



"Taking Care of Our Own"

FREE TRAINING LIMITED SEATS

Class hosted by Polk CISM Team

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TOPIC: **Suicide Awareness: An Introduction for Crisis Responders**

DATES: Tuesday August 15th 8:30am-5:00pm

LOCATION: Polk County EOC—1890 Jim Keene Blvd, WH

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Anne Balboni, ICISF Faculty

Please reserve your seat at cism@polk-county.net

Course Description:

The ability to recognize and effectively intervene with suicidal individuals is one of the most challenging aspects of crisis intervention. This course is recommended for those without formal mental health training. The course is designed to increase awareness of suicide, and equip participants with information and basic skills to respond to a person considering suicide. Discussions, demonstrations, and scenarios will be used to facilitate learning. This is an introductory level course.

Program Highlights:

Overview of suicide—Crisis intervention and suicide prevention—Preventative and Protective Factors
Risk and Recognition—Strategies for Responding to those considering suicide—Referral Skills and Resources

About the Instructor:

Dr. Anne Balboni is the state coordinator & clinical director of the state wide Rhode Island Critical Incident Stress Management TEAM, Inc. Anne earned a Masters in Education, a Masters in Counseling and a Doctorate in Psychology. Anne serves as a member of the ICISF Board of Directors as well as ICISF faculty member, authoring the CISM Applications with Children's course. She is an ICISF approved instructor for many ICISF classes. Anne has presented on crisis intervention topics internationally as well as assisted numerous groups in the development of crisis response teams. Dr. Balboni is a member of the Rhode Island Disaster Mental Health Task Force and serves as adjunct faculty at the Community College of Rhode Island in their Emergency Management \ Homeland Security Program. She has over forty five years experience in the field of education, twenty-eight years as an EMT and twenty one years as an EMT instructor. Private practice includes CISM intervention, education & consultation with emergency service organizations, veteran's organizations, schools & industry. Anne is board certified in traumatic stress and credentialed as a Diplomat with the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. She is a member of the International Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists.

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