



# CREATING HOPE THROUGH ACTION

## Changing the Narrative on Suicide Summit September 12, 2025



### Featured Speakers: "Understanding and Preventing Suicide"

Rory O'Connor, world authority on the psychology of suicide and suicide prevention, Professor of Health Psychology, University of Glasgow. Past President of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Past President of the International Academy of Suicide Research



### "Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs): A Critical Tool for Preventing Firearm Suicides"

Shannon Frattaroli, PhD, MPH, and Joshua Horwitz, JD, Center for Gun Violence Solutions, Johns Hopkins University



### Moderator:

Dr. Maura Weir, Chief Well-being Officer, Cape Cod Community College, Co-chair Cape and Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition

### Also featuring:

**"Stories that Spark Change: Kindling Hope Through Lived Experience"**, Jim McCauley, LICSW, Co-Founder and Senior Consultant, Riverside Trauma Center, Postvention expert and Army Veteran

**"Changing the Narrative on Suicide Among First Responders and Veterans: Building Hope, Breaking Stigma"**, Jason Ball, Sergeant Framingham Police Department, Adjunct Faculty, William James College

**"From Campuses to Communities: A Systems Level Public Health Approach to Reducing Suicide Risk"**, Sarah Lipson, Associate Professor in the Department of Health Law Policy and Management at the Boston University School of Public Health.

**Call to Action Panel:** presenters from state level departments and agencies along with legislators who are taking action to reduce suicides.

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**Registration fee: \$55.**

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