Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training Results (2009)

The Ohio State University
Campus Suicide Prevention Program

Mission: To develop a comprehensive, effective, culturally responsive, and sustainable system of suicide prevention at The Ohio State University.

- Suicide Gatekeeper Trainings started in winter of 2008, using QPR model
- 2261 members of the OSU community trained, mostly in small groups (<30) by spring, 2009
- PRE-POST Analysis (N=1065)
  - Demographics of Sample
    - Age ($M=27$; range=17-76)
    - Gender (61% female)
    - Race
      - 76% Caucasian, non-Hispanic
      - 12% African American
      - 6% Asian American
      - 3% Hispanic
      - 3% Other
  - University Role
    - 61% student
    - 16% support staff
    - 11% administration
    - 1% faculty
    - 1% other
  - Background Information:
    - 46% of those trained knew at least one person who died by suicide
    - 6% knew of a person who died by suicide in the last 12 months
    - Only 1/3 said they tried to intervene if they intercepted a suicidal communication
    - 98% said that they believed gatekeeper training was necessary (43%) or should be required (55%)
    - 87% said that they were willing to receive more training
  - Results:
    - Statistically significant improvement on all 5 knowledge questions ($p<.000$)
    - Statistically significant improvement on all 3 attitude questions ($p<.000$)
    - Average rating on satisfaction questions (1-10) = 9
    - NO differences based on age, gender, race, university role, prior experience with suicide

(see reverse for data from follow-up analysis)
Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training Results
Follow-up
(spring, 2009)

• FOLLOW-UP Analysis (N=182; 20% return rate)
  • Training occurred:
    • 6% 1-4 months ago
    • 13% 5-8 months ago
    • 33% 9-12 months ago
    • 47% more than one year ago

• Demographics of Sample
  • Age (M=34, range = 19-70)
  • Gender (67% female)
  • Race
    • 84% Caucasian, non-Hispanic
    • 8% African American
    • 3% Asian American
    • 2% Hispanic
    • 3% Other/Not Indicated

• University Role:
  • 30% student
  • 59% administration or support staff
  • 5% faculty
  • 6% other

• Results
  • 89% of those who saw warning signs attempted to intervene using information they learned. Of those who intervened:
    • 96% talked with student
    • 93% referred student to counseling center
    • 32% accompanied student to resources
    • 97% felt *comfortable or very comfortable*
    • 100% felt *competent or very competent*

• All survey respondents:
  • 99% are *willing to very willing* to intervene in the future
  • 97% are *confident to very confident* to intervene in the future
  • 97% are *likely to very likely* to intervene in the future
  • 94% say the training was *helpful to very helpful* in increasing their overall knowledge of suicide risk
  • 89% say the training *increased to greatly increased* their knowledge of how to refer students
  • 88% say the training *increased to greatly increased* their confidence in how to intervene with a suicidal person

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Pre-Post Survey Results

Means, Standard Deviations, and Paired-Samples t-test

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<th>Knowledge Questions</th>
<th>Pre-test (n = 1045)</th>
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<td>Suicide and its causes (scale: 1-4)</td>
<td>2.31 ± .70</td>
<td>3.14 ± .53</td>
<td>38.03***</td>
<td>.57</td>
<td>&gt;.99</td>
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<td>Suicide risk factors &amp; warning signs among [university] students (scale: 1-4)</td>
<td>2.13 ± .76</td>
<td>3.14 ± .58</td>
<td>42.11***</td>
<td>.62</td>
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<td>Available campus and community mental health resources (scale: 1-4)</td>
<td>2.14 ± .83</td>
<td>3.03 ± .67</td>
<td>32.15***</td>
<td>.49</td>
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<td>How to refer students at risk (scale: 1-4)</td>
<td>1.78 ± .80</td>
<td>2.80 ± .76</td>
<td>37.57***</td>
<td>.56</td>
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<td>How demographic variables might impact suicide risk (scale: 1-4)</td>
<td>2.06 ± .82</td>
<td>3.08 ± .69</td>
<td>37.88***</td>
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| Attitude Questions                                                                 |                      |                      |               |     |         |
| For persons in my position, education in suicide risk detection and referral skills 1= not necessary 2= necessary 3= should be required | 2.52 ± .52          | 2.66 ± .51           | 10.34***      | .09 | >.99    |
| How willing to intervene with at-risk student (scale: 1-5)                          | 4.33 ± 1.07          | 4.43 ± 1.09          | 4.29***       | .02 | .98     |
| How confident about intervening with a potentially suicidal student (scale: 1-5)    | 3.32 ± 1.04          | 3.99 ± .99           | 20.17***      | .28 | >.99    |

