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## Creating Competent School Communities for Suicide Prevention

A webinar brought to you by the Governor's Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention  
and presented by Maureen Underwood

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A practical model for school-based youth suicide prevention envisions schools as competent and compassionate communities where all members are concerned about each others welfare. These school communities know how and where to get help when members are in need. This webinar will review both a conceptual format for identifying the needs of youth suicide prevention in the competent school community as well as outline resources for meeting those needs. Content will address the benefits of suicide-awareness training for the entire school community, review relevant information about risk factors, warning signs, and protective buffers, and outline the educator's role in identifying suicide risk in students and making appropriate referrals.

Presented by Maureen Underwood, this webinar is based on both the content and evaluation data from the best practice online educator training offered by the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide. It will also highlight aspects of the LIFELINES School-based Suicide Prevention Program, which Underwood coauthored with John Kalafat, PH.D, and the Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program.



**Maureen Underwood** is a licensed clinical social worker and certified group psychotherapist with over 30 years of experience in mental health and crisis intervention. She is the former coordinator of the New Jersey Adolescent Suicide Prevention Project and the current clinical director of the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide ([www.sptsnj.org](http://www.sptsnj.org)). With a practice specialty in grief, trauma and crisis resolution for children and families, she has developed numerous programs and published extensively on these and other related topics. She is also the co-author of "Managing Sudden Violent Loss in the Schools" and "Beyond 9/11: Helping School Staff Prepare for the 9/11 Anniversary".

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