



Intern Call: 2019-2020

FIRST Suicide Prevention Lifeline in Armenia

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention (ATOP)

Mission: *At Meaningfulworld, the goal is to prepare a generation of conscientious individuals who are guided by love, peace, passion, and meaning. Meaningfulworld is dedicated to fostering a meaningful, peaceful, and just world in which every individual enjoys physical, mental, social, economic, and spiritual health.*

Goal: To create and establish a public service that offers those in need of psychological guidance a direct toll-free telephone 'lifeline' that offers guidance in coordination with local law enforcement and psychological health providers.

Objective: To prevent undo loss of life & support Armenians in Armenia
Even one life ends in vain is a huge loss for Armenia

WHY? URGENCY: Current Statistics

1. Since 2003, **suicide rates in Armenia** have **increased** (UN Human Development Report 1980-2012). 50% of suicides are committed by 30-65 years old, 28% by above 65 years old, and 22.2% under age 29. iwpr.net (institute for war and peace reporting) by Victoria Aleksanyan "Alarm at Rising Suicide Rate in Armenia" June 17, 2011.
2. The Kievyan Bridge in Yerevan is now called "**Suicide bridge**" due to the frequent number of suicides
3. Armenia has the third highest rate of suicide in the previously Soviet Republics (UN Human Development Report, 1980-2012).
4. More statistics are available upon request from Dr Kamo Vartanyan (Armenia).

Internship Position: Internship at Stress Center, to respond to calls from distressed Armenians who have lost hope and need someone to talk to anonymously.

All internships are conducted under the supervision Dr. Armen Bejanyan & Karen Gargaryan, at Stress Center; additional supervision is provided via skype once a month with Dr. Ani Kalayjian- Founder and CEO, Board of Directors of ATOP Meaningfulworld (from New York). Special honoraria will be provided.

Location: Stress Center

Time commitment: 12 months, 10 hours a week

Next training with Dr Ani Kalayjian in Armenia: Wednesday, October 16, 1-5 pm,

Place: TBD

How to apply: Kindly send your resume, statement of purpose, to Drs. Kalayjian DrKalayjian@meaningfulworld.com, & Bejanyan Bejanyan@ache.am; kindly visit: www.meaningfulworld.com to see our healing work since 1988 in Armenia as well as in 47 countries around the world.

Remember: When one helps another, BOTH become stronger!