



SPRC Research to Practice Webinar *Responding After a Suicide: Best Practices for Schools*

When: Thursday, May 26, 2011
3:00 PM-4:30 PM Eastern Time

Presenters:

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Discussants:

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Brief description:

Schools that experience a suicide in their communities are often uncertain about how to respond and can benefit from others with expertise in this area. State and local organizations contacted by schools in crisis can assist by providing information about best practices and practical resources. This webinar presents safe and effective ways in which schools, and the organizations working with them, can respond following a suicide. Three speakers representing national and school-based perspectives will discuss relevant research, best practices and key resources, including a new online toolkit for schools. They will be joined by discussants describing their coordinated response to one school's suicide crisis. The webinar format will be interactive, with opportunities for participants to ask questions.

Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe best practices and key resources for responding to a suicide in the school community.
2. Understand how state and local organizations can help schools in crisis following a suicide.
3. Access *After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools* and other related resources.

Additional resources to be referenced during the webinar:

- After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools <http://www.sprc.org/afterasuicideforschools.asp>
- Los Angeles County Youth Suicide Prevention Project <http://preventsuicide.lacoe.edu/welcome.php>
- A Guide For a School's Response in the Aftermath of Sudden Death
www.starcenter.pitt.edu/files/document/Postvention.pdf
- Lifeline Postvention Manual: <http://www.sprc.org/library/LifelineOnlinePostventionManual.pdf>

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After you register, you will receive an e-mail containing information about how to participate in the webinar via the phone and internet. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Tiffany Kim, SPRC Project Coordinator at 202-572-3717 or tkim@edc.org.