



Light After Loss' Postvention Convention 2023
Friday August 11, 2023
Kent State University at Stark's Conference Center

8am-9am Sign in and Payment
Lobby

9am-10 am Opening Remarks: Postvention as Prevention
Shannon Ortiz, LPCC-S, CEO and Founder of Light After Loss
Timken Great Hall

10am – 11 am Morning Keynote: Posttraumatic Growth After Suicide Loss Across the Life Span
Dr. Melinda Moore, Ph.D., Eastern Kentucky University
Timken Great Hall

11:00 am – 11:15 am Break and Report to Breakout Session #1

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How Volunteers Support Suicide Loss Survivors (Light After Loss Volunteer Training)
Kristi Horner, FPS, Founder and Executive Director of Courage to Caregivers
Jenny Woodworth, LISW
Hoover Seminar Room

Supporting Young Survivors of Suicide Loss: Evidence-Based Strategies to Support
Children and Youth
Melissa Wolfe, MA
Deuble Foundation Meeting Room – Rm 134

When Professionals Weep: Addressing Suicide Loss and Enfranchising Grief Through
Counseling Supervision
Kailey A. Bradley, MA, LPCC-S, NCC, FT
Herbert W. Hoover Foundation Meeting Room – Rm 136

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch and Resource Fair (onsite attendees only)

Dining Room

Atrium and Lobby

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Afternoon Plenary: The State of Postvention in Ohio

Molly Mottram, Chief of Staff of Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation

Timken Great Hall

2:00 -2:15 pm Break and report to Breakout Session #2

2:15 – 3:15 pm Breakout Session #2

Suicide Survivors in Therapy: A Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Shannon Ortiz, LPCC-S, CEO and Founder of Light After Loss

Hoover Room Seminar Room

Suicide Loss and the LGBTQ+ Community

Jared Sparks, MA, LPCC

Deuble Foundation Meeting Room – Rm 134

When the Worst Happens: A Macro-Level Overview of Postvention in Schools

Elena Aslanides-Kandis, LPCC-S

Herbert W. Hoover Foundation Meeting Room – Rm 136

3:15-3:30 pm Break and report to Timken Great Hall

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Afternoon Keynote: Therapeutic Writing and Songwriting for Healing Grief
and Trauma

Maureen Pollard, MSW, Registered Social Worker (Ontario)

Timken Great Hall

4:30-5:00 pm Closing Remarks

Shannon Ortiz, LPCC-S, CEO and Founder of Light After Loss

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*** Please complete your evaluation before leaving today*

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<https://lightafterlossstark.org/>