

Suicide Prevention Awareness & Resource Council (SPARC)

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Dear Art and Graphic Design Teachers,

The **Suicide Prevention Awareness & Resource Council (SPARC)** is a group of concerned citizens, professionals, and partner agencies who convene with a common goal of reducing the number of suicides in our area. We work collaboratively to strengthen and expand education in the area about suicide prevention, behavioral health and wellness. Our goal is to increase help seeking behaviors and raise awareness about available mental health (MH) supports and resources in our area. Data drives our chosen initiatives, which are designed to address our area's specific demographic needs.

At this time we are reaching out to our most valuable resource, our youth, to help us define the new look of this collaborative effort. We are asking our very talented youth to participate in the SPARC logo competition. The SPARC logo will be featured in all official correspondence and other SPARC initiatives.

The logo must be 6 inches by 6 inches and must include the SPARC letters on it. Participants can submit by mail or email to: SPARC Logo Competition, 500 Old Lynchburg Road, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22903 or submit entries to mary.williams@regionten.org. The prize for the final candidate's selected logo will be a \$50.00 pre-paid VISA card. The entries must be submitted by **March 1, 2015**.

Thank you for your interest and support of our SPARC logo competition. The winner will be announced by March 15, 2015. For additional information, please contact Mary Williams at mary.williams@regionten.org.

Cordially,

The Suicide Prevention and Awareness Resource Council (SPARC):

Lori Wood, SPARC Chair, Region Ten Director of Prevention, Outpatient and Mobile Crisis Services
Mary Williams, SPARC Logo Contest Coordinator, Albemarle County Student Assistance Program
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Elizabeth Beasley, Sr. Health Promotions Consultant, Thomas Jefferson Health District
Cailin Collier, Community member and Co-chair of the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk
Robin Durkin, Community member and Co-chair of the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk
Greg Davis, Albemarle County Police
Tracy Elder, Community Volunteer and Mental Health America Representative
Charlie Fawcett, Region Ten Director of Fluvanna County clinic
Sue Hess, Community Mental Health Nurse Navigator of Mental Health America, Mental Health Coalition Representative
Michelle Hottinger, Region Ten Director of Louisa County Services
Francee Laverty, Region Ten Director of Nelson County Services
Rebecca Landsberg, Region Ten Emergency Services Clinician
David Tekippe, Region Ten Emergency Services Program Manager
Shannon Wright, Region Ten Director of Greene County Services
Genhi Whitmer, Region Ten Director of Training
Laura Woodworth, Faith Based Organization Representative, Stephen Ministries
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