

 Join the ***Suicide Prevention Coalition of Erie County*** in

going yellow as we “**Raise Hope**” for Suicide Prevention Week!

On **Tuesday, September 6th at 2:00pm** we will be coming together with our State and County representatives for a press conference to kick off Suicide Prevention Week.

County Executive Mark Poloncarz will be raising a yellow flag as a symbol of Hope and speaking about this public health crisis.

We need ***your help*** to bring awareness to our community!

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in adults and the 2nd leading cause of death ages 14-21. Please join us wearing yellow as we gather on the steps of the Rath Building as a community committed to ending suicide.

Help us break the stigma of Suicide by spreading the message of hope.

***Together we can save lives!***



Thank you to those participating in the press conference:

Mark Poloncarz, **County Executive**

Michael Ranney, **Erie County Department of Mental Health Commissioner**

Dr. Gale Burstein, **Erie County Department of Health**

Jessica C. Pirro, **Chief Executive Officer, Crisis Services**

Sigrid Pechenik, **Associate Director, NYS Suicide Prevention Office**

**Psychology Chair, NYS State Operated Facilities**

Lisa Boehringer, **Survivor of Suicide Loss**

**Board Member of The American Foundation of Suicide Prevention**

Olivia Retallack, **Coordinator, Suicide Prevention Coalition of Erie County**