The Center for Suicide Prevention

At ColumbiaCare Services

The Center for Suicide Prevention (CSP) provides the best programs and services available to prevent suicide and intervene with those at risk.

ASIST — Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is a suicide “first aid” workshop that prepares participants to intervene with a person at risk. Developed by LivingWorks Education Inc., ASIST is the most widely used suicide intervention skills training in the world. CSP offers regular ASIST workshops and information at www.columbiacare.org. To schedule an ASIST workshop, contact Gary McConahay at 541.858.8170.

Crisis Resolution Centers — A Crisis Resolution Center is a cost-effective, community-based alternative to hospitals for those experiencing an acute psychiatric crisis. These centers serve as a less restrictive and more clinically appropriate treatment option for persons who are in psychiatric crisis but who do not need the medical capabilities of an acute care hospital. CSP offers extensive consultation and administrative support to communities interested in offering this valuable service. See our website for a white paper describing these centers, or contact Gary for more information.

RESPONSE — RESPONSE is a comprehensive high-school based youth suicide prevention program designed to teach students, staff and parents how to identify and refer a youth at risk of suicide. A national Best Practice, RESPONSE offers an engaging curriculum and compelling dvd’s that provide motivation for behavioral changes. Unlike other suicide prevention programs, RESPONSE provides guidelines for suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. Contact Jill at 541.607.7322 for more information.

Consultation and Training Services — We also offer customized training and curricula development services and consultation with the goal of creating suicide-safer communities. Clients include universities, corporations, schools, states, jails and prisons, hospitals, and community and national organizations.

Specific examples of the services we provide are available on our website. To find out more, visit us on the web or contact Gary.

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Participants engaged in an ASIST Workshop