



**The Health Education and Learning Program
For Black Males (HELP)**
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NOPCAS National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide

A Call-To-Action: Suicide Awareness and Prevention for Communities of Color planning meeting on health care disparity and minority suicide

February 12, 2008 (suicide prevention month)
University of Massachusetts Boston
McCormack Building, Ryan Lounge
100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125
8am – 5pm

EVENT DESCRIPTION —

The Health Education and Learning Program (HELP) for Black Males at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the **National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide (NOPCAS)** will convene a planning meeting of clinicians, health care professionals, policy leaders, educators and community partners on Thursday, February 12, 2009, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, in UMass Boston's Ryan Lounge. *A Call-To-Action: Suicide Awareness and Prevention for Communities of Color*, is a grass-roots effort designed to raise awareness of the health care disparity concerning minorities and suicide, and to set the agenda for a full-scale conference in the fall of 2009 — Affirming Life.

A Call-To-Action: Suicide Awareness and Prevention for Communities of Color will spotlight presentations and discussions by noted professionals in the field, and will engage attendees in roundtable discussions to develop strategies addressing the health care disparity of minority suicide and increasing suicide awareness and prevention efforts for specific target audiences. A consolidation of the individual working-group strategies will yield a comprehensive working document. The outcome of this planning meeting will uncover gaps in the research, develop and identify resources for communication materials, and set the agenda for a fall 2009 conference — Affirming Life.

Senator Bill Owens, rtd, HELP Director and Donna H. Barnes, PhD, NOPCAS President and Executive Director, along with Honorary Co-Chairs Alvin F. Poussaint, MD, Harvard Medical School, Judge Bakers Children's Center; J. Keith Motley, PhD, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Boston; and Diane Patrick, Esq, First Lady, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, invite your attendance and participation at the February 12th *Call-To-Action*. Continuing Education Units (CEU) are available. For more information and to register contact HELP:

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