

PLEASE READ AND BRING A SIGNED COPY TO THE ASIST TRAINING

GATEKEEPER TRAINING Participant Consent Form (Adult)

INTRODUCTION: This training is a gatekeeper training and is part of the Garret Lee Smith Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative. The director of this project is Julie Geddes. This document defines the terms and conditions for consenting to participate in this training.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRAINING: The purpose of gatekeeper training is to provide information about suicide prevention, how to identify when an acquaintance, friend, or relative may be at risk for self-harm, and how to work with others in the community to help that person.

DATA COLLECTION: To help us evaluate whether or not the training is effective, a questionnaire will be given after the training to find out what has been learned. This questionnaire is not a psychological test. All evaluations are anonymous and any information provided to the funding agency will be analyzed and reported on a group level. No names or personal identifiers will be kept with the data, nor will they ever appear in association with the results. The survey responses will be stored electronically and accessible only to authorized individuals through a password protected, encrypted website and, for the purpose of analysis, on password protected computers in a secure location. Hard copy data will be stored in locked file cabinets and destroyed at the close of the contract period.

RISKS AND BENEFITS: There is a risk that participants may experience some psychological discomfort from the discussion of suicide. Research has shown that talking about suicide does not cause people to do self-harm. However, in the event that you become upset and wish support, the trainer will be available and, if you want additional support, can provide you with referral information.

There is a potential risk of loss of confidentiality. You will not be asked about any personal feelings or experiences, but if you choose to reveal such information during the group training, we cannot guarantee confidentiality by other participants. In addition, if you tell the person conducting the training that you plan to hurt yourself or others, the trainer will need to inform the appropriate people so that you can get help.

A direct benefit of your participation in this training is gaining the knowledge that suicide is preventable, learning of the prevention tools that could help you identify and aid someone you believe is having thoughts of suicide, as well as learning about the school and community resources that are available for young people and adults. An indirect benefit of your participation in this study will be the reduction of suicidal behavior among youth in your community and in the state of Oklahoma.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION: Participation is voluntary. You may leave the training at any time with no penalty.

CONFIDENTIALITY: If you participate in this training, you should be aware that if you share something personal during the discussion, there is a possibility that it may not be kept confidential.

CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRAINING: You may contact Julie Geddes at (405)522-3835 jgeddes@odmhsas.org with questions about the training. For inquiries about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Institutional Review Board's Human Protections Administrator at (405) 522-3871 or dcain@odmhsas.org.

PARTICIPANT ASSURANCE: By signing this consent, I certify that I have read the preceding, or it has been read to me, and that I understand the terms and conditions of this training and hereby agree to my participation in the above-described training. I understand my participation is voluntary and that I may withdraw at any time without penalty.

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date

Witness Signature

Date

If you don't complete the full training you will not receive CEU's or a Certificate!

If you or someone you know needs help, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

ASIST Information
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health
and Substance Abuse Services

Location: ODMHSAS Training Center (Shepherd Mall)
2401 NW 23rd, Suite #1
OKC, OK 73107

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

No one admitted to the training past 9:00 a.m.

Program Purpose:

Suicide affects us all. It's an international problem. For example, more than 3,500 Canadians and 30,000 Americans kill themselves each year. Research studies in Canada and the United States show four to five percent of the population have attempted suicide during their lifetime. One in nine persons has seriously considered suicide.

Anyone can be at risk. Men and women of all ages, of all occupations and all socioeconomic groups are at risk. There is no guarantee of safety from suicide. The key to suicide prevention is trained caregivers who are ready, willing and able to get involved with each individual at risk—caregivers who can recognize individuals who are at risk and who know how to intervene to prevent the risk of suicidal thoughts becoming suicidal behaviors.

ASIST has five learning sections:

1. **Preparing:** sets the tone, norms, and expectations of the learning experience.
2. **Connecting:** sensitizes participants to their own attitudes towards suicide. Creates an understanding of the impact which attitudes have on the intervention process.
3. **Understanding:** overviews the intervention needs of a person at risk. It focuses on providing participants with the knowledge and skills to recognize risk and develop safe plans to reduce the risk of suicide.
4. **Assisting:** presents a model for effective suicide intervention. Participants develop their skills through observation and supervised simulation experiences in large and small groups.
5. **Networking:** generates information about resources in the local community. Promotes a commitment by participants to transform local resources into helping networks.

PLEASE NOTE: This training is being provided through funds from the Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Youth Suicide Prevention Grant and is intended for individuals that work with 10-24 year-olds.

