

WORKSHEET: Staff Education

(All faculty and staff)

Suicide Prevention

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Considerations - all school employees need the training to be able to recognize common warning signs of suicide. Written guidelines that outline how staff are to refer a student who is exhibiting warning signs is essential.

For educators, it is also helpful to add information about how to handle suicide related topics in the classroom and discussion about factors that enhance student protection from suicide. Because school staff can also be at risk for suicide, or have colleagues or family members who exhibit warning signs, it is helpful to provide information about community resources and the national suicide prevention lifeline.

Online Resources

Act on FACTS: Making Educators Partners in Teen Suicide Prevention – two-hour online training for educators. Access training [here](#) Trailer is [here](#).

[Warning signs video](#)

[Warm handoff video](#)

Printable Resources

[SPC-NY Teacher brochure with FACTS warning signs](#)

[Talking Points for suicide prevention discussions in the classroom](#)

[The role of high school teachers in preventing suicide](#)

<https://rogersbh.org/Insight/teaching-compassion-resilience>

<https://wisewisconsin.org/blog/the-safe-person-decal/>

In Person Training

Suicide Safety for Teachers and staff is a brief training designed to meet the basic suicide prevention awareness needs of school faculty and staff. Delivered by certified local trainers, this 90-minute offering reviews basic information about suicide and prevention, including the critical but limited role of teachers in recognizing warning signs and making a warm handoff. Contact [SPC-NY](#) to region leaders who can assist with identifying a certified trainer in your area.

BENCHMARKS: Score your school's status from 1 to 5 with regards to the benchmarks below. Then note some initial steps toward best practice.

BENCHMARKS – Staff Education <i>(All faculty and staff)</i>	1	2	3	4	5
A. Written referral procedures, applicable to all school staff and school related functions are in place Planning notes:					
B. Basic suicide prevention awareness training is provided to all school staff Planning notes:					
C. Training provided to teachers includes how to manage suicide related topics in the classroom and student protective factors Planning notes:					
D. Staff have a poster or handout to refer to with common youth suicide warning signs Planning notes:					
E. Staff are informed about community resources and have the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline accessible Planning notes:					
F. Refresher on warning signs and referral procedures is provided annually Planning notes:					

1 = not yet an item of focus, 2 = initial actions have been taken, 3 = several steps have been taken, 4 = nearly integrated into practice, 5 = comprehensively and sustainably integrated into practice