

# The HAP Foundation



August 2023

We hope you enjoy this month's HAPPenings at HAP.

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## **CHW Awareness Week**

The National Association for Community Health Workers (NACHW) Awareness Week is August 28th -September 1st. This is the first national movement that focuses on the important role of the Community Health Worker. At The HAP Foundation, we honor CHWs, especially Maureen Burns and Kandis Draw, for their achievements and efforts to increase serious illness education throughout their communities.

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## **Becoming Grief Informed: Support Following a Traumatic Death**

Missing Pieces, in partnership with our family grief centers and the Child Loss Coalition, invite you to join us in learning how to support and respond to children, families, and communities impacted by deaths from overdose, substance use, homicide, or suicide. With the significant rise in sudden and traumatic deaths, it is crucial that professionals are prepared to support the unique needs of children and families on their grief journey. The three-part series will feature experts and include a panel discussion of family members who have experienced the

death of a loved one from overdose and substance abuse, suicide, or homicide.

Health care professionals, grief specialists, social workers, counselors, private practice therapists, school personnel, faith leaders, bereavement volunteers, funeral professionals, and community leaders interested in supporting grieving families are encouraged to attend. Continuing education credits will be provided for nurses, social workers, and related professionals. The cost to attend each session is \$25.

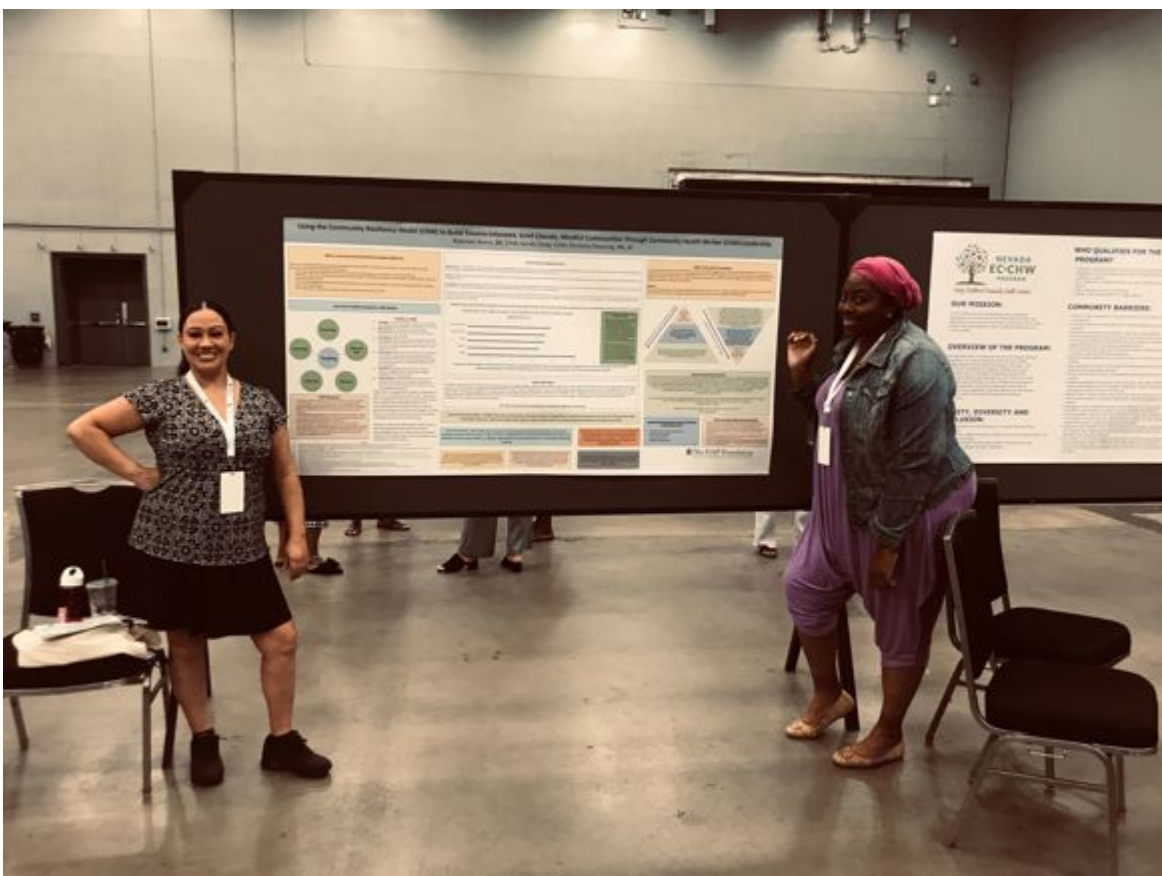
The Series will take place at the Carlisle in Lombard, IL from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register [here](#) for the below series:

