Level 1 training packet Kent County

School S.A.F.E. team response: Blue envelope

Suicidal thoughts: Use S.A.F.E. steps

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- A Access help
- Feelings: validate them
- Eliminate lethal means



Level 1: Initial responder

Mini S.A.F.E resource card

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Suicide S.A.F.E. Team Response



Level 1: Initial and 2nd responder

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- **F** "This is important. I'm glad you shared this."
- "I am concerned about your safety. I will get help."
- **E** Ask student if they have any weapons, pills or other self-harm items in their possession.
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- If after hours: notify school administrator and/or parent. If no response, contact 911 for a safety check.

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Level 2 responder complete C-SSRS

Level 2 - Professional support staff or school administration speak with the student to assess:

Risk level | Protective factors | Release of information | C-SSRS | Determine next steps | Parent education

Low risk

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Moderate risk

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High risk

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Safety plan

Date completed:



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Step 2: Internal coping strategies – things I can person (relaxation technique, physical ac	do to take my mind off my problems without contacting another ctivity):
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Step 3: People and social settings that provide of	distraction:
1. Name	Phone
2. Name	Phone
3. Place	
4. Place	
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1. Clinician name	Phone
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Level 2: Administrators, leadership and social workers

Level 1: Initial responder- for reference only

Level 2: Columbia suicide severity rating scale and response recommendations

Safety plan-English and Spanish

After the blue envelope event

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Columbia suicide severity rating scale S A F E



Ask questions that are in bold. Ask questions 1 and 2 (in the last month)	Yes	No
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1. Wish to be dead: Student endorses thoughts about a wish to be dead or not alive anymore, or wish to fall asleep and not wake up?		
In the last month, have you wished you were dead, or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?		
2. Suicidal thoughts: General non-specific thoughts of wanting to end one's life/commit suicide, "I've thought about killing myself" without general thoughts of ways to kill oneself/associated methods, intent, or plan. In the last month, have you had any actual thoughts of killing yourself?		
If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6.		
3. Suicidal thoughts with method (without specific plan or intent to act): Student endorses thoughts of suicide and has thought of at least one method during the assessment period. This is different than a specific plan with time, place or method details worked out. "I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific plan as to when, where or how I would actually do itand I would never go through with it."		
In the last month, have you been thinking about how you might do this?		
4. Suicidal intent (without specific plan): Active suicidal thoughts of killing oneself and student reports having some intent to act on such thoughts, as opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."		
In the last month, have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?		
5. Suicide intent with specific plan: Thoughts of killing oneself with details of plan fully or partially worked out and student has some intent to carry it out.		
In the last month, have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself?		
Do you intend to carry out this plan?		
6. Suicide behavior question	Life	time
Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life? Examples: collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc.		
		months
If YES, ask: Was this within the past 3 months?		

After a blue envelope event

- 1. Document event (student information/counseling log) Include:
 - · Columbia-SSRS results suicide thoughts, intent, plan, student denies current risk, etc.
 - · Safety plan completed?
 - · Lethal means reduced and addressed?
 - · Follow-up plan

2. Notify parent/guardian

- · Provide warning signs education and resources
- · Obtain release of information for seamless transition of care
- · Provide safety plan

3. Report unidentified incident data

- Complete the school blue envelope tracking tool
- Attend clinical review meetings to review data trends, best practices and eliminate barriers to safe services



Student safety measures and response protocols based on C-SSRS responses

C-SSRS quick screen questions (in the last month)		Action for highest "yes" response	
Question	"Yes" indicates	Level of risk	Schools
1. In the last month, have you wished you were dead in the last month or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?	Wish to be dead	Low	 Consider referral to social worker or outpatient mental health Complete SAFETY PLAN with student/parent, provide copy and follow-up next day
2. In the last month, have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?	Nonspecific thoughts		Consider student/parent education and local resources with crisis contacts
3. In the last month, have you been thinking about how you might kill yourself?	Thoughts with method (without specific plan or intent to act)	Moderate Consider C-SSRS answers plus risk factors/ protective factors	 Assess risk factors and protective factors to determine if low or high-risk disposition is more relevant – follow associated steps Complete SAFETY PLAN with student/parent, provide copy and follow-up next day Consider recommending a mental health evaluation with social work or at a community mental health organization
4. In the last month, have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?	Thoughts with some intent (without specific plan)	High Consider C-SSRS answers plus	 Facilitate immediate mental health evaluation with Community mental health OR Social work OR Pine Rest Psychiatric Urgent Care Center OR Emergency department
5. In the last month, have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?	Thoughts, intent with plan	risk factors/ protective factors	Educate student/parent on signs of suicide risk factors and safety measures with resources and crisis contacts
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