



# Magellan hosts Cambria County Suicide Prevention Summit on Dec. 14 in Johnstown

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania (Magellan) is hosting the Cambria County Suicide Prevention Summit in coordination with suicide prevention organizations, programs and advocates to come together for a day of inspiration, collaboration and learning. This free, full-day event will take place on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pasquerilla Conference Center in Johnstown, PA. The event will include more than 300 local representatives and this is due in large part to the efforts of the planning committee that also included Behavioral Health of Cambria County, Cambria County Mental Health Services Program, Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center, the Pennsylvania Link to Aging and Disability Resources, and several other local organizations.

The keynote speaker for the event is Kevin Hines. At age 19, Kevin attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Today he is an advocate, author and filmmaker on a mission to reduce suicides worldwide. Kevin will share an inspiring message of hope and discuss his upcoming documentary, ‘Suicide: The Ripple Effect.’

Additional event details:

- **Special presentation** from the Cambria County coroner, Jeff Lees
- **12 ‘Ignite’ presentations** led by the Cambria County suicide prevention programs that address suicide prevention discussion regarding teens, seniors, veterans, and victims of domestic abuse
- **Community conversation** related to enhancing suicide prevention efforts in Cambria County
- **Resource Fair** of approximately 25 vendors

“We recognize that suicide and suicidal thoughts and actions are far too prevalent in our community, and we look forward to a full day of learning around this important issue together with our many partners and community stakeholders,” said Tracy Shultz, operations director for the Magellan care management center in Johnstown.