



# FOSTERING CONNECTION

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## Across the Lifespan



Office of  
Mental Health



## 2022 New York State Suicide Prevention Conference

Social connection is the experience of feeling close to and a sense of belonging with others. A large volume of research with diverse populations and age groups shows that social connectedness is one of the most important factors in determining not only our mental health, but also our physical health. This three-day, virtual conference will bring together internationally recognized experts to summarize the latest prevention science and explain why we should all be more focused on supporting social connection across the lifespan—from early childhood and adolescence through our working and older-age years.

Participants will be able to take ideas showcased in the conference back to their diverse communities and begin or build on existing work aimed at supporting healthy social connection.

### Who Should Participate:

- Population, community, and public health leaders
- Medical providers, including pediatricians and family practitioners
- Mental health professionals
- Youth serving organizations, including school administrators
- Employers and unions
- Leaders from the business community
- Elder services organizations
- State and local government officials & policy makers
- Children and family advocacy organizations
- Peers with lived experience and suicide prevention advocacy organizations

HOSTED VIRTUALLY

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**

**DAY  
ONE**

**Tuesday, September 20 | 8:45AM-4:00PM**

**AM Session:** Making the case for connection

**PM Session:** Innovative connection models for at-risk populations

**DAY  
TWO**

**Wednesday, September 21 | 9:15AM-4:30PM**

**AM Session:** Early childhood and adolescent connection

**PM Session:** Working age and older adult connection

\*Getting started information sessions and workshops 3:00PM-4:30PM

**DAY  
THREE**

**Thursday, September 22 | 8:45AM-1:00PM**

**AM Session:** Group and community level connection

**PM Session:** Stories of hope and connection from suicide attempt survivors

**REGISTER  
HERE**

*No cost to participate but  
advanced registration  
strongly recommended to  
save your spot*