

Suicide Prevention Presentations / Webinar

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010-2011?

- Legislation requires Districts to offer professional development on Suicide Prevention, to include inservice points. A link will be available to the national suicide prevention website, with follow up done through the SEDNET office, Student Support Services as one way to meet this requirement.
- The SEDNET Office of Student Support Services has developed presentations for students, teachers and staff on warning signs related to suicide. In Broward County, reports indicate that the rate of people reporting suicidal ideation has increased by at least 25%. Community providers indicate that the number of children who have tried to harm themselves or are thinking about it is up about 30% including children under the age of 10. Families report that they do not know how to respond and are not even sure of the warning signs. Given the economic crisis in our County as evidenced by the increase of free and reduced lunches in schools and the increased number of Baker Acts and crisis calls to Youth Emergency Services, there needs to be a response to help people know what to do in crisis situations.
- The live presentations are between 30 and 60 minutes and can be tailored to elementary, middle, or high school professionals.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Contact SEDNET at 754-321-2564, if you are interested in having any of the live presentations in your classroom or building.
- To participate in the online training, simply log on to the Student Supports website and follow the directions to access the training. Once you have completed the webinar print out your certificate and contact SEDNET at 754-321-2564 to complete the follow up and receive inservice credit for the course. It is strongly suggested that your suicide prevention designee complete this course.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- While not mandatory, given the economic times and increase in stress among staff and students, it is strongly recommended that all staff participate in one or both of these opportunities. These presentations provide assistance in how to handle students who are in crisis and help students help each other.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- All staff and all students in your building.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- Data is being collected in this area and will be provided to ELT and school principals.

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