

Mental Health America of South Carolina
and
The South Carolina Suicide Prevention Coalition
Present

**Training and Information for Survivors of
Suicide Facilitators**

May 20, 2008 -- Columbia, SC

A comprehensive, hands-on training program to help survivors learn the "how-to's" of creating and facilitating a support group. The program will be conducted by educated and experienced facilitators, and combines lecture, interactive discussion and role-playing with feedback. It is an opportunity to have your questions answered, hear new ideas and practice your skills. It is MHASC's hope that new groups will develop in your area as a result of your participation.

The program is appropriate both for survivors who would like to start a new group, as well as those who currently facilitate a group and would like to increase their knowledge and skills. Mental health professionals are also welcome.

Note: In order to create an environment in which participants can best develop and practice the skills necessary to facilitate a group effectively, we ask that attendees be **at least two years after** the suicide of their loved one (this training program is not meant to serve as a healing conference).

The program will offered Tuesday, May 20 from 8:30 – 5:00 and will be held at the Mental Health America of South Carolina office, located at 1823 Gadsden St. Columbia, SC 29201. The program includes lunch, beverages and all training materials.

Registration is free but space is limited. Please complete the application form below and return it no later than Tuesday, May 13 to: MHASC, 1823 Gadsden St. Columbia, SC 29201, or fax it to (803) 929-6147. You can also register by phone by calling (803) 779-5363. Applicants will be notified by email or phone if no space is available.

Thank you for your interest and your willingness to give to others. And if you know someone else who might be interested in attending or have other questions, please call Donna Soileau (803) 779-5363, or email dsoileau@mha-sc.org.

SUICIDE SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

REGISTRATION FORM

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(Please type or print)

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Home/Business/Cell (circle one)

Email address: _____

Age: _____ Gender: M/F

Are you a survivor? yes no. If so, who you did lose? _____
(e.g., spouse, sibling, child, parent)

What was his/her name? _____

When was the suicide: (month/day/year) ___/___/_____

Are you a mental health professional? yes no. If so, what type? _____

What is your occupation? _____

Have you ever attended a support group? yes no.

If so, for how long? _____

If not, why not? _____

Have you ever facilitated a support group? yes no. If so, for how long? _____

Is there anything else about your background/experience, or any special needs (dietary, physical limitations) that you'd like us to know about? _____

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