Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals

Friday, October 19, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital
VA Auditorium (Room D213), 2nd Floor
800 Hospital Drive, Columbia, MO 65201

The workshop focuses on competencies that are core to assessing and managing suicide risk, and is a collaboration of the American Association of Suicidology and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center. Participants will earn 6.5 hours of face-to-face training, comprised of an engaging mixture of lecture and exercises. Attendees will be provided a copy of the Participant Manual, which includes an extensive bibliography for each section in the workshop, the curriculum content itself, workshop exercises, and space for note-taking and journaling. The course recognizes that complex ethical issues must be considered when providing care to suicidal clients and weaves threads of these discussions throughout the curriculum. Additionally, the course introduces the principles of The Chronological Assessment of Suicide Events (CASE), an innovative method for eliciting suicidal ideation. The result is an engaging mixture of lecture, video demonstrations, and exercises that leave clinicians more knowledgeable and confident when faced with suicidal clients. Participants rate this workshop very highly and, in overwhelming portions, said they would recommend it to their peers.

Presenter: Amy M. Shoffner, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist and founder of Northland Behavioral Health & Wellness. Dr. Shoffner specializes in treatment of mood disorders and Borderline Personality Disorder. She administers fully adherent Dialectical Behavior Therapy with suicidal and self-harming populations with a primary goal to develop a “life worth living.” In 2009 Dr. Shoffner was named “Provider of the Year” by Tri-County Community Mental Health Services. Since 2011 she has served as a trainer for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center delivering the Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Curriculum to mental health professionals. In 2017 she became an adjunct faculty at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

Continuing Education Credits
The following continuing education credits (6.5) will be made available from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center at no charge:

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Continuing Medical Education Credits (CME)

Please Note: Participants must attend the full workshop to receive credits. No partial credit will be given for partial attendance.

Registration
Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins allowed. DEADLINE: Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Learn more and register online at: http://www.missourimhf.org/?page_id=4584

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