

Postvention

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Welcome!

Today's Agenda:

- Overview-SPRC
- Julie Cerel, University of Kentucky
- Susan Bell, University of California, Berkeley
- Discussion/Q&A
- Wrap-Up/Resources

Overview

Basic Definition:

Postventions are:

“...interventions occurring after a tragedy (Meilman, 2006).”

-The goal of postventions is to reduce the negative impact of a suicide on “survivors (Cerel & Campbell, 2008).”

-Preventing contagion

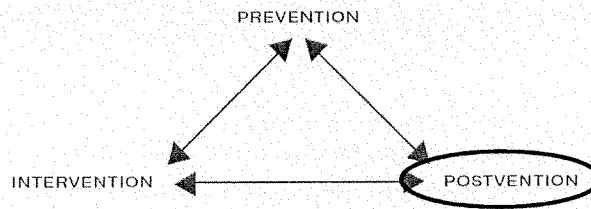
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Activities may include:

- Safe-reporting by the media
- Outreach programs and mental health resources for students, faculty, staff, and others (e.g., community support meetings)
- Means restriction (e.g., restricting access to high places, firearms)
- What else?

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Protocol Development:



(The Jed Foundation, 2006)

“Planning around one component impacts the planning (and ultimately the effectiveness) of the other two areas (The Jed Foundation, 2006).”

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Protocol Development:

...Thinking Broadly...

- Uniqueness of campus
- Broad-based strategies
- Active and passive strategies
- Partnerships with different campus services
- Other considerations?