OUTLINE

Suicide: Who, When, How and Where

Addiction recovery

Trauma-informed care

Populations with multiple risk factors

Suicide attempt survivors – learning from their

Upstream clinical practices: reaching people before the point of crisis

Elicit Key Information from Suicidal Clients: Assessment and Level of Risk

Implicit and explicit expressions of suicidal

Communicating caring: Language to impart compassion and avoid stigma

Suicide risk assessment

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PATH WARM

Ideation, plan, means, intent Level of risk

Formulate Treatment Plans that Help **Clients Regulate Emotions and Make Them Feel Valued and Connected**

Collaborative safety planning (or "Why Suicide Contracting is Dead")

Proactive approaches to decrease the likelihood of suicidal despair

Multi-system approaches – support systems Evidence-based treatments:

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

Cognitive restructuring strategies

Emotional regulation exercises

Behavioral Activation

Dialectical Behavior Therapy

How to organize a skills training group Tips for phone coaching

Relapse prevention plans

Documentation

Reduce access to lethal means

Working with specific populations: veterans, the

Confidently Handle Crisis Situations

Conduct a behavioral chain analysis

Validating reasons for suicide

Identify reasons for living

Use distress tolerance and CBT skills to manage

When and how to hospitalize

Suicide Grief Support and Innovative Suicide-Specific Care

Implement Suicide Grief Support

Understand the unique nature of suicide grief Peer-based support: Connect clients to other survivors of loss

Other innovative suicide-specific care

Collaborative online tools and applications

Clinicians with lived experience

Post-traumatic growth and suicide

8:00 Program begins

4:00 Program ends

Live Webinar Schedule (Times listed in Eastern

11:50-1:00 Lunch Break

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker. A more detailed schedule is available upon reques

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Assess individuals at risk of suicide with a clinical approach that identifies both explicit and implicit expressions of suicidal thought.
- 2. Determine key indicators of imminent suicide and develop a strategy for determining when and how to hospitalize clients.
- 3. Formulate a CBT and DBT oriented case conceptualization that addresses how to effectively work with specific populations including veterans and the elderly.
- 4. Employ a collaborative safety approach to help clients survive a suicidal crisis while avoiding the pitfalls of suicide contracting and the false sense of security and decreased clinical vigilance that can accompany their use.
- 5. Develop communication strategies that convey your compassion and support and strengthen the therapeutic alliance.
- 6. Design a multi-systemic approach that reduces access to lethal means and incorporates the suicidal person's social connections into their safety plan.



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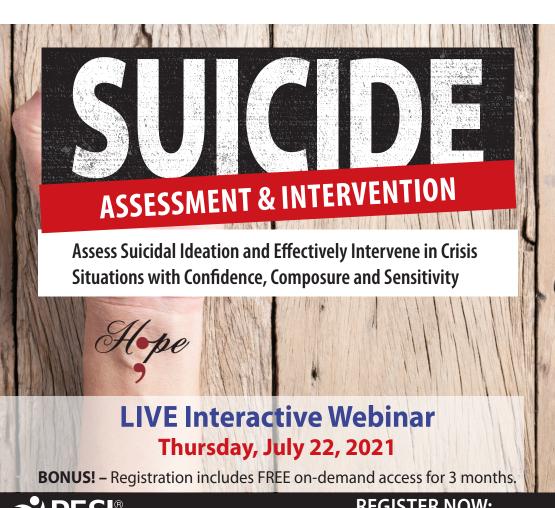
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direction of avoidance. Desperate and alone, suicidal clients can find themselves passed from one therapist to the next. And that's not care.

Don't let fear push you away.

This seminar will transform how you view and work with suicidal clients and give you the clinical tools you need to save lives.

Full of thought provoking lecture, engaging case studies, and guided instruction on a host of powerful clinical applications, this seminar will provide you with the tools you need to:

- Assess for suicidal risk and identify implicit and explicit expressions of suicidal
- Formulate a game-plan for crises when suicide is imminent.
- Intervene in suicidal despair with proactive approaches derived from the evidencebased efficacy of CBT and DBT.
- Effectively use targeted language with suicidal clients that will help you avoid stigma and successfully communicate your compassion.
- Provide innovative grief support resources that connect clients and clinicians with other survivors of suicide and suicide loss.

Leave this seminar feeling confident and capable to work with suicidal clients and guide them out of the darkness and back into the light!

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Sally Spencer-Thomas, Psy.D., is a clinical psychologist and inspirational international speaker. Dr. Spencer-Thomas was moved to work in suicide prevention after her younger brother, a Denver entrepreneur, died of suicide after a difficult battle with bipolar condition.

Dr. Spencer-Thomas has been an invited speaker at the White House on the topics of mental health and suicide prevention and has held leadership positions for the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, the International Association for Suicide Prevention, the American Association for Suicidology, and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. She has won multiple awards for her leadership including the 2014 Survivor of the Year from the American Association of Suicidology, the 2014 Invisible Disabilities Association Impact Honors Award, the 2012 Alumni Master Scholar from the University of Denver, the 2015 Farbarow Award from the International Association for Suicide Prevention and the 2016 Career Achievement Alumni Award from the University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology.

She has a Doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Denver, a Masters in non-profit management from Regis University, and a Bachelors in psychology and studio art with a minor in economics from Bowdoin College. She has written four books on mental health and violence prevention.

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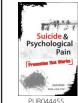
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Meagan N Houston, Ph.D., SAP

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