

Suicide Prevention Programs and Tools

Enhanced Care Delivery for High Risk Veterans

Veterans Crisis Line

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Coaching Into Care

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Suicide Risk Management Consultation Program



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Suicide Prevention Pager, #136



Kansas City VAMC Suicide Prevention Program

Enhanced care management for Veterans, training, consultation and community collaboration.



VA SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Suicide Prevention Program is a VA-mandated program at each VA Medical Center and large CBOC. The goal of the program is to end Veteran suicide. The primary functions of the program are:

- Enhanced Care Delivery
- Access and Referral
- Training
- Outreach and Awareness
- Tracking and Reporting

VETERAN SERVICES

The Suicide Prevention Team provides Enhanced Care Delivery and Access and Referral services for Veterans.

Suicide Prevention Team (SPT) members provide Enhanced Care Delivery services for Veterans with a high risk for suicide Patient Record Flag (PRF). The PRF period is at least 12 weeks in length, and the SPT focuses on supporting a Veteran's treatment needs, in collaboration with the Veteran's mental health treatment team. A Veteran's Suicide Enhanced Care Delivery may include safety planning, reducing access to lethal means, housing or financial concerns, building social supports, and/or service linkages.

The Suicide Prevention Team supports Access and Referral services for Veterans via addressing consults from the Veterans Crisis line and crisis calls from the facility Suicide Prevention pager.

PROVIDER SERVICES

The Suicide Prevention team provides Kansas City VAMC and associated CBOC's with suicide prevention-related trainings and consultation.

Trainings include a documentation training, targeted for new mental health providers, on when and how to utilize Suicide Prevention-related documents, including:

- Suicide Risk Evaluations- Columbia and CSRE
- Suicide Prevention Safety Plans
- Suicide Behavior and Overdose Report

The Suicide Prevention team also disseminates literature, Veterans Crisis Line products, assessment tools, means safety information, and gun locks.

The team is available for consultation for all facility providers.

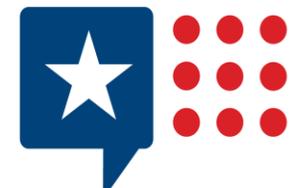


COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The VA Suicide Prevention Program supports a public health model to eradicate Veteran Suicide. The Suicide Prevention team interacts with the community by attending outreach and community events, providing gatekeeper training to community groups, and participating in local, and state-level Veterans and suicide prevention programs.

The Kansas City VAMC Suicide Prevention team is always exploring new opportunities to link with the local communities in which our Veterans live. If you know of community groups that would be interested in working with our team, please alert us, and feel free to provide the group with our contact

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