ASIST AGENDA

Day One

8:00 a.m.	Registration/Sign-In
8:30 a.m.	Attitudes and Hopes Introduction to Prevention, Postvention, and Intervention. The Burden of Suicide.
9:35 a.m.	Break
9:50 a.m.	Connecting With Persons in Crisis
10:10 a.m.	Discussion of Feelings, Experiences, and Suicide First Aid
11:25 a.m.	10-Minute Break
11:35 a.m.	Connections Between Attitudes and Suicide First Aid
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Exploring Thoughts of Suicide: For and Against Reviewing Risk
3:20 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	Exploring Safety Plans Following-Up On Commitments Review and Practice
4:30 p.m.	End of Day

Day Two

8:30 a.m.	Structure of An Intervention Process of An Intervention
10:05 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m.	Exploring Through Intervention Simulations
11:50 a.m.	Experiential Activities for Interventions
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Continuation of Simulations
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	Dealing With Ambivalence In Simulations
4:15 p.m.	Follow-Up, Evaluations, Certificates
4:30 p.m.	End Of Day

How to Receive Your Certificate of Attendance

Certificates of attendance will be distributed at the end of the training. You may pick up a certificate before you leave which will reflect the actual hours you were in attendance.

You must attend both days of the training to receive any CEUs or a Certificate!

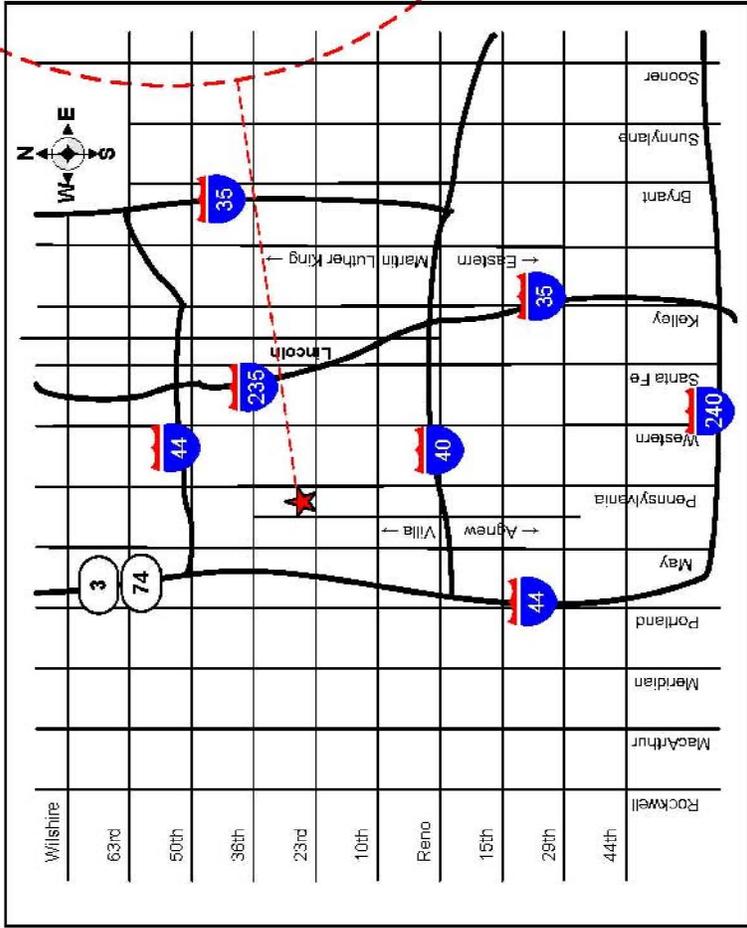
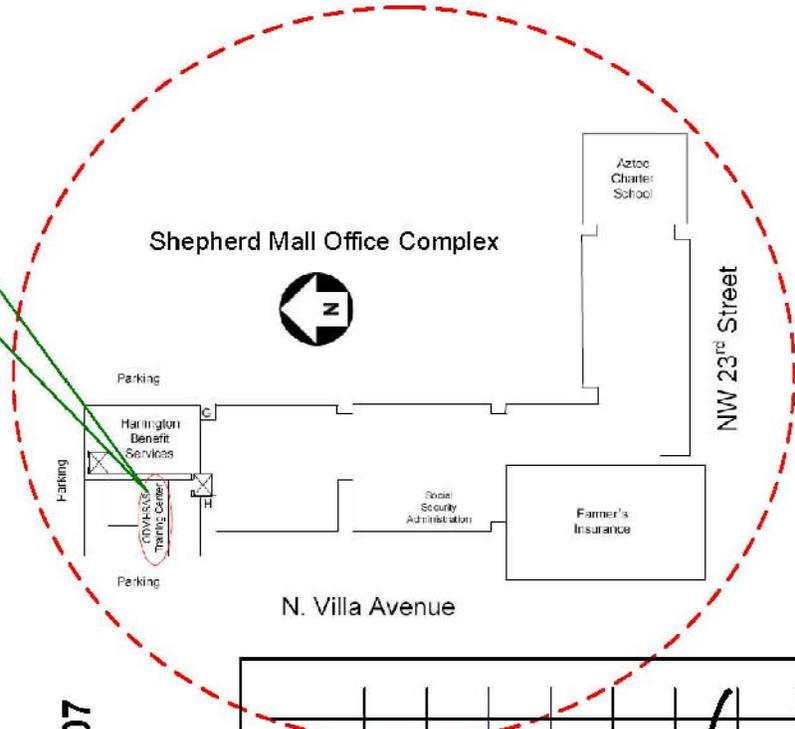
If you have any questions on the training, please contact [Stephanie Savage 405-522-8314](mailto:Stephanie.Savage@suicideprevention.org).

