

## Conference Article for Behavioral Health Newsletter

The 6th Annual National LOSS Conference will be September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton in Downtown Fort Worth. The conference will bring together experts to discuss the latest research and developments on the LOSS Team model known as the Active Postvention Model. The National LOSS Conference creates a forum for mental health professionals and Suicide Survivors (those bereaved by suicide) to discuss the current state of LOSS Teams around the country while also providing information for those wanting to start a LOSS Team in their community.

The theme for this year's National LOSS Conference is *Postvention is Prevention*. Tracks included "First Responders," "Clinical," and "School Postvention." There will be three panel discussions: the survivor panel, the postvention panel, and the Stump the Doctor panel. The survivor panel will provide insight on how impactful a LOSS Team can be in the community. The postvention panel will feature LOSS Teams from across the country who will discuss what each is doing in their individual communities and also address any concerns people may have about LOSS Team. The Stump the Doctor panel will feature expert doctors in various fields answering questions about postvention.

The conference featured various speakers from academia, Police Departments, and industry. Keynotes include Dr. Cynthia Claassen, Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of North Texas Health and Science Center, Stuart Smith, a licensed psychotherapist serving clients in the greater Atlanta area, and author, actor, international public speaker, and Huffington Post contributor, Josh Rivedal, is returning this year.

### About the LOSS Team of Tarrant County

LOSS Team is a community effort providing local outreach to suicide survivors.

LOSS Team is comprised of both mental health professionals as well as suicide survivors. The purpose of LOSS Team is to provide support and resources, as well as an installation of hope, to survivors as close to the time of their loss as possible. We are available to provide postvention support and resources to the bereaved loved ones either immediately or when they are ready to find help.

If you would like more information about LOSS Team, utilizing our services, becoming a member, or training for your organization, please call 817-733-9123.