* Partial eta-squared as a measure of effect size
**Observed Power
*** p < .000

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The Ohio State University Campus Suicide Prevention Program (OSUCSPP)
QPR Follow-Up Survey
(sent via Survey Monkey ©)

INTENDED AS AN EXAMPLE ONLY!
Campuses are encouraged to develop their own surveys

Our records indicate that sometime during the past 18 months, you participated in the OSU Campus Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training Program. You may recall that you were trained in a model called QPR - "Question, Persuade, Refer" to help you know what to do if you encountered anyone you thought might be suicidal. After the training, you received a certificate indicating that you are now an OSU Campus Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper.

This survey is a follow-up to that training. Your candid responses to the following questions will greatly assist us in our attempt to improve how OSU recognizes and manages suicide-related behaviors among students. All responses will be analyzed in group form so that no personal identifying information is revealed. Thank you for taking the time (approx. 10 minutes) to complete this survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [info here]

Use of Training Skills

1. Since completing your training, have you intercepted a suicidal communication from a student by identifying one or more warning signs of suicide? Yes ___ No ___

1a. If yes, how many suicidal students have you encountered since your training? ____

1b. Did any of them attempt suicide? (check one)
   Yes ___  No ___  Don’t Know_____
   Number of students:____
   How many died by suicide? ____

   Comments:

2. If you have been confronted with a potentially suicidal student, did you attempt to intervene by using the information provided in your QPR training? Yes___ No___ Not Applicable____

   Comments:

2b. If you did attempt an intervention, what type of intervention(s) did you employ?
   (check all that apply)
   ___ Talked with the student
   ___ Referred the student to campus mental health resources
      (please specify ________)
   ___ Referred the student to a suicide hotline
   ___ Referred the student to community mental health resources
      (please specify ________)
   ___ Referred the student to other types of resources
      (please specify ________)
   ___ Accompanied the student to help resources
   ___ Not applicable
2c. If you did attempt an intervention, please indicate how you felt while handling the incident:
(circle one)  _____Not applicable

I felt:

1  2  3  4  5

Very uncomfortable  Very comfortable

I felt:

1  2  3  4  5

Very incompetent  Very competent

3. In the future, how willing will you be to intervene with a student who may be at risk for suicide? (circle one)

I will be:

1  2  3  4  5

Not at all willing  Very willing

4. If you decide to intervene, how confident will you feel about intervening with a student who may be at risk for suicide? (circle one)

I will feel:

1  2  3  4  5

Not at all confident  Very confident

Knowledge

1. Looking back at your training, how helpful would you say it was in increasing your overall knowledge of suicide and its causes?

1  2  3  4  5

Not at all helpful  Very helpful

2. Now that you have been trained, what is the likelihood that you would intervene with a potentially suicidal student?

1  2  3  4  5

Very unlikely  Very likely

3. Looking back at your training, would you say that it increased your knowledge of how to refer students at risk for suicide?

1  2  3  4  5

No increase  Greatly increased

4. Looking back at your training, would you say that it increased your confidence of how to intervene with students at risk for suicide?

1  2  3  4  5

No increase  Greatly increased
Respondent Profile

Please indicate:

1. Your Age: ______________

2. Gender: [ ] Male  [ ] Female  [ ] Transgender  [ ] Other

3. Position/Role:
   [ ] Faculty
   [ ] Student
   [ ] Clergy
   [ ] Community group member
   [ ] Staff (please specify) ______________________________
   [ ] Other (please specify) ______________________________

4. Please indicate your race/ethnic identity below (you may check more than one):
   [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native
   [ ] Asian
   [ ] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   [ ] Black or African-American
   [ ] White or Caucasian
   [ ] Hispanic or Latino (specify Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican,
       Central American, South American, or other)___________________
   [ ] Other (please specify) __________________

5. Please approximate how long ago your Suicide Gatekeeper Training occurred:
   [ ] 1-4 months
   [ ] 5-8months
   [ ] 9-12months
   [ ] more than one year ago

Please elaborate on any item above and/or additional comments regarding this survey, your QPR training,
or campus suicide prevention efforts.

____________________________________________________________________________________
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Thank you and if you would like more information about suicide prevention at OSU, please visit
our website at: www.reach.osu.edu

If you, or someone you know, is in crisis, call the Franklin County Suicide Prevention Hotline at
614-221-5445 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK.

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