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safeTALK Training Teaches Community Alertness for Suicide Symptoms

Hagåtña, Guam – This Saturday, October 15, 2011, starts a new round of safeTALK trainings offered to community members who are willing to learn “suicide alertness.” The first training is scheduled from 9AM to 12:30PM, held at the PEACE office in Hagatna. Attendance is free of charge. For registration, participants may contact the PEACE office at 671-477-2304 ~ 5.

safeTALK is a suicide-prevention program developed by *LivingWorks Education LP*, locally administered by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Prevention and Training Branch. This suicide alertness program teaches the community how to recognize persons with thoughts of suicide and how to connect them to suicide interventionists. Considering the high rate of suicide occurrence on Guam, safeTALK serves as a response to the island’s long-known need for a suicide pre-intervention skill that mostly ANYONE can easily learn and apply.

safeTALK is a free-of-charge program open to anyone 15 years and older. Trainings will be held on the following dates and venues:

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Date options: October 15, 2011
November 12, 2011
December 29, 2011
- Time and Venue: PEACE office – 2nd Floor Bldg F
J&G Complex in Hagatna
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

OPEN TO GOV GUAM EMPLOYEES:

- Date options: November 18, 2011
December 15, 2011
- Time and Venue: Department of Administration
Training Room
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Suicide is a public health problem, but preventive tools such as safeTALK are available. By getting involved, anyone and everyone can potentially help stop suicide on Guam.

For more information on how you can help save lives, contact the PEACE office at 671-477-9079 thru 83 or visit www.peaceguam.org.

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Attachment: safeTALK flier (JPG image)