




"Postvention, It's About Time!"

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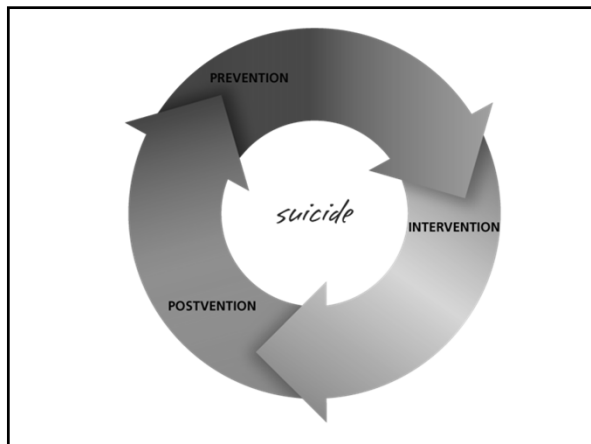
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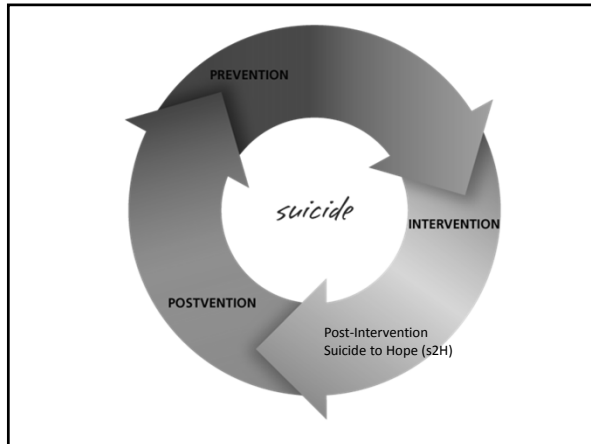
Edwin S. Shneidman

 “Of the three possible (temporal) approaches to mental health crises —prevention, intervention, and postvention— in the case of suicide at least, postvention probably represents the largest problem, and thus presents the greatest area for potential aid.” ”

See also 1969 in *On the Nature of Suicide*, p. 22: "postvention contributes to the largest aspect of the problem."

From "Foreword" in Cain (1972) *Survivors of Suicide*, p. X





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Knowledge / Information on Survivors Issues

1987, Norton

Knowledge base has increased dramatically over time

Cain's seminal edited book Survivors of Suicide, 1972

Bibliographies, 1995-86, 1996, Omega

2011, Routledge

2012- Devastating Losses

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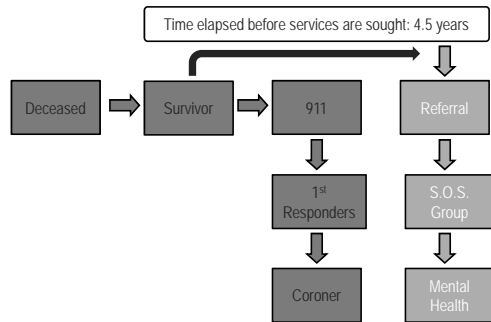
Devastating Losses: How Parents Cope With the Death of a Child to Suicide or Drugs: William Feigelman, Jack Jordan, John McIntosh, Beverly Feigelman (Springer, 2012)

“A Benign Community ought routinely provide Postvention”

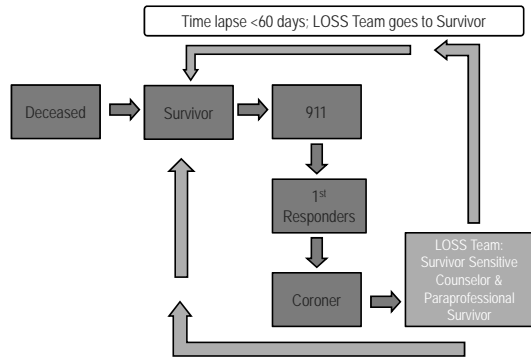
-Dr. Edwin Shneidman (1972)



Passive Community Postvention Model

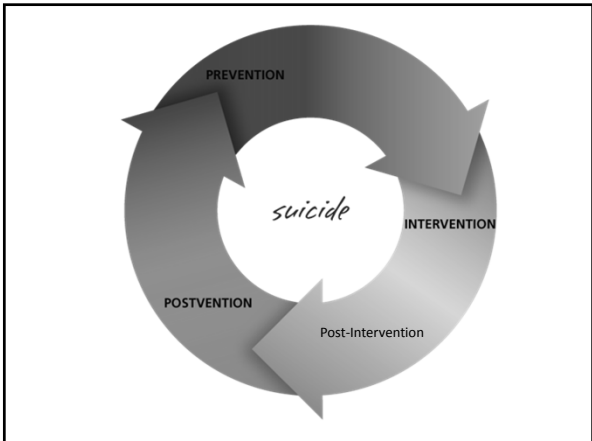


Active Community Postvention Model



Video of LOSSteam at scene

“Postvention is prevention for the next generation”
-Edwin Shneidman Ph.D. (1972)



**Most Likely to Seek Services
(by Relationship to the Deceased*)**

1) Mother	6) Father
2) Sister	7) Brother
3) Wife	8) Girlfriend
4) Daughter	9) Stepfather
5a) Son (tied)	10a) Cousin (tied)
5b) Friend (tied)	10b) Fiancée (tied)

*Based on a 7 year study (n=345/415 or 83%)

**Paradox about number seeking
services**

- Average of 1.5 seek help per suicide
- More research is needed and harder to obtain due to funding and approval barriers for researchers.
- It is about time



- Do you see what you are wanting in the way of Postvention occurring for you?
- What did you hope to get from this conference? (Take home)

