



2026

Agenda



Morning Plenary

- 7:30 am Check-In
- 8:00 am Opening Remarks
- 8:15 am Keynote • A Public Health Approach: Mental Health Promotion & Suicide Prevention
60 min
1 CREDIT
Dr. Holly C. Wilcox, PhD, MA
- 9:15 am 988 Conversation
30 min
½ CREDIT
Jackie Gittins • Voices of Hope
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am Panel Discussion / Q&A
90 min
1.5 CREDITS
Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Preble DSW, LCSW
Panelists: • Dr. Holly C. Wilcox, PhD, MA • Karl Rosston, LCSW
• Jackie Gittins • Kevin Kloster, MDiv, CTP, CGP
• Dr. Tina Barrett, EdD, LCPC
- 11:30 am IMPACT AWARD Presentation
10 min

MT Behavioral Health Licensees

Up to 6 Continuing Education Units

Registered Nurses

Up to 6 Contact Hours

MT Psychologists Licensees

Up to 6 Continuing Education Units

MT Educator Licensees

Up to 6 Renewal Units

Lunch

- 11:40 am Break for Lunch on Your Own
90 min

Afternoon Breakout Tracks

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- 1:10 pm Moral Injury & Suicide Prevention:
120 min
2 CREDITS
Building Moral Resilience and Community Healing
in Diverse Montana Populations
Kevin Kloster, MDiv, CTP, CGP

- 3:10 pm Holding the Weight:
60 min
1 CREDIT
Sustaining Healthcare Workers in High-Impact
Communities
Selin Kelly, LCSW

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- 1:10 pm RECHARGE:
90 min
1.5 CREDITS
Fostering Compassion Resilience
Dr. Tina Barrett, EdD, LCPC

- 2:40 pm Case Management as Suicide
30 min
½ CREDIT
Prevention
Keely Mills, MS

- 3:10 pm Bridging the Gap:
60 min
1 CREDIT
A Community-Embedded Rural Resource
Navigator Model to Prevent Veteran Suicide
Mike McManus

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- 1:10 pm Stop Fixing Teens! How Systems
60 min
1 CREDIT
Create Safety, Change, and Lives Worth Living
Katie K. May

- 2:10 pm Caring Communities
60 min
1 CREDIT
Guidance for Supporting Survivors of Suicide Loss
Tracy Rassley

- 3:10 pm Fireside Chat
60 min
1 CREDIT
with Lucas Swenson
Dr. Jennifer Preble, DSW, LCSW
Jamie Knott, LCPC, PMH-C

CONFERENCE GOAL

To provide clinicians and citizen attendees alike with the latest evidence-based tools and best practices on suicide prevention. To provide an open dialog to allow stakeholders to identify gaps in the state and learn together better ways to address these gaps.

In order to earn the certificate for Contact Hours each attendee will be required to:

- attend the full conference in person on 8/4/2026
- complete the post-conference survey to assess that knowledge is gained and the conference objectives have been met

Participants will receive their Contact Hours once completion of the Survey has been confirmed online. Certificates for all Continuing Education will be sent via email approximately 2 weeks after Conference completion.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE CONFERENCE: At least 80% of the participants will show evidence of gained knowledge by stating at least one new strategy related to suicide prevention through reducing risk factors and amplifying protective factors.

Successful completion requires individual registration and attendance of the conference in person on 8/4/2026. AFSP Montana Chapter will not provide enduring access to the content.

None of the planners or presenters for this educational activity have relevant financial relationships to disclose with ineligible companies. Conference planning is done by dedicated volunteers in the interest of educating as many Montanans as possible regarding suicide prevention, best practices, and new & emerging information. Conference sponsors are listed in the Conference Program and are also listed on the conference website: montanacosp.org.

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