

National Affiliates

JFI, with the support of its affiliates, offers a “grass-roots” approach to providing programs and services to neighborhoods across the nation. This network of Community Resource Centers constitute one of the largest youth suicide prevention efforts in the country. Utilizing dedicated professionals in each community resource center, JFI is able to reach a wide demographic of the public while offering a clinical backup for its materials. We are proud to work with the nation’s leading health and behavioral health providers to provide our programs at no cost to the communities we serve.

For a listing and description of our dynamic partners visit our website at

www.jasonfoundation.com/about-us/our-support/affiliates/



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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**

About The Jason Foundation

The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI) was founded in 1997 after the tragic suicide of President/CEO Clark Platt's youngest son Jason. Now a nationally recognized leader in youth suicide awareness and prevention programs, JFI's suicide prevention programs are in use in all 50 states and several foreign countries. To learn more visit

www.jasonfoundation.com.

Why is training important?

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-24.

According to the 2013 CDC Youth Risk Behavioral Survey:

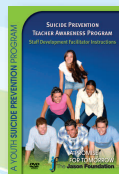
- ❑ Over 1 out of every 6 young people reported they had seriously considered suicide (17%)
- ❑ Almost 1 out of every 7 young people reported they had made a plan to commit suicide (13.6%)
- ❑ Over 1 out of every 13 young people reported they had attempted suicide (8%)

Awareness and education are key to prevention. Most 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 staff development modules both online and by DVD. The modules are designed specifically for educators but are also useful for any type of youth worker. The topics of the modules range from a broad overview to more specific information regarding the awareness and prevention of youth suicide.

Module Overview



Module 1: An overview of youth suicide including awareness and prevention, statistical data, signs of concern, elevated risk factors and resources for help



Module 2: An in-depth study of youth suicide including how educators/youth workers can make a difference by using tools of observation, identification and intervention



Module 3: 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



Module 4: 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.

Who should participate in the Online Professional Development Series?

Although the staff development modules are designed specifically with educators in mind, they are not the only group who can benefit from the training. Coaches, counselors, church youth workers and any other person who interacts with youth should be made aware of the problem of youth suicide. 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. The purpose of the modules is not to train individuals to become "counselors" but to become a bridge to help.

The Jason Platt Act

Passed in over 25% of the states, The Jason Platt Act is the most comprehensive suicide prevention law in the country requiring educators to have training in youth suicide awareness and prevention. Educating teachers on recognizing signs of concern and elevated risk factors is a major step in saving young lives. The Jason Platt Act works within a state's current continuing education requirements in mandating youth suicide prevention training. Although The Jason Platt Act does not require teachers to use specific programs, many states and school districts use JFI's staff development modules to satisfy the requirement. In fact, JFI averages training a teacher every four minutes, twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week. Please refer to your local school district with questions regarding requirements for staff development programs.

The Jason Platt 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?

To access the online training:

- Visit www.jasonfoundation.com
- On the home page click "Educators, Youth Workers, Coaches"
- Click "Professional Development Series" on the left side of the page
- Select your state or if your state is not listed select "other"
- Click "View Training Modules"
- Follow instruction to login or register
- At the end of each module, participants will have the opportunity to print a certificate of completion.

To order a DVD of a module for a group presentation:

- Please send an email with your contact information and your request to contact@jasonfoundation.com.

Please note that all Jason Foundation programs are available at no cost to participants to those we contract.