

Law Enforcement

Suicide Postvention Training



Training Professionals & Communities in
Suicide Prevention & Response®

As first responders to the scene of a suicide death, law enforcement has an essential role in scene management, investigation, interface with medical examiner/coroner and notification of next of kin. 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 important part of suicide prevention.

Connect Postvention training is offered to law enforcement as a proactive planning tool to provide an integrated community response with other key service providers after a suicide 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 law enforcement to respond to a suicide and incorporate postvention protocols into a suicide response plan. Training and/or technical assistance can also be provided following a suicide death.

Suicide Postvention training highlights:

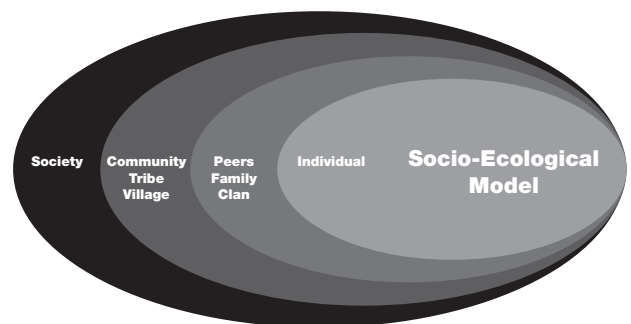
- National Best Practice protocols on how to coordinate law enforcement response to a suicide
- Scene assessment and management including the balancing of scene investigation requirements with consideration for family/loved ones who may be present
- Notification of next of kin, including knowledge of available resources for survivors (family members, friends, community members)
- Safe messaging recommendations regarding confidentiality in response to media inquiries and public disclosure of the cause and manner of death
- The complexity of suicide related grief and cultural considerations regarding suicide
- Strategies to encourage help-seeking, reduce stigma and promote healing for survivors of suicide loss
- Suicide related phenomena (contagion, pacts, clusters, copycat suicides) and strategies for reducing this risk
- Recognizing warning signs for suicide in survivors, community members and fellow officers
- A review of "suicide by cop" and "suicide of cops"
- Benefits of an integrated, community-based model for responding to a suicide

Length: 6 hours or tailored for specific audiences

Audience: Officers working in local or state law enforcement, schools, probation and parole, and juvenile justice. This training is appropriate for all levels, including administrative staff, dispatch, and chiefs.

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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