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### **International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF) Announces Strategic Partnership with the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses**

Windsor, WI — February 12, 2026 — The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF) is proud to announce a new strategic partnership with the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses (ISPN). This collaboration unites two mission-driven organizations dedicated to advancing mental health education, crisis response, and long-term recovery for individuals, professionals, and communities affected by trauma and critical incidents.

Critical incidents can occur in any environment and impact anyone. The emotional, psychological, physical, and spiritual effects of trauma often extend far beyond the event itself. When not properly addressed, these effects can disrupt personal well-being, professional functioning, and community stability. Through this partnership, ICISF and ISPN will work collaboratively to expand awareness, promote education, and strengthen access to evidence-based strategies that foster resilience and healing.

For more than four decades, ICISF has been internationally recognized as a leader in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), a comprehensive, integrative, and peer-driven crisis intervention system. CISM provides structured, practical tools to support individuals before, during, and after exposure to traumatic events. The model is designed to mitigate the impact of stress reactions, accelerate recovery, and, when necessary, facilitate referral for additional care.

ISPN represents psychiatric-mental health nurses worldwide across clinical practice, education, research, and leadership. The organization's commitment to advancing mental health care through evidence-based practice and professional development aligns closely with ICISF's mission to support those impacted by crisis and trauma.

"ISPN President, Daniel Wesemann states that this partnership reflects our shared dedication to advancing mental health care and strengthening the capacity of professionals responding to trauma and crisis." "By uniting our expertise, ISPN and ICISF are better positioned to support resilience, recovery, and sustainable mental health outcomes worldwide."

"This partnership represents a powerful alignment of expertise and purpose," said Rick Barton, Chief Executive Officer of ICISF. "By collaborating with ISPN, we are strengthening the bridge between crisis intervention and psychiatric-mental health nursing practice. Together, we can expand professional education, promote best practices, and enhance support systems that improve outcomes for both responders and the communities they serve."

Through this strategic partnership, ICISF and ISPN will collaborate on professional development initiatives, educational programming, and shared efforts to promote resilience-building and sustainable mental health outcomes worldwide.

ICISF remains committed to advancing the science and practice of crisis intervention and to supporting the dedicated professionals who serve on the front lines of trauma and disaster response. This partnership marks an important step forward in expanding access to trusted, evidence-informed resources that strengthen individuals and communities in times of crisis.

For more information about the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc., visit [www.icisf.org](http://www.icisf.org).

To learn more about the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses, visit [www.ispn-psych.org](http://www.ispn-psych.org).