

Santa Clarita NASW-CA Unit

is excited to collaborate with the **Health Workforce Initiative (Powered by California Community Colleges)** and **William S. Hart Union High School District Therapeutic Counseling Department**, to bring you the required 6-hour CEU training **Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention** on Friday, 8/7/20, from 8:30 am to 3 pm (with 30 min break), *VIRTUALLY* due to the current health restrictions.

We are pleased to have join us from **LA County DMH** their phenomenal **MET Mental Evaluation Team** and **START School Threat Assessment Response Team**, as well as a hospital social worker with the LPS designation, **Alissa Myatt, LCSW**. The well-known law & ethics presenter **Curt Widhalm, LMFT**, will also be presenting on the legal and ethical aspects of suicidality, and the **Hart District Therapeutic Counseling Department** will be rounding out the training by highlighting developmental, family, and LGBTQ implications of suicide prevention, assessment, and intervention.

This training meets the BBS requirement for the 6-hour Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention training, required to be completed before January 2021.

Please register at the following link:

<https://www.naswca.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1401731&group=>

As this will be a virtual training, please plan to log on starting at 8am to ensure your components are working with our virtual platform Google Meet (ie using Google Chrome on a computer or laptop, or using the smart phone app Google Hangouts).

Who may want to attend this training?

Mental health therapists, counselors, psychologists, nurses, teachers, school administrators, etc.

Measurable course objectives: Participants will be able to list risks factors and protective factors, identify steps to conducting culturally appropriate suicide assessment, and distinguish the various provider roles involved in the suicide assessment and intervention provider continuum.

Topics covered will include: Culturally appropriate suicide prevention, assessment & intervention based on current research; risk factors, warning signs, and protective factors; understanding level of lethality vs. self-harm; developing a safety plan; law & ethics of suicidality including utilizing supervision to address safety, countertransference, and emotional reactions; the relationship between law enforcement and mental health in suicide prevention and assessment; the mission of MET and how it differs from PMRT & PET; early screening, identification, and consultation involving threat assessment and risk management such as in schools; ongoing counseling and monitoring; the meaning of the LPS designation; hospital emergency room suicide assessment; transition to inpatient vs. community providers/partners; warning signs and risk factors for young children with suicide risk; safety planning with parents and children; assessing LGBTQ youth including risk factors vs. protective factors; impact on families with loved ones struggling with mental illness; supporting clients during recovery; and where to locate community resources and tools.

Please note there is a \$50 processing fee for BBS CEUs. For questions about this training or the CEUs, please email: SantaClaritaNASW@gmail.com. Registrants must also sign in/out on the virtual platform on the day of the training, and complete a course evaluation prior to receiving the CEU certificate. The Google Meet link for the virtual training will be emailed to registrants a few days prior to the training. Please plan to use Google Chrome or Google Hangouts.



This course meets the qualifications for 6 hours of continuing education credit for LCSWs, LMFTs, LPCs, or LEPs, as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.



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AMAZING PRESENTERS

Curt Widhalm, LMFT, will provide an overview of culturally appropriate suicide prevention, assessment, and intervention, as well as presenting on the law and ethics of suicidality and the role of the supervision vs. consultation.

LA County DMH MET team with Clinician Sonia Fuentes, LCSW, and Deputy Joel Broumley, will address assessing people at imminent risk for suicide in the community, the relationship of law enforcement and mental health, PMRT vs. MET vs. PET, and the primary mission of MET.

LA County DMH START Team with Dr. Nicolas Beliz, PsyD, will discuss early screening & identification, assessment and risk management, preventing stated or perceived threats from escalating, collaboration with law enforcement, and ongoing monitoring.

Hospital Social Worker, Alissa Myatt, LCSW, will explain LPS designation, hospital emergency room intervention for a suicidal client, transition to the behavioral health unit or other inpatient facility, issues related to mental health and suicide risk vs. self-harm, safety planning, community linkages, and recovery & stigma.

The Hart District Therapeutic Counseling Department's Dr. Roberta Rubin, PhD, & Tracie Tewksbury, LMFT, will highlight assessing LGBTQ youth including safety plan resources, risk vs. protective factors, and how cultural factors may affect the risk level of LGBTQ youth. Dr. Gabriella Ochoa Del Gaudio, PsyD, will discuss assessing children for suicide, warning signs and risk factors for young children, and addressing thought vs. intent in children. Roxanne Irwin, LMFT will be focusing on the impact on families, responding compassionately and effectively to prevent suicide and self-harm, and supporting individuals & families.