

## AFFILIATES

JFI is proud of our collaboration with many different businesses and organizations, who support and share our mission of suicide prevention. JFI offers a "grass roots" approach to providing programs and services to neighborhoods across the nation utilizing the support of many of our affiliations. Our network of Affiliate Offices and Ambassador programs constitute one of the largest youth suicide prevention efforts in the country. Working with the nation's leading health and behavioral health providers throughout the nation enables JFI to reach a wide demographic of the public while offering a clinical backup for its materials. For a listing of our dynamic partners and affiliates, please visit our website at [www.jasonfoundation.com/about-us/our-support/affiliates/](http://www.jasonfoundation.com/about-us/our-support/affiliates/)

## NATIONAL CLINICAL AFFILIATES



## NATIONAL AWARENESS AFFILIATES



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## ABOUT THE JASON FOUNDATION, INC.

The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI) was founded in 1997, after the tragic suicide of JFI's President Clark Flatt's youngest son Jason. JFI has never charged a school, educator, church, youth group, or community for the use of any of our programs or services. This assures that "lack of funding" is never the sole deciding factor of who can receive these life-changing / life-saving programs and resources. From a kitchen table start-up, JFI is now considered to be a national leader in youth suicide awareness and prevention. JFI's suicide prevention programs are in use in all 50 states and several foreign countries. Please see our website for a detailed listing of the programs and services that we offer. [www.jasonfoundation.com](http://www.jasonfoundation.com)

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Jason Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to the prevention of the "Silent Epidemic" of youth suicide through educational and awareness programs that equip young people, educators/youth workers, and parents with the tools and resources to help identify and assist at-risk youth.



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## ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

FOR YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION  
DESIGNED FOR EDUCATORS, SCHOOL PERSONNEL,  
AND YOUTH LEADERS



## WHY IS TRAINING IMPORTANT?

**Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-24. (2014 CDC WISQARS)** According to the 2015 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey in the past 12 months: Over 1 out of every 6 young people reported they had seriously considered suicide (17.7%). Over 1 out of every 7 young people reported they had made a plan to commit suicide (14.6%). Over 1 out of every 12 young people reported they had attempted suicide (8.6%). Awareness and education are key to prevention. Four out of five young people contemplating suicide show clear warning signs prior to the attempt. It is imperative that educators know how to recognize signs of concern of at-risk youth and are prepared to react should they see these signs.

## WHAT IS JFI'S ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES?

The Jason Foundation currently offers several staff development modules. Some of the modules are available on DVD. The modules were designed specifically for educators, but would be useful for any type of youth worker. The topics of the modules range from a broad overview to more specific information regarding awareness and prevention of youth suicide. To order a DVD of a module for a group presentation, please send an e-mail with your contact information and your request to [contact@jasonfoundation.com](mailto:contact@jasonfoundation.com). Please note that all Jason Foundation programs are available at no cost to participants.

## WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES?

Although the staff development modules were designed specifically with educators in mind, they are not the only group who can benefit from the training. These modules offer the information, tools and resources to help provide those who work with youth the knowledge they need to help identify and assist at-risk youth.

## ARE THERE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING IN MY STATE?

Passed in over a third of the states, The Jason Flatt Act is the most comprehensive suicide prevention law in the country requiring educators to have training in youth suicide awareness and prevention. Visit our website for the complete list of participating states. Educating teachers on recognizing signs of concern and elevated risk factors is a major step in saving young lives. The Jason Flatt Act works within a state's current continuing education requirements by making youth suicide prevention training a required subject. Although The Jason Flatt Act does not require teachers to use specific programs, many states and school districts use JFI's staff development modules to satisfy the requirement. Please refer to your local school district with questions regarding requirements for staff development programs.

The Jason Flatt Act can be passed without a fiscal note attached, and JFI plans to continue working to introduce this legislation across the nation.

## HOW DO I ACCESS THE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES?

1. Visit [www.jasonfoundation.com](http://www.jasonfoundation.com)
2. On the home page click "**Educators, Youth Workers, Coaches**"
3. Click "**Professional Development Series**" on the left side of the page
4. Select your state or if your state is not listed select "**other**"
5. Click "**View Training Modules**"
6. Follow instruction to login or register
7. At the end of each module, participants will have the opportunity to print a certificate of completion

## 2 HOUR MODULE OVERVIEW

**Youth Suicide: "A Silent Epidemic":** JFI suggests that you begin with this training if you have not completed any form of youth suicide awareness and prevention training previously. This training module is presented by Clark Flatt, President of JFI and Jason's dad. It's an introduction to the national health issue of youth suicide and provides information about warning signs, elevated risk factors and other important supporting materials.

**Mental Health Issues Surrounding Suicidal Ideation:** An in-depth study of youth suicide including how educators/youth workers can make a difference by using tools of observation, identification and intervention.

**Prevention is the Key:** A guide to being proactive in establishing the best possible attributes for the prevention of youth suicide or suicide attempts including suggestions for designing protocols promoting a safe environment and actions teachers and schools can take.

**The History of Suicide Prevention:** Dr. Kenneth Tullis shares his extensive research into the history of suicide prevention including how religion, the law and science have all played a part in developing suicide prevention efforts.

## 1 HOUR MODULE OVERVIEW

**Bullying and Suicide:** This training module delves into the problem of bullying in schools and its relation to suicide. Facts, myths, and research regarding bullying and suicide are discussed. Suggested protective factors and recommendations are provided for educators. The training module and research are presented by Dr. Scott Poland and Richard Lieberman, noted experts in the suicide prevention field.

**Non-Suicidal Self-Injury:** This training discusses the issue of non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI) and how it relates to suicidal ideation. Examples of NSSI, factors that contribute, and signs associated with the behavior are studied. Also, recommendations on how to respond to a young person who may be struggling with these habits are provided. The training module and research are presented by Dr. Scott Poland and Richard Lieberman, noted experts in the suicide prevention field.

