Presentation Title: Breaking Hate. Promoting Peace. Creating Love.

Session Presenter:
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I am… School district leader in Psychological Prevention & School Culture Efforts

Presentation Audience: Prevention Efforts ~ Advanced

Presentation Not Given Prior

Educational Objectives:

- Envision an Out-of-the-Box approach to use "Programs" as a way to partner with school efforts to reduce incidents of suicide
- Explore suicide prevention as a foundational piece of school culture
- Imagine a world where language in school includes 'connectedness and belonging' as a prevention effort
- Explore the role up-stream prevention plays in suicide prevention

Abstract:
Few words accurately summarize the work of Douglas County School District's Prevention & School Culture Department better than the 2017 Bridging the Divide theme: Aspiring Toward Zero Suicide in Colorado. DCSD's Prevention & School Culture Department prides itself on the unconventional way we partner with schools to eliminate youth suicide. Driven by the passion represented in our tagline: Breaking hate. Promoting Peace. Creating Love, we have not only used best practice "programs" to fuel our work but have become a best practice program within our school district.

We offer our schools a menu similar to a restaurant menu. When district schools seek additional support to reduce incidents of: bullying, substance abuse, acts of school violence and suicide, they "dine" on options from our menu. Options such as: Sources of Strength and restorative justice seminars are featured. Our team is to: deliver the prevention menu option, create sustainability plans and collect impact data. All options enhance, enrich and shift school culture. In our one-hour presentation, this programmatic way of reducing suicide will be shared.

Participants will experience: restorative strategies, whole group and metaphorical thinking as they explore a Multi-Tiered-System-Of-Support related to universal approach to preventing youth suicide. An up-stream prevention story will be presented and will illustrate the idea that best practice programs, when combined with best practice culture efforts, are at the foundation of suicide prevention. Partnering with schools in creating enlightened, empathetic and empowered students and staff who create change in the environment as connectors to hope, help and strength will be explored.

Research supports when students are connected, accepted and psychologically safe, incidents of suicide decrease. DCSD's impact data demonstrates students are more likely to report potential suicide and are therefore saving more lives.

Instructions:

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2. Follow the guidelines below to complete your submission.
3. Submit all required materials by email to btd@suicidepreventioncolorado.org

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