SPACE IS LIMITED. If you cannot attend, please call Stephanie Savage 405-522-8314 to cancel your registration.

ODMHSAS Training Center

Shepherd Mall, Suite 1F
 2401 NW 23rd Street • Oklahoma City, OK • 73107
 Phone: 405-522-8300

The ODMHSAS Training Center is located on the 2nd floor at the North end of Shepherd Mall. Enter the mall through the North entrance or entrance H (west side) and take the elevator to the 2nd floor. Turn left out of the elevator and follow the hallway to Suite 1F.



Oklahoma ASIST Instructors

Patricia LaFon, LCSW received her Bachelor's degree in Social Work at Oral Roberts University and in 2007 completed the Advanced Standing program at the University of Oklahoma, receiving a Masters degree in Social Work. Her internship for the masters program was completed through her current employer Green Country Behavioral Health Services, a rural mental health facility located in Muskogee OK. She has been employed with GCBHS the past three years. She is working towards becoming a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor in the next year.

Melissa Shofner received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology in May, 2008 from Northeastern State University. Melissa is currently working on her Master's degree at Northeastern State University in Counseling Psychology; she will graduate in December, 2010. After graduation Melissa will begin working on her supervision hours in preparation for her LPC exam. Melissa is currently employed at Green Country Behavioral Health Services in Muskogee, OK where she works as a Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Specialist/Case Manager. Melissa works with children, adolescents, and their families. She has worked in this capacity since May, 2008.

Norman Dunn is an LPC working for Associated Centers for Therapy for the past 13 yrs as a home based children and family therapist. He has been married for thirty years and have 3 grown children and his wife is a 1st grade teacher. He loves the balance of personal, professional and spiritual life. He enjoys doing things with his wife, be it at home or away, loves getting together with friends and family. He enjoys pistol shooting, reading and walking.

Phil Lowe has a MS in Counseling Psychology from NSU, Northeastern State University and graduated in 1990. He is an LPC and has been a counselor with Youth Services of Tulsa since 1990 and is currently the Counseling Services Coordinator. Phil was appointed to the Youth Suicide Prevention Council in Jan of 06. Phil has been involved with the Mental Health Association in Tulsa since 1997 addressing youth suicide prevention. He was appointed to their Board of Directors in January. Phil is committed to have youth more involved in the suicide prevention effort.

Jenn Turner currently works for the State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs as an Intake Counselor. She started with the Office of Juvenile Affairs in September 2003. She is a liaison for OJA Custody youth to Southern Plains Mental Health Facilities, Liaison To Children's Recovery Center, Volunteer and Grievance Coordinator for Cleveland County Office of Juvenile Affairs, member of the Blanchard Community Coalition, Member of the OJA CEI Employee Enrichment and Information Technology Task Force, and a soon to be trainer for the agency by which she is employed. She Graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1998 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice.

Lt. Terry Morris has been with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for 25 years. He has been director of the Trooper Assistance program for the past 10 years. He has been involved with workshops for emergency services and survivors for the Murrah Bombing and 9-11 personnel. He is trained in Advanced CISM for individuals and groups as well as Suicide Prevention and Interdiction.

Janice Wilson, CPS, is Director of the Area Prevention Resource Center at NAIC – Norman Addiction Information and Counseling. She has been with NAIC since March 2003, first as a Prevention Specialist and now as the APRC Director. She began her work in the Prevention field in 1986 as Coordinator of Education and Prevention at Women's Resource Center and also served as Director of Suicide Prevention at Contact Crisis Helpline.

