



Suicide Prevention and Older Adults: An Actionable Update

Thursday,
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11:00 AM to Noon



Free Webinar Hosted by Georgia Gerontology Society

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Despite their lower number of suicide deaths each year, older adults consistently have the highest yearly rate of suicide deaths. This webinar will present the latest understanding of the dynamics of suicide and how these dynamics play out in suicide ideation and behavior in older adults versus other age groups. Finally, the presentation will present interventions that may be effective to prevent suicidal ideation and behaviors in older adults living in both the community and congregate care. Finally, we'll explore the effect of COVID in suicide prevention and older adults. The last portion of the webinar will be interactive with a discussion of how the information relates to participants' practice with older adults.

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Sally vander Straeten is the founder of Systems Development for Suicide Prevention, LLC which provides consultation and education around developing suicide prevention in organizations. She is retired from Georgia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities where she was the first Suicide Prevention Coordinator for DBHDD. She has fifty years of experience as a professional social worker and a lifetime of lived experience as the daughter of a person who was a suicide attempter. Sally shares two children and three grandchildren with her husband, Paul.