

Center

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Update

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EARLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



*David Earley, LISW-S
Director of Emergency Services*

The Counseling Center is pleased to announce the appointment of David Earley, LISW-S, as Director of Emergency Services. He is a graduate of the College of Wooster and holds a Master of Science in Social Administration from the Mandel School of Applied Social Science at Case Western Reserve University. Earley has been employed previously at TCC in various positions, including Emergency Services Therapist and Director of the Employee Assistance Program. He also has extensive experience in quality assurance and compliance, and in the management of residential and foster treatment programs. Earley serves on the Board of Directors of the Andrus Children's Center and also served on the board of the Foster Family Treatment Association. As Director of Emergency Services, he is responsible for management of the 24/7 crisis intervention services for Wayne and Holmes Counties.

LOCAL EFFORTS TO EDUCATE AND PREVENT SUICIDE

In June, the Center Update described the growing problem of suicide. In this issue, we feature some efforts, including those of our department of Community Education and Prevention (CEP) to address and prevent this problem.

Thanks to a mid-year grant facilitated through the Mental Health and Recovery Board, an expansion of the evidence-based Signs of Suicide program was implemented by Jim Foley, LISW-S, Director of Community Education and Prevention Services. This program has been training about 500 middle and high school students per school year in skills of identifying suicide risk factors in their peers and knowing how to take action. During the 2017-18 school year, almost 850 students were trained, and we hope to expand to even more districts this coming year. Almost 20% of those students also went through an individual follow-up session with Foley to follow up on a suicide screening and to reach out to parents and link to services.

Foley also trains community gatekeepers in the QPR (Question-Persuade-Refer) suicide prevention program, partnering with Judy Wortham Wood of the MHRB to train all the 200+ school employees of Southeast Local Schools, as part of the nearly 800 people trained in our region this past fiscal year.

Jim is also a trainer for Youth Mental Health First Aid, preparing anyone who works with youth to be ready to respond to a variety of potential mental health crises while waiting for professional help to arrive.

Watch on MCTV's local channel for an interview of Mr. Foley discussing how to understand and prevent suicide. He is also available for a suicide prevention talk or training to your agency, church, or community group.

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