

September is National Suicide Prevention Month!

The Lackawanna-Susquehanna

Behavioral Health/ Intellectual Disability/Early Intervention Program is pleased to sponsor:

Suicide Risk Assessment and Developing Safety Plans for Suicidal Youth

Presenter: Matthew B. Wintersteen, PhD

Intended Audience: Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Providers

Date: September 18, 2020 9:00am to 10:00am

Description: Clinicians are often faced with complex challenges associated with working with suicidal youth. While a number of empirically-supported treatments have emerged, the safety planning intervention has shown promise as a tool that can be used across multiple clinical domains by professionals with diverse clinical and theoretical training. This presentation walks providers through the safety planning intervention and offers an overview of this clinical approach

Location: via Zoom!

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Matthew B. Wintersteen, Ph.D., is Associate Professor and Director of Research in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. His grant-funded work supports his role as facilitator of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Suicide Prevention Coalition, a collaborative partnership among nearly 100 campuses across Pennsylvania and beyond designed to support one another in developing meaningful and effective methods of reducing suicide deaths on campus. Dr. Wintersteen was also awarded a grant from Vibrant to expand Pennsylvania's coverage of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Additionally, he was recently awarded federal funding to examine the effectiveness of a comprehensive aftercare program for suicide attempters, as well as support statewide efforts to improve continuity of care for individuals of all ages affected by suicide. He has served on national and international task forces convened by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, the American Association of Suicidology, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Suicide Awareness and Voices of Education, and the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. Wintersteen was a consultant to the National Center for the Prevention of Youth Suicide (NCPYS), serves on Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's Suicide Prevention Task Force, and is on the Executive Board of Prevent Suicide PA, after spending nearly a decade as the Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative.