

OHIO PROGRAM FOR CAMPUS SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH

FY26 Campus-Community Collaborative Grant

Grantee Summary

Kent State University

The purpose of these grants is to promote collaboration between college/university and community stakeholders to develop programming to prevent suicide, promote mental health and reduce stigma about mental illness or its treatment on campus

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Kent State University implemented a comprehensive suicide prevention and intervention training initiative focused on strengthening the competencies their mental and medical health providers and providers-in-training. Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR) training was provided in order to improve participants' knowledge and confidence in assessing and managing suicide risk.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Provide Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR) training to at least 35 of Kent State University's mental and medical health providers
- Improve participants' knowledge and confidence in assessing and managing suicide risk by achieving at least a 20% average increase from pre- to post-training assessment scores

CHALLENGES/BARRIERS

- Difficulty getting counseling students to attend the training despite strong interest being expressed
- Minor data collection challenges as a few participants did not complete both the pre- and post-training assessments despite multiple reminders being sent
- Some registrants did not attend the training

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Deweese Health Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services

OUTCOMES

- AMSR training was provided to 25 professionals and professionals-in-training
- Evaluation results demonstrated significant improvements in participants' suicide assessment self-efficacy, documentation practices, and confidence responding to suicide-related concerns

ADDITIONAL DATA

All 16 AMSR competence items and all 25 Counselor Suicide Assessment Efficacy Survey items improved significantly from pre- to post-training