

**Welcome!**

# **Project Safety Net Community Forum**

***A Discussion with Advocates:  
Opportunities for Improving Youth  
Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention  
through Policy and Advocacy (Goal 4)***

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## **Goal 4- Policy and Advocacy:**

*To engage the community to effect policy change and drive funding, which will ensure a continuum of mental health care for the most vulnerable youth in Palo Alto as well as comprehensive youth well-being strategies and suicide prevention services.*

### **Forum Objectives:**

- Understand the role that youth community members and organizations play in shaping and leading policy initiatives
- Learn about current local, state, and federal initiatives related to youth well-being and suicide prevention
- Identify opportunities to advocate for policies and programs that promote youth well-being and suicide prevention efforts

# Forum Agenda

May 23, 2018

3:30-5:30 pm

- A. Welcome**
- B. Engaging with Policy and Advocacy: Youth Voices**
  - *Melissa Woodburn, Palo Alto Family YMCA*
  - *Patrick Gardner, J.D., Young Minds Advocacy*
- A. Promoting Youth Well-Being and Suicide Prevention Efforts through Policy and Advocacy**
  - *Gordon Doughty, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)*
  - *Zinat Mohamed, Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Program*
- B. Community Discussion- Questions & Comments**
- C. Closing and Thank You**
- D. Adjourn**



# Engaging with Policy and Advocacy: Youth Voices



# Promoting Youth Well-Being & Suicide Prevention Efforts through Policy Advocacy



# Community Discussion Questions & Comments





# Thank You!

**Next PSN Community Meeting:**

***LGBTQ+ Voices***

**June 27, 2018**

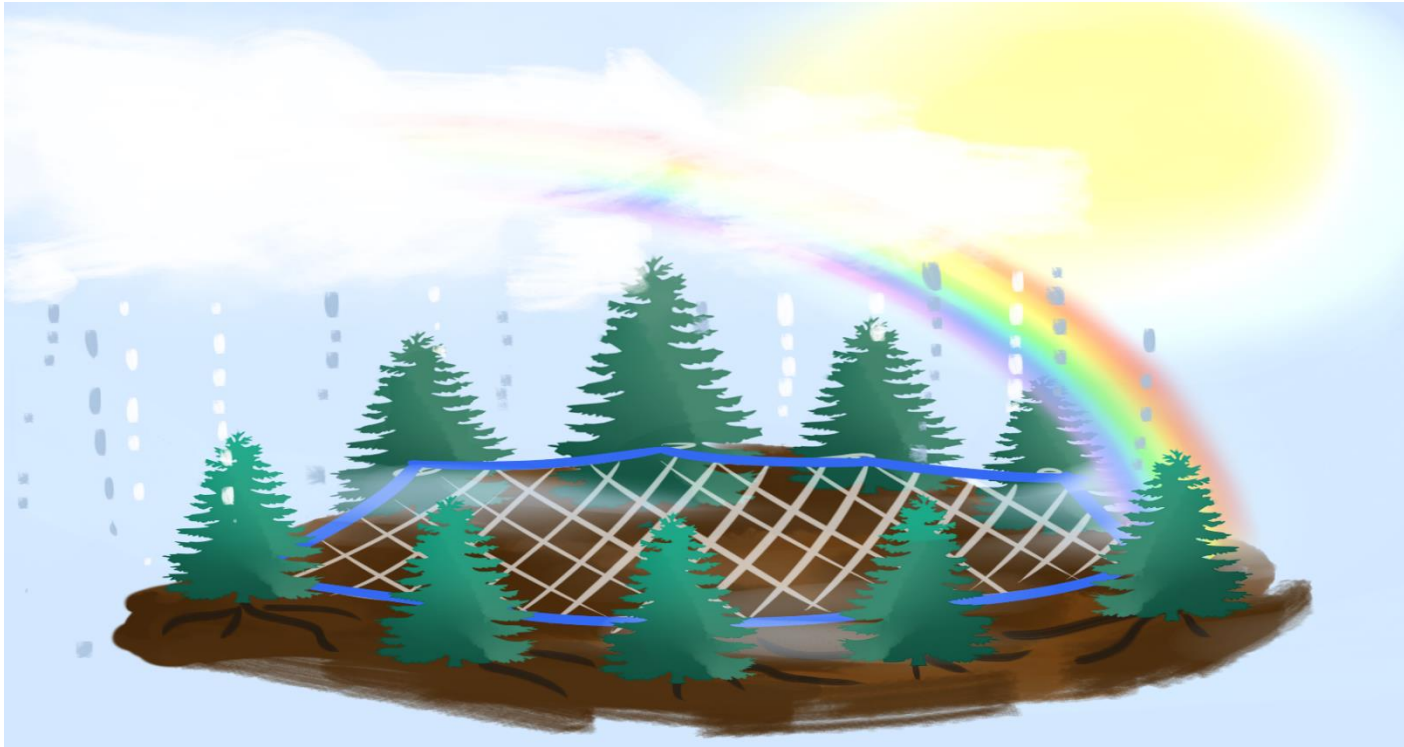
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**Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library**

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for the well-being of Palo Alto's youth



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