

Developing a Community Suicide Postvention Plan



Training Professionals & Communities in
Suicide Prevention & Response®

A suicide has a devastating impact on a community, especially if there isn't a plan and response team in place to take action after a suicide death. Developing a plan is an important first step in coordinating a safe and supportive response to a suicide or other traumatic death in light of the bewilderment and turmoil that often occurs.

A team of professionals who know what to do, are trained and prepared to act, and have an action plan in place will promote healing and reduce risk after a suicide.

The first day of training presents the Connect suicide postvention curriculum, including best practice protocols. During the second day, the participants will develop a community-wide suicide response plan with assistance from the Connect trainer/consultant.

Training highlights Include:

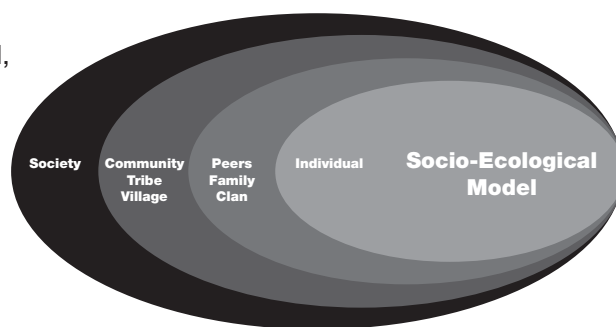
- How to coordinate a safe and supportive response to a suicide among key community service providers
- Selecting a crisis response coordinator and team members and defining their roles
- Communication among team members
- Best practices such as how to communicate safely about suicide and restricting the availability of lethal means (e.g. guns, pills)
- Postvention protocols for specific service providers (e.g. mental health, law enforcement, education, social services)
- Surveillance of community "hot spots" to minimize future risk
- How to help individuals, families, and communities heal
- Managing compassion fatigue
- The development of a suicide response plan, including immediate and long term actions

Length: Two days or tailored for specific audiences

Audience: Professionals whose job entails responding to a suicide death, including mental health and social service professionals, law enforcement, faith leaders, school personnel, medical examiner/coroner, members of suicide prevention coalitions, and disaster response teams.

Location: your community

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Using a holistic, socio-ecological model, Connect examines suicide in the context of the individual, family, community, and society.

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