

**Spotlight:****Lenape Valley  
Foundation's  
Annual Suicide  
Prevention  
Events****Suicide Prevention  
Candlelight Vigil**

9/12/17 at 5:30 pm

Bucks County

Courthouse courtyard

Details:

<https://www.lenapevf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-Suicide-Prevention-Candlelight-Vigil.pdf>

**Suicide Prevention  
Conference**

*Suicide Prevention:  
Responding in New  
Ways to New  
Challenges*

Delaware Valley

University

10/9/17

Details:

<https://www.lenapevf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-SuicidePreventionConfFlyer.pdf>

**Trauma Informed Care  
Poster Challenge!**

According to SAMHSA (2017), trauma informed programs incorporate the following,

- empowerment-based collaborative work with clients, their family/friends and other providers
- recognition of the relationship between substance use/abuse, addictive behaviors, depression, etc. and trauma and
- respectful and hopeful attitudes towards recovery.

**On September 14<sup>th</sup> all LVF departments will have the opportunity to visually display how their programs are Trauma Informed!**

Each department has been provided with a poster board from the TIC Committee and a challenge...design a poster which reflects how your department implements trauma informed care! Posters will be displayed and judged by LVF staff at the Staff Appreciation BBQ on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep a look-out in the hallways for submissions and the winning posters!

**Trauma and the Opioid Crisis**

Bucks and Montgomery counties are not immune to the opioid crisis gripping the country. In 2016, opioid deaths increased by 50% in Bucks County and 43% in Montgomery County. This translates to 30 deadly overdoses for every 100,000 residents across the two counties. Across Pennsylvania, 10 residents are lost per day to opioid overdose. In June of 2017, the Campaign for Trauma Informed Policy and Practice released a policy brief highlighting the link between trauma and opioid addiction and exploring effective trauma informed prevention and treatment programs.

The full brief can be downloaded at

<http://www.acesconnection.com/clip/final-ctipp-opb-pdf>