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Suicide Prevention Program

www.mass.gov/dph/suicideprevention

Evidence-Based Best Practice Programs:

- [Suicide Prevention and Intervention Checklists, Guidelines and Toolkits](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/com-health/injury/suicide-prevention-intervention-checklists.pdf)
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Toolkits, guidelines, and model programs to assist schools and school districts in designing and implementing strategies to prevent suicide and promote behavioral health, as well as policies and protocols for managing and coping with a suicide or mental health crisis.
- [Suicide Prevention and Intervention Training Programs](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/com-health/injury/suicide-prevention-intervention-training-programs.pdf)
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Suicide prevention and intervention trainings for school personnel. Online and in-person training options are listed.
- [Comprehensive School-Wide Suicide Prevention and Intervention Training Programs](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/com-health/injury/school-wide-suicide-prevention-and-intervention.pdf)
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Suicide prevention and intervention trainings for students and school personnel that take a comprehensive, school-wide approach.

Section 12 of An Act Relative to the Reduction of Gun Violence¹ amended G.L. c. 71 by adding Section 95 (a), **which requires all public school districts and commonwealth charter schools to provide at least 2 hours of suicide awareness and prevention training every 3 years to all licensed school personnel, subject to appropriation.** In addition, newly hired licensed personnel are to be trained within 6 months of being hired. The statute states that the training shall be provided within the framework of existing in-service training programs offered by the department or as part of required professional development activities. Since additional funding for this training has not been appropriated, the training is not required. Nonetheless, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is providing guidance to assist districts interested in designing comprehensive professional development on suicide prevention.

Visit www.SPRC.org for the most current national information on suicide prevention.

Visit www.BerkshireCoalition.org for local updates, events and trainings.