



Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation

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Connecting for Life

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Ohio Campaign for Hope: Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative *Restore Hope and Connect for Life*

FAQs for Kognito's At-Risk High School Educator training program

1. What is the Ohio Campaign for Hope?

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, a statewide not-for-profit organization, has launched the **Ohio Campaign for Hope**: a 3-year initiative aimed restoring hope and well-being to Ohio's youth. The Campaign for Hope is funded by \$1.4M federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

2. Why are educators important to this effort?

Educators, who interact daily with Ohio's youth, are in an ideal position to notice worrisome signs of psychological distress and act to connect youth to services they need to pursue healthy and productive lives.

3. How will Campaign for Hope engage educators?

OSPF is working with its coalition partners across the state to enlist 20,000 educators - teachers administrators and staff - in joining this effort to build a better safety net for youth through free access to an easy, engaging and effective one-hour online training simulation, **Kognito's At-Risk for High School Educators**.

4. What is special about the Kognito training?

The training is delivered online 24/7 and is highly interactive –learners engage in role-play with student avatars that possess memory and emotion. The simulation provides hands on practice to build skills and confidence in intervening with at-risk students to connect them with needed services. This best-practice program has been proven effective in a national study with over 300 teachers from 40 states.

5. How do Coalition partners and others in the community help?

Coalition partners and other community-based organizations can act as ambassadors to local school districts and high schools to spread the word about this program. Information and materials will be available online as of January 1, 2012 at www.ohiospf.org



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6. How do schools enroll in the program?

Ohio public high schools can enroll in the program online at: <http://bit.ly/ohio-enroll-hs>
Schools enrolling in the program can train up to 100% of their staff. Information and outreach materials for school leadership will be available online as of January 1, 2012 at www.ohiospf.org

7. How are schools recognized for participating?

Participating schools will be recognized at four levels for their contributions to ensuring a safe and healthy environment depending on what percentage of their staff take the training. A certificate and an e-badge for school websites will be provided to schools training from 10% to 100% of their staff.

8. When does the training become available?

The first enrollment and training period begins in Jan 2012 and goes through June 2012, with the goal of enrolling 150 schools - including at least one high school from each county in Ohio - in this first group. Schools can also express their interest in enrolling later in the program.

9. How do Ohio schools and community groups get more information about this program?

More information about the program is available from Campaign for Hope Community Liaison, Deborah Chambers, or Project Director, Cheryl Holton. Please call 614-429-1528 ext. 2 or email cholton@ohiospf.org if you have questions.

About The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF, www.Ohiospf.org) is a catalyst to bring about change in attitudes and perceptions regarding the stigma attached to suicide, mental illness, alcohol and drug abuse and addiction. Launched in 2005, the Foundation's mission is to promote suicide prevention as a public health issue and advance evidence-based awareness, intervention and methodology strategies which will support all Ohio-based suicide prevention efforts.