

## SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

## SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month - a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this highly taboo and stigmatized topic. National Suicide Prevention Week is September 4th—10th and World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10th. These observances provide us with the opportunity to acknowledge, support, educate, and advocate. We must acknowledge suicide as a public health issue that impacts individuals, families, and entire communities. We must support each other, including those impacted by suicide and those who experienced suicidal thoughts or attempts. We must raise awareness, reduce stigma, and educate on suicide warning signs and how to reach out. And we must continue to advocate for suicide prevention efforts as a priority at the national, state, and local level.

One of the best things you can do if you know or suspect that your loved one is contemplating suicide is educate yourself. Learning about suicide, what the warning signs are, and how it can be prevented can help you understand what you need to do as a member of their support system. We can all help prevent suicide.

One major step forward in our suicide prevention efforts was the recent launch of <u>988</u>, the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline that was federally mandated to take effect as of July 16, 2022. <u>988</u> is now available nationwide as the new number to contact for mental health, substance use and suicide crises—a simple easy to remember way for people to get help. This new number will allow people to quickly connect with support during a crisis, 24/7, no matter where they live.

In recognizing Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, we encourage you to think of ways to offer hope and support within your communities and put your ideas into action.



## **PCA Policy Reminders....**

We want to reiterate the following state rules for PCAs that are considered a FEDERAL OFFENSE, if violated. Both the PCA and client are liable as both sign the timesheets:

\*PCA's **may not** take their children to work with them.

\*PCA's may not take their clients to their own homes.

\*PCA's **may not** claim even 1 hour of time that direct services to their client are not provided.

\*PCA's **may not** sleep while working PCA hours.

Superior Home Care will be closed on September 5th to observe the Labor Day Holiday.



## Pack a Healthy Lunch They'll Really Eat!

Parents know the frustration of getting kids to eat healthy, especially at school. And it's not just taste. Kids often don't have enough time to eat, and if they do, there are many reasons half of their lunch comes back uneaten. Distractions, loose teeth, "messy" foods, too many options—whatever the reason, you can pack a healthy lunch even picky eaters will enjoy.

- 1. Involve your kids in choosing what is being packed in their lunch. Offer choices and let them know what healthy food can do for their body to fuel it.
- 2. Cut Back. Offer smaller portions. Be sure to include some grains, dairy, fruits, and vegetables, and protein.
- 3. Avoid Containers within Containers. Use a bento box featuring dividers to keep foods separate and contained.
- 4. Make Foods Easy to Eat. Slice fruit and meat very thinly and toss in squeezable yogurt or fruit pouch.
- 5. Limit Treats. Kids will fill up on treats first and may not even bother with the rest of it.
- 6. Get Help. Talk with your child's doctor or a registered dietician if your child has a medical condition, food allergies or sensory issues.







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Alija - 1	Carolyn - 17
Naavah - 2	Daniél - 17
Kayden - 4	Lindsey - 19
Cráig - 6	Alexander - 2
Janese 6	Anthony - 24
Aaron - 7	Carol - 22
Heather - 7	Marissa - 25
	Nathaniel - 25
Carmen - 7	
Latonya - 8	Robert - 25
Anthony - 8	Barbara - 25
Mark - 8	Brandie - 25
Kari - 8	Gerilyn - 26
Grace - 9	Martha - 27
Jaden - 12	Hunter - 27
Sara - 14	Ana - 27
Barbara - 15	Kimberly - 28
Elizabeth - 15	Rene - 29
Rosemary - 16	Gregory - 29
	Katolyn - 20
Brady - 16	Katelyn - 30



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