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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media
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SUBJECT: 2nd Annual Upper Peninsula Suicide Prevention Conference

The Marquette County Health Department is partnering with Dial Help to organize the 2nd Annual Upper Peninsula Suicide Prevention Conference. This year's conference will be held on September 15th, 2017 hosted at the Ramada Inn of Marquette from 8am to 5pm.

This conference is open to all community members and/or professionals working in related fields that are interested in preventing suicide. Participants will learn about current suicide prevention efforts taking place on the local, state, and federal level. Speakers will discuss suicide prevention among high-risk groups, such as Veterans and the Native American/Alaska Native Community. Special topics in suicide prevention such as reducing stigma and ethical decision-making will also be discussed.

Registration for the conference is \$30; this fee includes both breakfast and lunch. Register by calling [\(906\)482-9077](tel:9064829077).

Conference organizers would welcome the opportunity to speak to the media in any form to promote this event. Please contact Megan Giacoletto to set up an interview at (906)482-9077. Secondary contact for the event is Sarah Derwin (906)315-2621.