



MEDIA ALERT

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Community Leaders Attend Suspenders4Hope Preventing Suicide Training

- Hosted by The Wichita Journalism Collaborative, elected officials, members of the media and other influencers are invited to attend the free Suspenders4Hope workshop -

Wichita, Kan. – Wichita State University, with the Wichita Journalism Collaborative and other community partners, presents the Suspenders4Hope Preventing Suicide Training at The Advanced Learning Library. The free [Suspenders4Hope Preventing Suicide Training](#) takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 13.

All are welcome to attend this free event, with particular emphasis on those who are community leaders and media influencers. Mayor Brandon Whipple, Sedgwick County Commissioner Sarah Lopez, City Councilwoman Maggie Ballard and Ascension Via Christi President Robyn Chadwick will speak during the event, which will be led by Wichita State’s Assistant Vice President for Wellness and Chief Psychologist, Jessica Provines.

The goal of this Suspenders4Hope event is to unify messaging around solution-focused journalism, elevating the message of hope and resiliency when it comes to the topic of mental health and suicide. The training reminds us that we all have a story to tell and about the importance of vulnerability in inspiring others to get help and reducing stigma.

Registration is encouraged but not required and can be done at the WJC [event page](#). Free pizza and Suspenders4Hope t-shirts will be available to the first 100 registered.

**#WeSupportU Suspenders4Hope
Preventing Suicide Training**

Tuesday September 13th, 2022 @ 11 AM
Advanced Learning Library
711 West 2nd Street N
Wichita, KS 67203

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Wichita State University started the #WeSupportU Suspenders4Hope Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention Program in 2015 when the Counseling and Prevention Services team was awarded a SAMSHA Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention grant. The strength of the #WeSupportU program is the combination of an evidence based training, advocate program, wellness curriculum and the Suspenders4Hope awareness campaign to help create a culture that supports mental health and encourages wellness.

