

College and University Suicide Postvention Training



Training Professionals & Communities in
Suicide Prevention & Response®

A suicide death can have a devastating impact on a campus community. Since knowing someone who has died by suicide is one of the highest risk factors for suicide, postvention (response to a suicide death) becomes an important part of prevention efforts. Postvention training is a proactive planning tool to promote healing and reduce risk on a campus in the event of a suicide or any sudden death.

Using National Best Practice protocols, participants will learn how to reduce the risk of contagion and create a comprehensive response plan in the event of a suicide. The training includes interactive case scenarios, discussion, exercises, PowerPoint and printed materials. Ideally, postvention training is provided in advance to prepare key campus community members to respond to a suicide and to enable the college or university to incorporate postvention protocols into their emergency response plans.

Suicide Postvention training highlights:

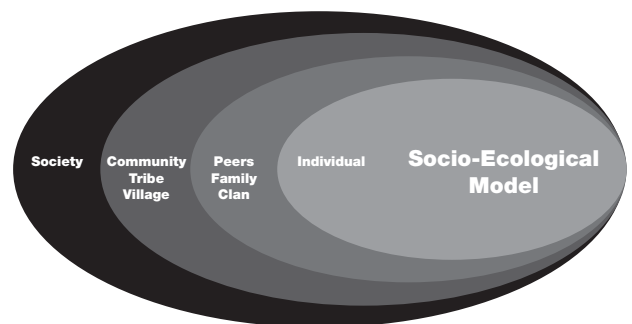
- National Best Practice protocols on how to coordinate a safe and supportive response to a suicide death in the college or university community
- Criteria for developing policies and procedures regarding crisis response, confidentiality, communication, media inquiries, support to family/students/staff, funeral services and memorials
- The dynamics of suicide related phenomena (contagion, pacts, clusters, copycat suicides) and strategies for reducing this risk on campus
- How social media impacts suicide response and suicide-related phenomena
- Recognizing warning signs for suicide in students or other community members after the suicide of a community member
- The complexity of suicide-related grief and cultural considerations regarding suicide
- Strategies to encourage help-seeking behaviors, reduce stigma and promote healing for survivors and campus communities in the days, weeks, months following a suicide death
- A review of resources for survivors of suicide loss and institutions of higher education
- An understanding of the benefits of an integrated community-based model for responding to a suicide death on or effecting a school campus

Length: 6 hours or tailored for specific audiences

Audience: College faculty, counselors, administration, security and other campus personnel who would be involved in developing protocols and responding to a suicide death at a campus or a death impacting the campus community.

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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