

THE IMPACT OF SUICIDE AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SUPPORT

Information session for health professionals

The impact of suicide on an individual, a family and a community is very often devastating. It can be a severe and prolonged bereavement experience for those left behind. As well as intense grief, the bereaved may be dealing with trauma, stigma, and the unique issues that a loved one's intentional and self inflicted death brings. This session is suited to anyone who may be working with individuals who may have been affected by suicide, in particular psychologists, social workers, nurses, teachers, GP's. This session will outline the experience of suicide bereavement and how to provide effective support.

In particular, the session will address:

- Current loss and grief theory
- The unique issues and experiences of suicide bereavement
- Providing support to the bereaved
- Talking with children and young people about suicide
- Safe ways of speaking about suicide

Participants can expect to have an increased understanding of the impact of grief and trauma, particularly related to suicide and to have an increased confidence in ways of responding after a suicide has occurred.

VENUE:

Western Victoria Primary
Health

Network

131 Myers Street, Geelong

DATE:

Friday November 17th 2017

TIME:

1.30pm—5.00pm

COST:

Free of Charge

PRESENTER:

Dr. Louise Flynn

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