



Lethal Means Safety Counseling

February 10, 2025

A Live, Interactive Webinar

Description:

This 120-minute training provides behavioral health providers with research-based information about the principles of lethal means safety counseling. It begins by exploring the importance of discussing means as part of suicide prevention interventions. Next, population-level efforts are compared with individual-level initiatives. Key components of Lethal Means Safety Counseling using principles of Motivational Interviewing are explored in depth. Participants view a video of Means Safety Counseling and then are provided with an opportunity to engage in a role play to practice skills introduced. The presentation concludes with an overview of suggested resources for additional learning.

Total CE Credits: 2

Total Contact Hours: 2

Learning Objectives:

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Evaluate lethal means safety efforts at both a population and individual level.
2. Integrate cultural awareness and sensitivity into semi-structured discussions about lethal means safety.

Target Audience: For behavioral health providers who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families.

Instructional Content Level: Introductory/Beginner

Agenda:

10:00 AM

Introduction

Lethal Means & Suicide Prevention

Population-Level Suicide Prevention

Individual-Level Suicide Prevention

LMSC With Clients

Resources

12:00 PM



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Continuing Education:

Course Completion Requirements: Participants are required to attend the entire training. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is taken through the use of electronic logs, and a post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive ACE social work CE credits. For other CE credits, completion of the evaluation is strongly encouraged, but if you do not wish to complete the evaluation, please contact the training event's POC after the training event.

After all course requirements have been completed, CEs will be available through the learning management system. There is a 30-day time limit post-training to complete all CE requirements.

American Psychological Association Sponsor Approval:

The Center for Deployment Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Association of Social Work Boards Approved Continuing Education Provider Approval:

The Center for Deployment Psychology, #1761, is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: May 19, 2022 – May 19, 2025. Social workers completing this course receive 2 Live, Interactive Webinar continuing education credits.

New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology Provider Approval:

The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists (#PSY-0178).

New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work Provider Approval:

The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers (#SW-0744).

Inquiries regarding CE credits may be directed via email to Mr. Aric Bowie at aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu.

Participate:

Online Platform: Zoom

Date: February 10, 2025

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Eastern



Registration Information: Registration is available through the learning management system, CE21, and can be found here:

<https://deploymentpsych.ce21.com/item/conducting-lethal-means-safety-counseling-militaryconnected-clients-131168>

Registration Deadline: Registration will close one day before the workshop.

Cancellations/Questions: Please contact Mr. Aric Bowie, at aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

Registration Cost/Refunds: \$15

Registration fees will be refunded to participants who send a written cancellation via email to aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu no less than 2 weeks before the training. No refunds will be made after the training.

Instructional Format: This live webinar is fully interactive. Attendees may ask and answer questions throughout the presentation and participate in instructor-led discussions.

System Requirements:

Zoom:

- Internet connection
- Operating System: Windows 7 or higher, Mac OS X with MacOS 10.9 or higher
- Web Browser: Internet Explorer 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+, Safari 7+
- Hardware: 1Ghz processor or higher

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Mr. Aric Bowie, at aric.bowie.ctr@usuhs.edu 4 weeks prior to the training so that we may provide you with appropriate service.

Grievances: For any grievances or concerns with this training including those related to course content, non-receipt of certificate or other occurrences, participants may contact CDP's Continuing Education Director, Ms. Amanda Stanley-Hulsey, via email at amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu.

Instructor Biographies:

April Thompson (she/her), LCSW, is an Associate Director for the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland. In that capacity, she is responsible for coordinating with organizations across the Department of Defense to develop and deliver training in response to identified needs. Her subject matter expertise focuses on military culture, suicide prevention, couples and family therapy, and prevention of intimate partner violence and child abuse.

Ms. Thompson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Pepperdine University and her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania. For over 20 years, she has specialized in work with military members and their families. As both a clinical social worker and a military spouse, Ms. Thompson is deeply committed to ensuring military members, veterans, and their families receive evidence-based, high quality behavioral health care.



Jennifer Nevers, MSW, LCSW is a Military Behavioral Health Social Worker for the Center for Deployment Psychology (CDP) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She assists in the implementation and expansion of the Star Behavioral Health Providers Program (SBHP). SBHP trains civilian behavioral health providers to work with service members, veterans, and their families. The mission is to expand the availability of high-quality behavioral health services, especially for those in the National Guard and Reserve Component.

Jennifer is a Major in the Indiana Army National Guard, serving as a Behavioral Health Officer (BHO). Jennifer previously served as a Brigade BHO with the 219th Engineer Brigade, 738th Medical Company Area Support (MCAS), and is currently assigned to the 215th MCAS. Jennifer interfaces with Soldiers across Indiana, linking them to behavioral health services. She is also a BHO for Indiana's State Partnership Program, assisting partner nations in improving their behavioral health systems of care.

Before joining CDP, Jennifer worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in the Veterans Justice Outreach Program. Jennifer has over 10 years of experience providing clinical services to veterans with co-morbid mental health and substance use disorders. She worked as a liaison with problem-solving courts, increasing access to care for justice-involved veterans.

Jennifer received her Bachelor of Social Work from Indiana University in 2008 and her Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis in 2009. Jennifer later went on to receive a post-graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation from Washington University in St. Louis in 2021. Jennifer specializes in addressing the unique needs of service members and veterans using evidence-based approaches. Jennifer is certified in Cognitive Processing Therapy, an evidence-based treatment for PTSD and trauma-related disorders, and is also an EMDR-trained therapist.

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