

Advanced Issues in Suicide Intervention

Program Description

This is not an introductory workshop on crisis intervention. For those involved in advanced clinical work, we will consider issue in working with suicidal persons, including prevention, intervention and postvention. Topics include ethical issues, work with persons with terminal illnesses, self-injurious behaviors, legal and clinical standards of care, and the impact of suicide on clinicians, families, and the community. Participants are encouraged to bring case examples for group discussion.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the most important risk and protective factors.
2. Discuss prevention efforts and their levels of effectiveness.
3. Formulate an agency prevention and aftermath plan.
4. Discuss practice issues regarding suicide, such as ethical considerations in interventions, use of contracts, legal and clinical standards of care.
5. Identify the influence of suicide and severe attempts on family, community, and clinicians and
6. Demonstrate the use of an intervention that mitigate suicide risk.

Target Audience

This workshop will be beneficial for clinicians, therapists, and counselors, including psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, psychiatric nurses, substance abuse counselors, criminal justice personnel, vocational rehabilitation counselors and all interested others.

Contact Hours

5.5 to 6 hours

Program Agenda

Demographics / Statistics

Biological, Environmental and Cognitive Influences

Suicide in the Young

Clinical Evaluation

Efforts in Prevention

Signs of Elevated Risk

Aftermath and Workplace Plans

Legal and Clinical Standards of Care

Implications for Survivors

Faculty

Jodi Flick, MSSW, LCSW, ACSW, has an MSSW from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and has earned an LCSW and ACSW. Prior to becoming a Clinical Associate Professor with the UNC-CH School of Social Work, she provided direct services in out-patient and in-patient mental health, in emergency poverty relief services, in crisis intervention with the police department and in medical social work, with 40 years clinical social work experience. She is a member of the N.C. Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force and the Triangle Coalition for Suicide Prevention, and she facilitates a local Survivors of Suicide Support Group. She has been actively involved in volunteer work and community organization around social justice and service issues. In addition, Ms. Flick has considerable experience teaching at conferences, colleges and local organizations and is a dynamic trainer who engages participants in the learning process.