- September 19, 2023 - Support After an Overdose and Substance Use Death
- October 26, 2023 - Support After a Homicide
- November 16, 2023 - Support After a Suicide

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## NACHW Unity Conference

The HAP CHW team enjoyed sharing time and community with others at the National Community Health Worker Unity Conference in Austin, TX. The team presented a poster called Using the Community Resiliency Model (CRM) to Build Trauma-Informed, Grief-Literate, Mindful Communities Through Community Health Worker (CHW) Leadership. They also shared information about The HAP Foundation through a booth at the conference.



## Thank You for Your Support

A gift to The HAP Foundation ensures that all families and communities have access to quality hospice and palliative care. If you'd like to pledge your support for The HAP Foundation, please [click here](#) to donate.

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## Coleman Palliative Medicine Training Program & The HAP Foundation

Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, a program of the HAP Foundation, brings pediatric expertise to The Coleman Palliative Medicine Training Program. Register now at [colemanpalliative.org](https://colemanpalliative.org) for Professional Development in Communication & Supportive Care – Across the Lifespan, a six-month interdisciplinary training program that begins with an in-person event on September 29 or virtually on September 30. The full series includes a combination of in-person and virtual learning opportunities to enhance communication skills and clinical management for palliative care professionals serving adults, geriatrics, pediatrics, and vulnerable populations. At The HAP Foundation, we are excited for this opportunity to increase access to care by building adult providers' confidence in caring for kids.

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## Butterfly Run, Walk, + Flutter: October 15, 2023

Registration is now open for the 2023 5K Butterfly Run. Create a team with your friends and family and join us on October 15 at 10 a.m. at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village, IL. Participants may run, walk, or flutter to help support families and communities that have been impacted by childhood death. Click [here](#) to register or to donate to this event.

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## Inaugural Symposium on Serious Illness Care: October 16-17, 2023

On October 16 and 17, HAP will host our first two-day symposium, designed specifically for providers, clinicians, leaders, and advocates across the continuum of serious illness care. This educational event will include a physician panel discussion, featuring five of the top palliative care physicians in the region, keynote presentations, breakout sessions, networking opportunities and more. Continuing educational hours for nurses and social workers will be available. The event will take place at Northern Illinois University at Naperville (1120 E. Diehl Rd, Naperville, IL). The cost to attend is \$125. Please register for the Symposium [here](#).

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## Community Health Worker Summit

On January 24, 2024, The HAP Foundation will host its inaugural Community Health Worker (CHW) Summit: CHWs - Innovators in Social Justice, Public Health, and Health Disparities. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Dr. Moss III is a preacher, activist, and author who, over the last two decades, has practiced and preached a Black theology that unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality. [Register to attend](#).

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## HAP Team Member News

Join us in welcoming two new members of our team! The HAP Foundation is thrilled to welcome Sam Grobart as our Associate Director of Development. Sam previously worked for NeonCRM and the Jewish United Fund, and he looks forward to using his experience in nonprofit management and technology to maximize The HAP Foundation's impact.

