

April 12, 2018

Jo Moncher
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Re: Invitation to *Employers Answering the Call: Helping to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families, A Workplace Suicide Prevention Conference*

Dear Ms. Moncher:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in partnership with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is pleased to invite you to participate in its workplace suicide prevention conference entitled *Employers Answering the Call: Helping to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families* on May 16-17, 2018 in Arlington, Virginia. This conference is intended to provide employers and their state and community partners with strategies to reduce suicide by supporting the behavioral health and wellness needs of employees who are service members, Veterans, or family members of service members and Veterans.

Recognizing your commitment to our nation's service members, Veterans, and their families (SMVF), this conference will help you further support the resiliency of the SMVF workforce. Participants will build on existing workplace health and safety initiatives and receive information about emerging strategies and best practices to incorporate SMVF-focused wellness and suicide prevention strategies. Throughout the conference, we will focus on a comprehensive public health approach.

This conference will bring together employers with local representatives from cities and states who have committed to work together to make SMVF health and wellness a priority and end SMVF suicide. The audience will also include federal partners and subject-matter experts to ensure the incorporation of evidence-based, emotional wellness and suicide prevention strategies.

By participating in this conference, you will also be invited to join an on-going learning collaborative to support implementation of desired safety, wellness, and suicide prevention activities. You will leave the conference with new information that helps you to support the SMVF in your workplace and community by encouraging resilience, connectedness, and access to supports close to home.

In addition to your attendance, SAMHSA and VA invite you to nominate 2-3 local employers to travel to Washington D.C. for this conference. The employer should send a member of its executive team, such as the head of its human resources department, training department, and/or Veteran programs, who can support the adoption or advancement of wellness initiatives within the organization. SAMHSA will support the travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for non-federal attendees.

To nominate local employers to receive an invitation to this conference, please fill out the form located at <https://pra.typeform.com/to/Np8aAa> by **Monday, April 16, 2018**. To accept this non-transferable invitation, please register at <https://goo.gl/bt9FhL> by **Thursday, April 19, 2018**. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angela Wright at awright@prainc.com or (518) 439-7415 ext. 5258.

We appreciate your continued support and commitment to the well-being of our service members, veterans, and families and look forward to welcoming your company's representative to the conference.

Sincerely,



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