

UB SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
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The UB School of Social Work in collaboration with the New York State Office of Mental Health is offering free suicide prevention training to agency providers within the 19 counties of the Western Region who provide mental health services to adults, children and youth.

Free Training!

Risk Assessment and Treatment of Veterans' Suicidality

- Instructors:** Staff from the VISN 2 Center for Excellence, Canandaigua VA Medical Center, Canandaigua, New York: **Janet E. Kemp, RN, PhD**, National Suicide Prevention Coordinator & Associate Director- Education and Training; **Jane R. Wood, MSN**, Clinical Trainer; **Khamkay Chitaphong, LMSW**, OEF/OIF Program Manager; and **Joan Chipps, LCSW-R**, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, VA of WNY, Buffalo, New York.

Overview: According to CDC estimates, veterans account for approximately 20% of the suicides in America. This training will provide an overview of the military culture and what it is like to be a veteran. Veterans Administration staff will review the VA's National Suicide Prevention Program and their National Suicide Hotline as well as their community education program. The majority of the time will be spent reviewing the suicide risk assessment and safety planning process used with veterans to provide a more in-depth understanding of how to use these standardized tools in the most effective manner. Case presentations will be included. Participants will receive copies of the assessment tools and safety plan documents being presented.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the unique needs of the veteran population which include issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury and chronic pain issues
- Discuss the current research in suicide and suicide prevention.
- Review the key components of the VA National Suicide Prevention Program which includes Suicide Prevention Coordinators and the VA National Suicide Hotline
- Review selected suicide assessment tools and their use with veterans
- Discuss the importance of Safety Planning and identify the six steps to developing a safety plan with veterans

Dates and Locations:

- September 16, 2009, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm - Rochester Psychiatric Center
- September 30, 2009, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm - Buffalo Psychiatric Center
- October 14, 2009, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm - Radisson Hotel in Corning

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Please check the free training that you will be attending. Space is limited.

***** A continental breakfast is provided. Lunch is on your own.**

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