## Suicide Assessment and Intervention: Working with the Crisis Adolescent

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This presentation is intended to put into practice fundamental therapeutic skills to engage, connect, and intervene in suicide, resulting in a therapeutic relationship that moves a person from crisis to safety. The approach emphasizes the effectiveness of skills basic to human connection; skills innate to the therapist, such as: joining, empathy, normalization, validation, reflection, systematic resourcing, collaboration and coping. The training moves the counselor through the stages of self-awareness to self-care while crisis work from assessment through safety planning.

## Objectives:

- 1. Increased confidence and practical approach to assess and intervene in suicide.
- 2. Increased understanding of the responsibility of the therapist and the client.
- 3. Increased awareness of the ethical requirements (Duty to Report and Do No Harm).

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