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Suicide Prevention Awareness Fair

Suicide is the 11th most frequent cause of death in the U.S. — someone dies from suicide every 16 minutes. Suicidal ideas and attempts to harm oneself are the result of problems that may seem like they cannot be fixed. The Department of Veterans Affairs stands ready to reach out and help veterans at risk for suicide.

In conjunction with its observance of National Suicide Prevention Week, September 7-13, VA Western New York Healthcare System, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, will hold a Suicide Prevention Awareness Fair on Thursday, September 11 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Freedom Hall (room 301.) The event will include eight different agencies or departments with representatives from VA and the community. Veterans, employees and the community are all invited to learn about suicide prevention, Crisis Services of Buffalo, gun safety, the National Suicide Hotline, OEF/OIF outreach and Veterans' Drug Court.

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