



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of David Masecar.

David was a past board member of the Ontario Association for Suicide Prevention and a past President of the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention.

David was a passionate advocate for suicide prevention in his consultations and workshops, his research, his presentations at conferences, his publications and his everyday life. David believed in the need for 'opportunities to talk about suicide', in the importance of 'networking with groups and associations and finding common ground to support our individual and collective messages'. He believed in the resiliency of people and the knowledge inherent in each community.

Dave's leadership and persistence lead to the development of the *CASP Blueprint for a Canadian National Suicide Prevention Strategy* which in turn became the document many provinces and local communities used to develop their own strategies. David developed a four day training experience based on the publication '*What is Working, What is Hopeful, Supporting Community Based Suicide Prevention Strategies for Indigenous Communities, And any other community that is interested.*'

David was highly respected for his dedication and important contributions to supporting health and wellness within our First Nations communities in Ontario and other provinces and territories. His work included contributions regarding the development of strengths-based community suicide prevention strategies. We have lost a major player in Aboriginal suicide prevention and in suicide prevention initiatives across Canada.

David died Christmas Eve in Hamilton, Ontario of a massive heart attack.

Words cannot express how much we will miss him as he begins his new journey.