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Charles T. Browning, M.D.



Kathy Leichter, Filmmaker

Lenape Valley Foundation to Host Suicide Prevention Conference

Doylestown, PA, August 30, 2019 – Lenape Valley Foundation will host a suicide prevention conference on Monday, October 7. **Least Restrictive Levels of Care for Suicide Prevention** will be held in the Life Sciences Building Auditorium at Delaware Valley University located at 700 E. Butler Avenue in Doylestown from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The conference is offered in partnership with Delaware Valley University.

The keynote speaker is Charles T. Browning, M.D. Dr. Browning is the Chief Medical Officer of RI International. He has devoted his career to improving the systems and care experience for our mental health needs. He has held leadership positions in public and private systems of care including Crisis System Care, Assertive Community Treatment Team, rural community behavioral health care company, and Opioid Treatment Programs. Dr. Browning graduated from North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Medical School, and completed his internship and residency at University of North Carolina. Dr. Browning has also practiced in the NC prison psychiatric system and his own private practice. He has special interests in promoting several thought leadership initiatives in collaboration with RI International including Crisis Now, Zero Suicide, Peer 2.0, and The Fusion Model.

The day will include afternoon breakout sessions. One of these sessions will feature the viewing of the film, *Here One Day*, presented by the filmmaker Kathy Leichter. Leichter is an award-winning producer and director of social issue and historical documentaries. She is the founder and president of Mint Leaf Productions and Two Suns Media. *Here One Day* (Two Suns Media) is an award-winning, feature-length documentary about mental illness and suicide in the filmmaker's family. Leichter is currently implementing a national, multi-year media outreach campaign using the film and community dialogue to reduce stigma around mental illness and suicide, connect audiences to support, teach how mental illness and suicide impact families, and improve mental health policy.

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Registration for the conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The conference is open to the public, however reservations are required and space is limited. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This program has been approved by the National Association of Social Workers for six continuing education credits. To register online, visit <https://lenapevfspc.eventbrite.com>. For additional information, call Suzanne Rhodeside at 267-893-5280 or e-mail suzanne.rhodeside@lenapevf.org.

For more than 60 years, Lenape Valley Foundation has partnered with residents of Bucks County encountering mental health, substance use, intellectual or developmental challenges, providing services to assist them in the pursuit of their personal aspirations and an enhanced quality of life. Lenape Valley Foundation is a private, not-for-profit provider of crisis, information and referral, treatment, case management, residential, consultation and psycho-educational services.

For information regarding Lenape Valley Foundation and its services, please visit www.lenapevf.org or call 215-345-5300.

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