



LANCASTER COUNTY
**SUICIDE
PREVENTION
COALITION**

Vision: A community free of the stigma associated with suicide and mental illness that is supportive of all those affected by suicide.

Mission: Partnering to create a responsive, compassionate community and to eliminate suicide through education, advocacy and support.

Family & Friends Committee: Toward our vision of community that is supportive of all those affected by suicide, a Family and Friends Committee is formed to provide outreach and support to all those individuals who are affected by a suicide loss.

Family & Friends Committee Tasks 2015-2017:

Support families and friends of individuals who die by suicide

1. Maintain list of suicide loss support resources, and providing this information to MHALC's Marketing Coordinator to keep website and print materials up-to-date.
2. Identify target segments (by age, culture, geo area) and appropriate messages and messengers.
3. Support the annual Walk for DES.
4. Create a peer-to-peer support network for individuals who have lost someone to suicide, and shaping a protocol for quick response and peer privacy. Connecting with Crisis Intervention, 2-1-1, and other services so individuals in need are able to access peers.
5. Provide event for International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day every November.
6. Create brochure for families to be distributed via coroner, first responders, and funeral directors.
7. Develop content for general use.