, including private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid and those without insurance which allows users to compare payer-specific quality rates as well as differences among payers. The *2009 State Snapshots* provide state-specific health quality information, including strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for improvement. Overall, States get mixed reviews for the quality of care they provide. Maine, Maryland, Wyoming, South Carolina and the District of Columbia showed the greatest improvement. The five States showing the smallest improvement were North Dakota, Texas, West Virginia, Nebraska and Washington State. For each state, specific clinical conditions could be identified that account for different rates of improvement. State-level information used to create the State Snapshots is based on data collected for the *2009 National Healthcare Quality Report*. [Click here](#) to access the *2009 State Snapshots*. You will find state data under the "state selection map."

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### Ohio Coalition for Healthy Communities Announces New Website

This week, the Ohio Coalition for Healthy Communities is happy to announce the establishment of a coalition [website](#). The Coalition for Healthy Communities is an advocacy coalition that consists of 35 agencies that come together to advocate for adequate alcohol, drug addiction and mental health treatment, medications and recovery support services for Ohioans with a mental illness and/or addiction disorder. The new website includes information about the coalition and the *behavioral health care is health care* bandaid campaign. We hope that you will join us in advocating for access to services for all Ohioans with mental illness and/or addiction!

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### Fairfield Community Health Center to Offer Expanded mental Health Services

On August 12, the Fairfield Department of Health (DOH) voted to allow the non-profit Fairfield Community Health Center to become an independent organization effective August 28. Established as a part of the DOH in 1993 and incorporated as a non-profit in 2009, the center offers primary care, pediatric and OB/GYN services, one day per week of mental health services, and limited dental services. Center officials say that independence will ease fundraising and enable the center to offer expanded mental health and dental services. The center will serve approximately 7,000 patients using less than \$2 million.

[Read more.](#)



### Evaluation Helps an Urban Farming Program Flourish

When the University of Minnesota's Healthy Young Development /Prevention Research Center (PRC) evaluated a farming and marketing program for neighborhood youth, the researchers found many benefits rooted in community service.

The program, Youth Farm and Market Project in Minnesota's Twin Cities, shows young people 9 to 18 years old how to grow nutritious food and in the process learn about good health and community service

Youth Farm's goals include promoting a "sustainable approach to life and food," which contributes to healthy development in young people and the neighborhoods in which they live. The leaders know they wanted to provide area youth with opportunities for good nutrition and physical activity. But they also wanted participants to understand healthy relationships and be able to form and maintain them. Similarly, the leaders wanted young people to develop close connections to their communities, to understand what it means to make healthy choices—both at mealtime and everyday life, and to learn leadership skills. Program activities were put in place to help achieve these goals, but even though Youth Farm's leaders thought the changes were working, they needed scientific evaluation by PRC researchers to gauge the program's success. [Read more.](#)

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### America's Children: Data on Child Well-Being, 2010

New CDC.gov feature articles on data and statistics topics are now available. Learn more about the most recently available major federal statistics on children and youth in these areas: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education and health. [Click here.](#)

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### Obama Administration Releases New Rules on Preventive Services, Including Behavioral Health Screenings

On July 13, President Obama's Administration released new rules outlining the preventive services that the national health care reform law requires insurers to cover without out-of-pocket costs. The rules affect insurance plans that renew on or after September 23. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius estimates that the new rules will affect 88 million people by 2013, as more insurance plans lose grandfathered status and must comply with the new requirements. [Read more.](#)

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### SPRC Research to Practice Webinar on 9/14/10

This webinar reviews the research associated with suicide among older adults, including risk and protective factors and effective suicide prevention strategies. In addition, this webinar will specifically address the issue of suicide risk and prevention in the context of community programs and residential facilities. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, September 14, 3-4:00pm Eastern Time. [Click here](#) to register.

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