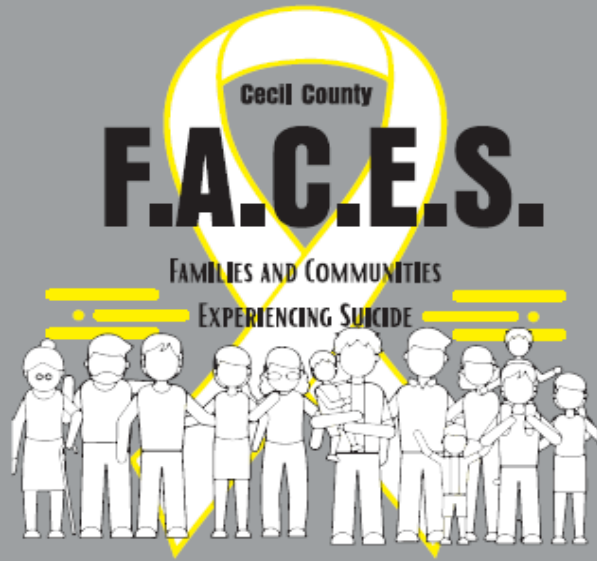




# *Cecil County FACES & LOSS Team*

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## **Vision Statement:**

TO BE A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR SUICIDE  
PREVENTION, INTERVENTION,  
AND POSTVENTION EFFORTS IN CECIL COUNTY.

## **Mission Statement:**

FACES IS A DIVERSE GROUP OF PUBLIC  
AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
COLLABORATING TO PREVENT SUICIDE,  
REDUCE STIGMA, INCREASE AWARENESS,  
AND PROVIDE EDUCATION AND RESOURCES ABOUT  
SUICIDE IN CECIL COUNTY.

# *Cecil FACES Membership*

- Community Members/Loss Survivors
- Cecil County Department of Community Services
- Cecil County Forensic Investigator
- Cecil County Health Department
- Cecil County Public Schools
- Cecil County Sheriff's Office
- Maryland Governors Commission on Suicide Prevention
- Maryland Department of Health
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- Bodhi Counseling
- Eastern Shore Mobile Crisis
- Maryland 211/ 988
- Perry Point VA
- Sunrise Grief Support
- Voices of Hope

# “Postvention is Prevention”

## Overview of the Circular Model of Suicide Reduction



# *What is a LOSS Team?*

The original LOSS team – an active model of postvention – was founded in 1997 by Dr. Frank Campbell, PhD, LCSW, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In his work, he had found that the time between a suicide and when a survivor sought out support exceeded four years due to lack of known resources. Campbell set out to organize a group of trained suicide loss survivors who could provide immediate support to others who experienced a loss due to suicide.

LOSS Teams are unique in each community. Some are activated by Law Enforcement, some by the Coroner's office.

The trained volunteers of a LOSS Team go to the scene and provide **1) practical support (bottled water, an umbrella), 2) understanding, listening, a calming presence** (“hello my name is Denise. I lost someone special to me to suicide and I’m here to support you in any way I can. I’m so sorry for your loss.”) and **3) resources so the newly bereaved will know what local resources are available when they are ready.**



# Launch a LOSS Team

Learn about what a LOSS team is and how to provide suicide postvention resources for your community, fostering your own community of hope.

[Crisis Resources](#)[How to Launch a LOSS Team](#)[Ohio Postvention Website](#)

## What is a LOSS Team and Why is it Important?

LOSS – Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors – is an active postvention model. This model involves two or more volunteers, called a LOSS Team, proactively going to the scene of a suicide to provide immediate support to those left behind.

A LOSS Team is made up of trained suicide loss survivors, and sometimes other concerned community members, that go to the scene of a suicide to support those left behind. The LOSS Team members are there in a volunteer capacity.

The LOSS Team model was originally created by Dr. Frank Campbell at the Baton Rouge Crisis and Trauma Center in 1998. Dr. Campbell identified that it was taking loss survivors an average of more than 4 years before they reached out for support.

A LOSS Team at the scene of a suicide provides loss survivors with practical support and a connection to resources. But, most importantly, they provide an instillation of hope.

Having someone who has lost a loved one to suicide introduce themselves, who is dressed, functioning, and in a position to attend to a newly bereaved person, plants seeds of hope. By simply saying, "I lost a loved one to suicide," a volunteer gives permission for the newly bereaved to use the word suicide.

## Host a Training in Your Community

For more information, contact:

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If you or a loved one needs help, call 988 or text "HOME" to 741741

## Stay Connected

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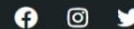
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# *Cecil County LOSS Team*





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immediate assistance**

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### **Mission Statement**

To be a village of suicide loss survivors supporting newly bereaved suicide loss community members with resources and, most importantly, a beacon of hope on their darkest day.

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