



**Suicide Awareness and Prevention-
A Conversation with Bereaved Survivors**

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Support

Talking about suicide prevention and postvention efforts and details might elicit or evoke difficult thoughts, feelings or emotional responses, even for providers and professionals.

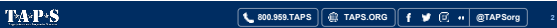
If you need support, help is available.

If you, or someone you know may be considering suicide, please seek immediate help by:

- 1) Speaking to your doctor or provider
- 2) Calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988
- 3) Texting the Crisis Text Line with: HOME to 741741
- 4) Visiting the nearest emergency room or hospital
- 5) Calling 911 for immediate, emergency medical response

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TAPS Honors and Supports All...

- Manners of death
- Branches of military service
- Government contractors
- National Guard and Reserves not in a duty status
- Veterans, Retired Military, and Discharged Military
- Those who loved and lost their service member



TAPS Mission
TAPS is the leading national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care to *all those* grieving the death of a military loved one.



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Responding to the Demand

Suicide loss is one of the leading causes of referrals to TAPS

TAPS currently serves over 20,000 suicide loss survivors

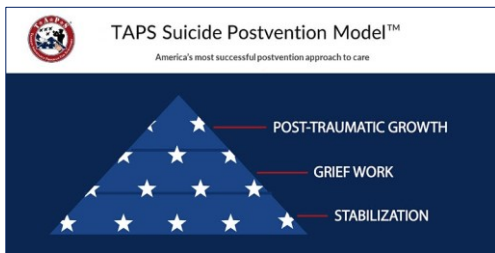
Survivors of suicide loss require specialized programming

Provide the emotional space to explore, process, and share their story



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TAPS Suicide Postvention Model™





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Pre/Postvention Programs and Services

Survivor Care Team outreach by peer survivors

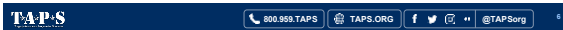
Youth programs for families with children

Casework assistance

Counseling and trauma treatment referrals

Suicide peer support (care groups, chats, gatherings)

Blogs, articles, and webinars on suicide loss topics



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Pre/Postvention Programs and Services ...cont.

National Military Suicide Survivor Seminar (14th year)

Peer Mentor Program

Staff trained in the TAPS Postvention Model

Postvention response and trainings on military bases

Develop and publish suicide postvention materials

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TAPS Prevention Programs and Trainings

Individualized trainings on the Postvention Model	Intensive Clinical Programs (Home Base)	Psychological Autopsy Investigation initiatives
ASIST Training (certified trainers on staff)	Policy, Legislation, Advocacy	SME Consultation & Advising w/military leadership, units and academies, VA clinics, Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) and Military Service Organizations (MSOs)
TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing [®]	Thought leadership & Task forces (VA, DoD/DSPO, Casualty & Mortuary Affairs, Action Alliance, SAMHSA, etc)	Media Communications (e.g., Suicide Prevention Month campaign, 988 Launch, trainings on safe/strategic messaging, etc.)

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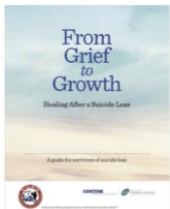
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Survivor Support



TAPS Suicide Postvention Programs:

<https://www.taps.org/suicide>



Free download at:

<https://www.taps.org/suicide/2021/guidebook>

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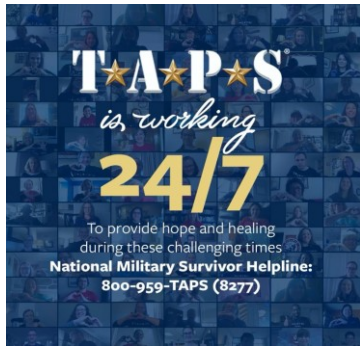
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About the TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing®

Launched in March 2018 through an alliance with HFA, the TAPS Institute for Hope and Healing® serves as a resource and training center, providing programs for both professionals working in the field of grief and loss and the public.



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