

## November 10, 2020 Press release

### **Milwaukee VA Suicide Prevention Team offers a virtual one-hour suicide prevention training**

War Memorial and Milwaukee VA are pleased to offer a suicide prevention program on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1500. The Milwaukee VA Suicide Prevention Team is presenting the virtual one-hour training based on the SAVE model (**S**igns of suicide, **A**sking about suicide, **V**alidating feelings, **E**ncouraging help and **E**xpediting treatment). Open to anyone in the community- information and registration are available on the War Memorial Center's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/warmemorialcenter>

or you can email [laura.acompanado@va.gov](mailto:laura.acompanado@va.gov) to sign up. Once registered, you will be emailed a Zoom link prior to the training.

SAVE training programs can also be offered to your organization. Contact Laura Acompañado at the email above.

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Dr. Bert Berger, Clinical Psychologist, Manager of the Mental Health Department at Zablocki VA Medical Center, and the chair of the Southeastern WI Task Force is available for interviews. To set up an interview, call VA Public Affairs at 414-382-5364.

About the task force: The Southeastern Wisconsin Task Force on Veteran Suicide Prevention was formed in November 2019 with more than 25 community agencies as a component of the federal VA's suicide prevention plan, which is focused on developing community coalitions to develop action plans to prevent veteran suicides. The task force has developed four Action Areas to save veterans' lives: Public Health Messaging, Outreach and Whole Health, Clinical Services and Research and Policy.

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