



# **Empowering Professionals: Assessment of Suicide Risk with Youth**

Reading-Based Asynchronous Distance - Reading Based Online

## **Description:**

This self-paced, interactive training explains evidence-based strategies that behavioral health providers can utilize to assess youth for suicide risk and make a risk designation to inform a suicide prevention management plan. Learners will review the research regarding suicide risk and evidence-based strategies to conduct a comprehensive assessment based on data collected from youth interviews, behavioral observations, collateral interviews, and evidence-based tools. Additionally, learners will review strategies to adapt the risk assessment process for child development, parental engagement and cultural inclusion. Case studies embedded throughout the training will help learners extend their understanding of how to integrate risk and protective factors for suicide to designate a youth's relative level of risk. By the end of the training, learners will be able to explain key components of a comprehensive suicide risk assessment and will have greater understanding of how to integrate these considerations to make a risk designation and formulate short- and long-term management plans to ensure youth safety.

(Arango et al., 2023; Bergen et al., 2022; Bommersback et al., 2023; Bryan & Rudd, 2018; Carballo et al., 2019)

## **Instructional Format:**

This course is available online as an interactive, reading based asynchronous webinar, including a combination of reading, videos and activities. Participants will complete the course and take an online post-test.

Total CE Credits: 2.0

Total Contact Hours: 2.0

## **Learning Objectives:**

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Apply information from a variety of variables and resources to the formulation of a comprehensive youth suicide risk assessment
2. Explain suicide risk conceptualization for youth

**Course Creation Date:** 7/5/2024

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

families.

**Instructional Content Level:** Intermediate

**Agenda:** Course and post test are available on-demand and will take approximately 2.0 hours to complete.

**Continuing Education:**

**Course Completion Requirements:** Participants are required to complete the asynchronous training, pass the post-test with a 75% or greater score, and complete the post-training evaluation to obtain CE credit. Participants are required to complete the entire training curriculum. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is accounted for through the learning management system's course tracking and recorded completion of the post-test. 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.

There is a 30-day time limit post-registration to complete all CE requirements. CE Credit Certificates will be made available in the learning management system upon completion after all course requirements have been completed.

Participants are given 3 opportunities to pass the post-test. Credits will not be given if participants cannot pass with a 75% or greater score after 3 attempts at the post-test.

**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 2.0 Reading-Based Asynchronous Distance - Reading Based Online 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 DoD Kids Project Manager, Julie Williams

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## **Participate:**

### **Course Website:**

<https://deploymentpsych.ce21.com/item/empowering-professionals-assessment-suicide-risk-youth>

Course, post-test and post-training evaluation will be accessible via CDP's learning management system upon registration at the above link.

**Registration Information:** Register through CDP's online Learning Management System at:

<https://deploymentpsych.ce21.com/item/empowering-professionals-assessment-suicide-risk-youth>

**Registration Deadline:** This course is on-demand and will be readily available.

**Cancellations/Questions:** Please contact DoD Kids Project Manager, Julie Williams, at [julie.williams.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:julie.williams.ctr@usuhs.edu) if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

**Registration Cost/Refunds:** Free

**Required Materials:** None

**System Requirements:** To take the course, participants will require a computer with a high-speed Internet connection (Cable modem/fiber optic) and an updated modern web browser, such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.

**Special Accommodations:** If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact DoD Kids Project Manager, Julie Williams at [julie.williams.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:julie.williams.ctr@usuhs.edu).

**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-Husley, via email at [amanda.stanley-hulsesey.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:amanda.stanley-hulsesey.ctr@usuhs.edu)

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