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**April 02nd 2012: Bullying and Teen Suicide: Are they related and how?** Guest Maureen Underwood, LCSW

According to the American Association of Suicidology, suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death for young people (ages 15-19 and 15-24.) While suicides accounted for 1.4% of all deaths in the U.S. annually, they comprised 12.2% of all deaths among 15-24-year-olds. Why do our kids take their own lives? Today the answer often seems to be that they were "bullied to death". But is this really the cause? Maureen Underwood the clinical director of the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide and co-author of the Lifelines program will discuss how suicide and bullying are connected—the

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### Featured Guest



#### Maureen Underwood

Maureen Underwood is a licensed clinical social worker and certified group psychotherapist with over thirty-five years of experience in mental health and crisis intervention. From 1985 to 2000, she was the coordinator of the New Jersey Adolescent Suicide Prevention Project. In this role, she initiated collaborative relationships between mental health and educational systems, providing in-service training, consultation on policy development, and assistance in the implementation of procedures for school-based crisis management. She has also provided clinical training in suicide assessment for emergency room mental health screeners. Maureen is the co-author of Managing Sudden Traumatic Loss

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