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Week In Review:

The week of October 15, 2012

- *California Suicide Prevention Network Southern California (Kern) regional task force meeting convened Oct 15*
- *CA County Superintendents Education Service Association (CCSESA) hosted a SafeTALK training on Oct 17*
- *North Bay Suicide Prevention Project provided suicide prevention training at a clergy conference and to members of the California National Guard*

Hotshots

Suicide Prevention Network Regional Task Force Meeting: *The Southern California (Kern) region of the Suicide Prevention Network held their regional task force meeting on October 15 in Kern County. The task force meeting included stakeholders, consumers, professionals and advocates from Kern, San Luis Obispo, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.*

SafeTALK Training: *California County Superintendents Education Service Association hosted a SafeTALK training to teach high school staff how to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. The training took place at Oxnard Union High School on October 17.*

North Bay Suicide Prevention Project Provided Suicide Prevention Training: *North Bay Suicide Prevention Project provided suicide prevention training and suicide prevention resources at a gathering of clergy during the annual Gateway Conference Assembly*

October 20 in Rohnert Park. The conference included clergy from Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake and Marin counties. The North Bay Suicide Prevention Project also provided suicide prevention training to over 160 members of the 579th Engineer Battalion (California National Guard) in Santa Rosa on October 21.

Prevention and Early Intervention Reaching Communities Across the State

State Schools Superintendent supports Directing Change Video Contest: We missed this in earlier news: CA State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson issued a letter supporting the AdEase Directing Change Video Contest. In the letter, distributed to county and district superintendents, charter school administrators, and high school principals, the Superintendent “applauds the efforts of Directing Change and CalMHSA,” and encourages school staff to promote the contest. Read the letter here:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr12ltr0814.asp>

Learn more about the Directing Change video contest <http://www.directingchange.org>

Entertainment Industries Council TEAM Up project hosts workshops for journalism students:

The Entertainment Industries Council—through its Tools for Entertainment And Media (TEAM Up) project—continues to develop a partnership with the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) to establish and formalize best practices for mental health in the next generation of journalists. TEAM Up recently presented workshops to students at JACC conferences in Sacramento and Fullerton—and is now developing vital curriculum material to present at their mid-winter faculty conference.

Down the Pipeline

United Advocates for Children and Families will host a Los Angeles Community Roundtable with local community stakeholders on October 29. The mission of the roundtable is to develop and implement strategies that reduce mental health stigma and discrimination in the county, coordinate a statewide public awareness campaign, and collaborate with local community networks throughout the state. To participate, RSVP by October 22 at

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e6fv81lvh7meywea/start>