

Counseling on Access to Lethal Means

–Tier 3–

Overview: Counseling on Access to Lethal Means is a brief intervention focusing on reducing access to means of self-harm as a key component of suicide prevention

Modality	Intended Audience	Staffing Requirements	Additional Materials Needed
Brief, clinical intervention (20-45 minutes) that is delivered in an individual format; caregiver(s) included as needed	All ages	Clinically oriented individuals; relevant to direct service providers	Relevant family and/or clinic handouts and informational sheets. Optional: Safety Plan App from the VA: https://mobile.va.gov/app/safety-plan <i>*The National Center for School Mental Health will provide training manuals to all trainees.</i>

Target Outcomes

- Reduce youth access to means of self-harm
- Reduce suicidal thoughts and/or behaviors
- Increase use of standardized screening and assessment tools to assess suicide risk
- Increase knowledge and education of risk to patient and parent/support person
- Increase collaboration, support, documentation, and follow up around plan

Training Requirements and Important Considerations

Type of Training: Half day, virtual training (3.5-hours)

Continuing Education Units: Maryland CEUs are not offered for this training; however, a Certificate of Attendance is available

Expectations for full participation and certificate of attendance: To be considered trained, the expectation is that trainees complete the full training, demonstrate engagement (e.g., on-time, stay for the full session, camera on, participation in role-plays, practice activities). **If you miss key components of the training, you may not receive CEUs or a certificate of attendance and will need to reregister and complete the full training if spots are available.**

Important Considerations: While formal licensure might not always be required, each trainee needs to be clinically oriented. The CALM training is most relevant for direct service providers, who need to complete the 3-hour, virtual training and ideally have a background in mental health or education to effectively collaborate and work with the youth and their family.

Ongoing Engagement and Expectations

POC/Supervisor Expectations:

- **Attend Kick-off Meeting:** Meet with the EBP team to discuss the training and implementation plan at the beginning of the grant period. We recommend inviting trainees to this meeting.
- **Attend M&D Meeting:** Meet with the Evaluation and EBP team to discuss metrics and deliverables for the grant including reach and target demographics, service offerings, and outcome expectations. Please see the Outcome Measure Menu included in the RFA documents for sample tools/measures to be used with each EBP.
- **Maintain regular communication** with coordinator(s) from the National Center for School Mental Health to ensure progress toward training and implementation goals including review of a monthly newsletter containing training and evaluation updates for your organization, and action items.
- **Provide administrative and supervisory support** to staff, including, but not limited to:
 - Share important dates (e.g. training dates, implementation support call dates), registration links, training evaluation completion reminders, and other important information with staff.
 - Ensure that providers in your organization attend the selected EBPs for which they are registered. If staff register for training and do not show up, there is not a guarantee they can train at a future date, which may impact implementation plans outlined in your grant application.
 - Please provide ongoing communication with your organization's providers about training attendance and expectations. Consider providing funding for staff time to attend training and implementation calls as appropriate.
 - Ensure staff completion of all training, evaluation, and implementation tasks.

Providers/Trainees Expectations:

- **Commit to attending the training once registered**
- **Complete the post-training evaluation** survey for each selected EBP
- **Attend quarterly implementation support** meetings offered over the year for each EBP you are implementing

*For more information on this evidence-based practice, please visit the [Counseling on Access to Lethal Means](#) website. For questions pertaining to the RFA or to expectations and requirements, please contact: Lorianne Moss, the CHRC Program Manager at Lorianne.moss@maryland.gov.