**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**BY LPCSC EDUCATORS ABOUT THE**

**NEW MANDATORY SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**

**What is the new law?**

Suicide Awareness and Prevention (IC 20-26-5-34.4; IC 20-28-3-6)

Requires, beginning after June 30, 2018, that each school corporation, charter school, and accredited nonpublic school require all principals, teachers, librarians, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, and school social workers employed at schools providing instruction to students in grades 5-12 participate in at least 2 hours of evidence based in-service youth suicide awareness and prevention training every 3 years*.* [Adopted July 1, 2017]

**How do I become trained?**

*Option #1: Online*

The Indiana Department of Education endorses the following online programs.

1. Jason Foundation
2. Youth in Crisis: Preventing Suicide (Purdue University)
3. Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide

More information about these programs can be located at https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/suicide-prevention-training. Note: If you complete online training, verify that it is approved by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center or the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Also, be sure you receive a certificate documenting completion of training.

*Option #2: In-Person Presentation*

QPR Suicide Prevention Training offered by LPHS Slicer Support Services

Dates: Various dates throughout the 2017-2018 school year—watch for details.

Cost: $10 for required course materials. Cash or check accepted at class.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion and earn PGP (2.0 contact hours) for licensure renewal.

**What is the deadline to complete the training?**

The law states “beginning after June 30, 2018.” It is highly advisable to complete training by June 30, 2018 to ensure meeting the requirement prior to the 2018-2019 school year.

**How often do I need to be certified?**

The law requires two-hours of evidence-based training every three years.

**Can I use my suicide prevention training for professional development?**

Yes, your training may be used as professional development for Indiana Teacher License Renewal.

**If you have further questions, contact:**

1. Building Principal
2. Indiana Department of Education
3. LPHS Slicer Support Services QPR Suicide Prevention Instructor Christine Rosenbaum