

Education

Suicide Postvention Training



Training Professionals & Communities in
Suicide Prevention & Response®

A suicide death can have a devastating impact on a school community. Since knowing someone who has died by suicide is one of the highest risk factors for suicide, taking steps to reduce risk and promote healing after a suicide (postvention) becomes an integral part of suicide prevention efforts.

Connect Suicide Postvention Training is a proactive planning tool to respond to a suicide or sudden death of a student, teacher or member of the community. 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 school staff to respond to a suicide and to enable schools to incorporate postvention protocols into their emergency response plans. Training and/or technical assistance can also be provided following a suicide death.

Suicide Postvention training highlights:

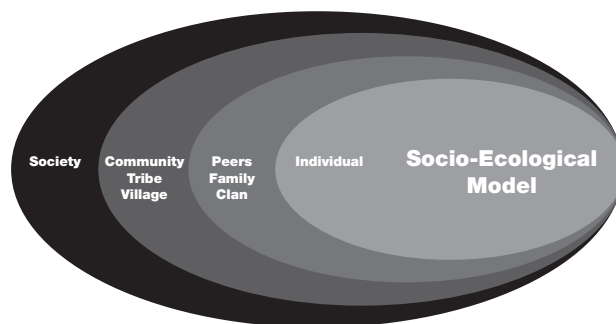
- National Best Practice protocols on how to coordinate a safe and supportive response to a suicide death in a school community
- Criteria for developing school policies and procedures regarding crisis response, confidentiality, communication, media inquiries, support to family/students/staff, and funeral services
- The dynamics of suicide related phenomena (contagion, pacts, clusters, copycat suicides) and strategies for reducing this risk in school communities
- How electronic messaging and social media impact suicide response and suicide related phenomena
- Resources for school community members and survivors (family members, friends and community members who have lost a loved one to suicide)
- Recognizing warning signs for suicide in students or other community members after a suicide death
- The complexity of suicide related grief and cultural considerations regarding suicide
- The benefits of an integrated, community-based model for responding to a suicide death
- Strategies to encourage help-seeking behaviors, reduce stigma and promote healing for survivors in the days, weeks and months following a suicide death

Length: 6 hours or tailored for specific audiences

Audience: School counselors, administration, nurses, security and other school personnel as well as key community providers who would be involved in developing protocols and responding to a suicide death that impacts the school 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.