Congratulations to HAP team member Alexciana Castaneda on her recent graduation from Lewis University! Alexciana joined The HAP Foundation earlier this year as Program Coordinator. In this role, she works closely with every member of our program leadership team in event planning, program operations, and design of new initiatives. While in college, Alexciana studied public policy with a focus on health care and worked in a community free clinic where she saw the impact of policy on patient care. Alexciana is already having an impact at HAP through her plans to integrate volunteer opportunities into HAP programs and as she helps to further define and operationalize supports for families experiencing serious illness.

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## Event Sponsorship

The HAP Foundation is hosting several upcoming events. If you're interested in supporting an event through corporate sponsorship, please email [mconley@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:mconley@thehapfoundation.org) or visit our [website](#) for specific sponsorship details.

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## August is Make-A-Will Month

August is Make-A-Will Month, which emphasizes the importance of creating a will to protect the people and organizations you love. Your will is a love letter to your family and to the organizations that have made a difference to you. Creating a will gives your family peace of mind by releasing them from the burdens of making decisions on your behalf or guessing your intentions. When you make legacy gifts to organizations, such as The HAP Foundation, you help us build a world where no one is without access to hospice, palliative care, or grief support.

We are deeply grateful for your compassion and proud of the difference we have made together. If you haven't already, we hope that you will consider ensuring the continuation of The HAP Foundation's crucial work by including our organization in your estate planning. If you have any questions, please reach out to Christine Post-Duncan, Senior Director of Finance and Estate Planning, at [cpost-duncan@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:cpost-duncan@thehapfoundation.org) or 312-741-1280.

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## Join the Conversation

The Community Health Learning Collective (CHLC) is a monthly convening of CHWs, Promotores de Salud, CHRs, CHW Allies, community members and clinicians. It is an opportunity to discuss emerging issues in community health care, share organizational announcements and experience fellowship with like-minded individuals! Each CHLC convening contains education programming to encourage us, inform our work, and open dialogue about critical issues that impact our organizations. Not able to attend? Check our [community education page](#) for recordings of previous sessions. To register for future CHLC programs or to learn more, please contact Maureen Burns at [MBurns@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:MBurns@thehapfoundation.org).

- The CHLC is happy to host Dr. Janan Wyatt, Ph.D., Research Scientist at Yale School of Medicine, on August 23, 2023, from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Dr. Wyatt will discuss how workforce diversity and representation allow organizations to best meet the needs of communities they are serving. Dr. Wyatt will also discuss the importance of self-care and provide skills and techniques to build and sustain a meaningful self-care practice. Email [MBurns@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:MBurns@thehapfoundation.org) to register.

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### Upcoming Community Presentations:

- August 22, 2023, 2 p.m. Join us in person at the Chicago Public Library, Woodson Regional branch, located at 9525 S. Halsted St. in Chicago for a free presentation on the Community Resilience Model and Caregiving. No registration necessary.
- September 6, 2023, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us at the Chicago Public Library, Rogers Park branch, located at 6907 N. Clark St. in Chicago for a free presentation on *Managing Stress and Trauma Through the Community Resiliency Model (CRM)*. We will discuss how CRM can be used as an approach to overcome trauma and toxic stress. Click [here](#) to register for the in-person event.

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## Pediatric Palliative Care Webinar

### ***Whole Person Care: Looking at the Child Behind the Medical Complexity***

August 15, 2023, 2 p.m. CST

When seeing a child with a medical condition, often only the tubes and attached medical devices are seen and not the child. In palliative and hospice care, one of our strongest tenets is to help our patients live until they die, focused on quality of life. However, if a child has a challenging medical condition or disability, assumptions may be made as to what quality of life can or does entail. Utilizing the Models of Disability and personal anecdotes, the presenters will illustrate how we can better provide equitable and inclusive care for all patients and their families. To watch the webinar, register [here](#).

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