Suicide Assessment and Intervention
(full day)

Thursday, September 19, 2019
9:00am - 4:30pm
(Sign in begins at 8:30am; Training starts promptly at 9am)
Location: Alameda County Behavioral Health
2000 Embarcadero, Gail Steele room
Oakland, CA 94606

Audience: The training is for mental health professionals or anyone that would be in a position to work with adult and/or older adult clients/consumers experiencing a suicidal crisis. This training is reserved for Alameda County BHCS Provider Staff (County units and contracted community-based organizations).

Trainer(s): Cris Rita, MA, LMFT, Community Education Coordinator and Instructor at Crisis Support Services of Alameda County. Cris has developed trainings and presented on a number of topics related to Suicide Assessment and Intervention since 2004.

Description: The workshop uses a combination of teaching methods, including didactic work, lecture, and discussion. Participants will be encouraged to explore their own feelings toward suicide and suicidal clients. It will address common myths and perceptions about suicidal behavior. The workshop will cover suicide statistics, trauma, and suicide theory with an emphasis on Thomas Joiner’s model: The interpersonal Theory of Suicide. Risk factors, warning signs, and protective factors will be introduced for adult populations. Participants will learn methods of suicide risk assessment and will be introduced to screening tools that aid in determining risk. Emphasis will be placed on how to talk about and ask about suicide with a client.

Learning Objectives – Participants will:
1. Demonstrate competence in speaking about suicide to potential suicidal clients by being able to ask five basic questions to determine suicidality.
2. Recognize when a client may be at risk for suicide by being able to identify five risk factors, the most common warning signs, and two protective factors.
3. List the six necessary steps in developing a safety plan for clients at risk for suicide.
4. Identify the five high risk groups for suicide and explain why they are considered high risk.
5. Identify the four domains of suicide risk assessment.
6. Demonstrate competence in use of Safety Planning to reduce suicide risk.

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CE Certificates will be emailed to qualifying training participants via email within 30 days after the training.

Continuing Education:
This course meets the qualifications for 6 hours of continuing education credit for RNs by the California Board of Registered Nurses, BRN Provider No. 12040; for Addiction Professionals by the California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals Education Institute (CCAAP_EI), Provider No. 4C-04-604-0620; for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences; Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBHCS) is approved by the California Assoc. of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for the target audience of this training, Provider No 65749. ACBHCS maintains responsibility for this program/course and its content. Please note: in order to receive CE credit, you must attend the full training and complete an evaluation.