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New Suicide Prevention Program Comes to Livingston County

GENESEO, N.Y., Nov. 4, 2021 – The Livingston County Suicide Prevention Task Force is introducing a comprehensive new approach to suicide prevention for the local firearm-owning community.

Lock and Talk Livingston is a program aimed at preventing self-harm by limiting access to firearms, medications, and other potentially dangerous items during a mental health crisis. The program provides gun owners and retailers with evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention training, free safety devices such as gun and medication locks, and disposal pouches for unused medications in the home. Promoting safe storage practices for weapons and reducing the stigma around discussions of mental health are at the core of Lock and Talk Livingston, said Lynne Mignemi, Chairperson of the Livingston County Suicide Prevention Task Force.

“Lock and Talk Livingston gives community members the opportunity to become educated about the signs of suicide risk and how to act as a catalyst to care,” said Mignemi. “Identifying possible signs of suicide risk, who will be a trusted individual to temporarily hold on to firearms and connecting to crisis resources are key messages relayed through the program’s retail partners and firearm safety instructors.”

Mignemi is encouraging local firearm owners, retailers, and sportmen’s clubs to take part in the program. Lock and Talk Livingston representatives will promote awareness of the initiative through phone calls, personal visits to sportsmen’s clubs, and presentations to their members.

If you or someone you know is thinking of suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or Crisis Textline at 741741 and type “Hello.”

About Livingston County:

Founded in 1821, Livingston County, N.Y., is comprised of more than 61,000 residents in 17 towns located across 640 square miles of the Finger Lakes region.



Photo: Safety devices and support materials for Lock and Talk Livingston

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