

Assessment & Safety Planning with Youth and Families for Suicide Prevention



Suicide accounts for about 20% of all child and youth deaths but behavioral health professionals can play a crucial role in addressing this crisis. Best practices in suicide risk assessment, safety planning, and intervention, while engaging families, has been shown to reduce suicide attempts among youth experiencing suicidal ideation and behaviors. These steps are also important to promote strength-focused and trauma-informed services. This training will increase behavioral health professional's comfort, knowledge and skill with effective and research-based suicide risk assessment, safety planning and intervention services.

Learning Objectives

- Understand risk factors associated with suicidal ideation and behaviors among young people and how to assess for those.
- Develop knowledge of the essential components of family-based safety planning and immediate interventions to address youth at risk for suicide.
- Acquire the skills to utilize a family-based and empirically-supported safety planning intervention
- Develop capacity to deliver trauma-informed, strength-based suicide prevention services.

Registration Information

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VIRTUAL EVENT

Date: June 8, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This course will be conducted remotely through [Zoom](#). A link will be sent to participants a week before training.



REGISTRATION

[Click here](#) to log into the Learning Management System (LMS) and Register.

Course Code: BH0314



Who Should Attend

BHS therapists, counselors, peer support partners, case managers, and other direct service providers working with children, youth and their families.



THE TRAINER

Lucas Zullo, Ph.D. (he/him/his) has traveled across the country to work with the nation's scientific leaders in suicide prevention. He has extensive experience working with suicidal youth and their families in a variety of settings, including intensive outpatient, inpatient, consult liaison, and the emergency department.

[Learn more about Lucas here.](#)

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Course Outline

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Lucas Zullo, PhD.

Educational Goal:

To increase comfort, knowledge and skill with effective and research-based suicide risk assessment, safety planning and intervention services

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- 1. Understand risk factors associated with suicidal ideation and behaviors among young people and how to assess for those.*
- 2. Develop knowledge of the essential components of family-based safety planning and immediate interventions to address youth at risk for suicide.*
- 3. Acquire the skills to utilize a family-based and empirically-supported safety planning intervention*
- 4. Develop capacity to deliver trauma-informed, strength-based suicide prevention services.*

Time	Activity
9:00am - 9:30am	Introduction/Overview/Goals
9:30am -10:45am	Suicide Assessment
10:45am - 12:00pm	Safety Planning
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Safety Planning Intervention & Follow-Up
2:00pm - 2:45pm	Trauma-Informed Suicide Intervention
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Next Steps & Closing

***Please note: In order to receive completion and credit/CE's, you must have your video camera on for the duration of training.**