



*Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii*



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**Announcing Soul Shop™ Hawai'i 2019: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation**  
Suicide Prevention Training on October 18 and 19, 2019 in Honolulu, Hawai'i

September 4, 2019 – Honolulu, HI – Soul Shop Hawai'i 2019: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation is a suicide prevention workshop that will equip community leaders, clergy, faith and lay leaders, counselors, first responders, and anyone interested in learning how to effectively minister to suicidal desperation. Soul Shop is a national movement focused on helping communities develop skills for the prevention of suicide, based on the training materials developed for the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). Soul Shop will be facilitated by Soul Shop Director Michelle Snyder, LCSW, M.Div.

At any given time, one in 17 adults and one in six youths are considering suicide. In Hawai'i, one in 25 adults seriously consider suicide each year, according to Mental Health America. It is difficult for those contemplating suicide to ask for help, and that is why Soul Shop has developed techniques for recognizing people who are hurting and helping them to be heard through life-saving conversations.

**For Youth Leaders:** On Friday, October 18, 2019, 6 pm to 9 pm, there is a half-day Youth Leaders workshop for those who work with teens and adolescents. Participants will learn how to recognize warning signs; how to engage in life-saving conversations; and how to keep youth safe. Registration is \$10 (plus processing fee).

**For Community, Clergy, and Lay Leaders:** On Saturday, October 19, 2019, 9 am to 4 pm, there is a one-day Community and Faith Leaders workshop. Participants will learn about the primary obstacles to dealing with suicidal desperation (stigma, fear, and shame); statistics/facts about suicide; and how to create a supportive environment while fundamentally altering the way people deal with this subject and one another. Registration is \$20 (plus processing fee) and includes a bento lunch.

Workshops will be held at Saint Louis School, Clarence TC Ching Learning and Technology Center, Room 101, 3142 Waialae Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96816.

The workshops are presented by Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i, in partnership with BDK Hawai'i, Chaminade University – BDK Hawai'i Rev. Fujitani Interfaith Program, and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i; and sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i, Pacific Health Ministry, Saint Louis School, and The Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i.

For more information and to register: visit <https://soulshophi19.eventbrite.com>.

**About Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i**

Established in 1989, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i provides professional and accessible mental health counseling sensitive to the spiritual traditions of individuals, families, and communities in Hawai'i. For more information, call (808) 545-2740 or visit [www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org](http://www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org).

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