# The Stark County Suicide Prevention Coalition Presents its Annual Conference:

## **Understanding Suicide**

Featuring: Thomas Joiner, Ph.D.
Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Psychology, The Florida State University, Presenting:

- \* Why People Die By Suicide
- \* Myths About Suicide



April 12, 2012 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Meyers Lake Ballroom 3218 Parkway Street NW Canton, OH 44708

The Stark County Suicide Prevention Coalition gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship for this conference from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, the Coleman Foundation, and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation.







Enriching Lives Through Wellness and Recovery

You are cordially invited to attend the Stark County Suicide Prevention Coalition's Annual Suicide Prevention Conference. With the sponsorship of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County, the Coleman Foundation, and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, this conference is provided free to the participants. This year's conference is in response to the requests of the conference attendees in 2011 who asked that Dr. Thomas Joiner be brought back for a full day conference. Dr. Joiner will present information to help develop a greater understanding of suicide and suicide prevention. From the personal and the professional perspective, he will provide information to increase awareness and understanding about the latest research on theories of suicide, identification of risk and protective factors, dispelling the myths of suicide, and application of theories to suicide intervention and prevention. His presentation appeals to everybody who wants to learn more about suicide and ways to become engaged in suicide prevention throughout their own communities.

#### Conference participants will be able to:

Review basic facts about the epidemiology and risk factors for death by suicide.

Learn about a new theory of suicidal behavior.

Learn about anecdotal, clinical, and scientific evidence that evaluates this new theory.

Identify approaches to suicide risk assessment.

Learn about developments in the treatment of suicidal behavior.

Identify developments in suicide prevention.

Understand the experience of people who are bereaved by suicide.

Recognize suicide myths.

Understand how dismantling myths informs risk assessment, treatment, and suicide prevention.

**Thomas Joiner, Ph.D.** received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. He is The Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at The Florida State University. Dr. Joiner's work is on the psychology, neurobiology, and treatment of suicidal behavior and related conditions. Author of over 450 peer-reviewed publications, Dr. Joiner was awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship and the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Residency Fellowship. He received the Young Investigator Award from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression, the Shakow Award for the Early Career Achievement from the Division of Clinical Psychology of the American Psychological Association, the Schneidman Award for excellence in suicide research from the American Association of Suicidology, and the Distinguished Scientific Career Contributions from the American Psychological Association. He is the Director of the Department of Defense-funded Military Suicide Research Consortium, a 17 million dollar project.

**Dr. Joiner** has authored or edited seventeen books, including *Why People Die By Suicide*, 2005; *Myths About Suicide*, 2010; *Lonely at the Top*, 2011; and the book *Perversion of Virtue*: *Understanding Murder-Suicide*, to be published in 2013. He runs a part-time clinical and consulting practice specializing in suicidal behavior, including legal consultation on suits involving death by suicide. He lives in Tallahassee, Florida, with his wife and two sons.

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County has been approved a provider of Continuing Professional Education credits by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board and an approved provider of Recognized Clock Hours (RCHs) by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. 5.5 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) have been approved for this workshop for Social Workers RSX109202 (Focus Areas: Evaluation of Mental & Emotional Status and Methods of Intervention & Prevention) and Counselors RCX119207 (Focus Areas: Social Worker Methods and Social Worker Practice for Special Populations). This workshop meets the requirements set forth by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board for 5.5 Recognized Clock Hours (RCHs) for Chemical Dependency Counselors per 06-1113-16PVN-R (Field Related).

#### **Program**

7:30-8:30 am Registration

8:30 am Dr. Thomas Joiner

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Dr. Thomas Joiner

11:30 am-

12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 pm Dr. Thomas Joiner

2:00 pm Break

**2:15 pm**3:30 pm

Dr. Thomas Joiner
Evaluations & Closing

#### **Continental Breakfast**

#### Lunch

Baked Chicken
Pasta Springs with Meatless Marinara Sauce
Whole Green Beans
Salad Bar
Roll & Butter

Dessert

Coffee/Hot Tea/Soda/Water

#### **Driving Directions to Meyers Lake Ballroom**

#### From the North

Take Interstate 77 South to the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Exit; turn right at the end of the exit ramp Follow 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Meyers Lake Ballroom parking lot on the right (pass two more lights)

#### From the South

Take Interstate 77 North to the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Exit; turn left at the light at the end of the exit ramp Follow 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW to Meyers Lake Ballroom parking lot on the right (pass two more lights)

#### From the East

Take US Route 62 West to the 77 South Interchange

Follow 77 South to the 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW Exit; turn right at the light at the end of the exit ramp Follow 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW to Meyers Lake Ballroom parking lot on the right (pass two more lights)

#### From the West

Take US Route 30 East to Interchange 77 North

Take 77 North to the 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW Exit; turn left at the light at the end of the exit ramp Follow 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW to Meyers Lake Ballroom parking lot on the right (pass two more lights)

### Registration

Although the conference is free to all participants, everyone must register because of seating capacity limitations. First come, first served.

Please complete this registration form and fax or mail to: Carole Vesely,

Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center, 2421 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Canton,

Ohio 44708. Deadline for registrations is April 1, 2012. No registrations will be accepted at the door the day of the conference.

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Return registrations to: Carole Vesely

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