

# Suicide Postvention Protocol

## *for Schools and Communities*



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It is estimated that for every suicide, at least six surviving loved ones are affected by the death. Suicide postvention is the provision of crisis intervention, support and assistance for those affected by a suicide.

### **Crisis Management Resource Manual**

#### *Miami – Dade County Public Schools*

The Crisis Management Resource Manual is designed to support school administrators and their staffs in preparing a comprehensive approach directed at creating and maintaining school site safety and security. The manual is divided into four sections: mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Information and guidelines will enhance risk reduction, promote awareness, and assist schools in returning to a state of functional safety and security, and support long term healing. For more information, please contact Frank Zenere at [FZenere@dadeschools.net](mailto:FZenere@dadeschools.net).  
[http://mhcms.dadeschools.net/crisis/pdfs/CM\\_resource\\_man08.pdf](http://mhcms.dadeschools.net/crisis/pdfs/CM_resource_man08.pdf)

### **Youth Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention Guidelines**

#### *Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program*

The Guidelines were developed for use in Maine. Relevant statistics, applicable laws, and resources will need to be identified and included to reflect the circumstances in your state. In particular, specific mental health resources for your schools and communities should be identified and included in any use of these guidelines.  
<http://www.maine.gov/suicide/docs/Guidelines%2010-2009--w%20discl.pdf>

### **Community–Based Suicide Postvention Guidelines**

#### *Mental Health America of Wisconsin*

As there are so many groups that are affected by suicide, we have compiled information for the people who may be directly involved after a suicidal event. We are in no way trying to tell someone how to do their job; on the contrary, we are trying to help offer assistance in a crucial and often emotional time. These guidelines do not replace the set of protocols that each service area may have, but they may assist in the understanding of a suicidal event and enhancements to the protocols.

<http://www.mhawisconsin.org/content/communitybasedguidelines.asp>

### **Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide**

#### *The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida*

The Youth Suicide Prevention School-Based Guide is designed to provide accurate, user-friendly information. The Guide is not a program but a tool that provides a framework for schools to assess their existing or proposed suicide prevention efforts (through a series of checklists) and provides resources and information that school administrators can use to enhance or add to their existing program. The Guide will help to provide information to schools to assist them in the development of a framework to work in partnership with community resources and families.

<http://theguide.fmhi.usf.edu/>