Jennifer Creecy is a Juvenile Justice Specialist II in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma and started with the Office of Juvenile Affairs in June, 2005. She offers probation and parole services to at-risk youth in that community. She is also on the Board for Systems of Care, Chairman Pro Tem of the Joint Coalition of Pottawatomie County and a soon to be trainer for the agency by which she is employed. She also worked for Oklahoma Court Services as a Probation Supervisor from 2001 to 2005. She Graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2001 with a B.A. in Psychology.

Teresa Crum, M.Ed., received a Bachelor of Science Degree emphasis on Psychology and a Master of Education emphasis on Community Counseling from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She has worked with children for 13 years and in the field 9 of those years. She has worked in all aspects from direct care staff, case management to administrative, in outpatient settings to residential. She currently works for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. She is a Field Service Coordinator for the Office of Children, Youth, and Family Services. She monitors Adolescent, Juvenile, and Family Drug Court contracts. She does technical assistance, provides training and assists in any other capacity related to children and adolescents.

Karen Carr, M.A., LPC has been a professional in the field of Counseling for twenty years. The past five years working specifically on a Suicide Crisis Response Team for Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma. Karen is also on a Community Response Team for Crisis and Suicide in rural school districts in South Eastern Oklahoma. Karen has conducted training and seminars on Suicide Response and "The Crisis Diversion Team Model". She brings her years of experience working with both adults and youth to her teaching. She is a certified Assist Trainer.

Msgt. Greg Giltner is a 21 year veteran with the Oklahoma City Police Department. He worked on the streets as a patrol officer for 12 years before transferring to the Uniform Support Division where he was a Hit & Run Investigator for 3 years. His current assignment at the police department is the coordinator of the department Peer Support Unit known as CHAPPS (Cops Helping Alleviate Police Problems). He responds to all critical incidents involving officers and or their families. He is an instructor for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation out of Ellicott MD. He teaches classes on stress management and group debriefings. Msgt. Giltner is on a state critical incident response team that responds to law enforcement, fire suppression and EMS services when they have a crisis. He teaches at the police academy and across the state of Oklahoma as well as 6 other states. He serves as the chaplain for the FOP at the police department, which is the departments bargaining unit

Julie Geddes is a Senior Field Representative, with Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and is the project director for the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act Youth Suicide Prevention Grant. She is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma. She was a drafter of the Oklahoma Youth Suicide Prevention State Plan, and served as charter member of the legislatively mandated Youth Suicide Prevention Council. Julie's focus is prevention efforts for safe and healthy communities in Oklahoma.

Bob Adams is a retired 30-year veteran of public education, having served as a classroom teacher, campus administrator, and central office administrator in urban, suburban, and rural school districts serving predominantly Afro-, Anglo-, or Native-American students. Additionally, his work has included diverse experiences in information technology, curriculum development, human resources, staff development, and with special needs populations. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees in Educational Administration from Georgia State University, Atlanta. Since relocating to the state ten years ago, Bob has volunteered extensively with organizations and projects promoting community and economic development in small towns and rural communities in western Oklahoma. He is a former Mayor of his adopted home town of Cordell, and a United States Marine.

Amy Morgan is the Suicide Prevention Training & Outreach Coordinator for HeartLine. She is a certified QPR Trainer, as well as a provisional ASIST Trainer. Amy's background is in corporate training, HR, and volunteer management. She also owns & operates two companies – Corporate Elements, a business consulting firm; and DoodlyCouch, a counseling resource materials company. She is completing her B.S. in Behavioral Sciences and is starting a Masters in Counseling. With hopes of earning her PhD in Child Counseling, Amy's goals work perfectly with HeartLine to take and expand its Suicide Prevention Outreach efforts.

Ginger Smith is a Recovery Support Specialist who has the position of Recovery Coordinator and Advocate at Red Rock West BHS. She is also the chair for the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council serves by appointment on the Governors Transformation Advisory Board, Co-Chair of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council to Oklahoma Health Care Authority, a member of the Oklahoma team for the TSIG grant, and involved in several other committees. Her passion is educating not only the persons she serves but the community about recovery for individuals diagnosed with mental ill and co-occurring issues. She has a B.S. in Political Science.

Cory Jones is a Credentialed Peer Recovery Support Specialist. He enjoys working with and advocating for consumers on their journeys to recovery. He has done volunteer work at two community mental health centers. I have had experience facilitating groups such as the Wellness Recovery Action Plan, Double Trouble in Recovery and teaching parts of the Peer Recovery Support Specialist training. I am currently working with my community on issues such as suicide prevention, and support for survivors of suicide. I have a strong passion for helping people find the tools they need to succeed in making the lives not only manageable but enjoyable. I enjoy spending time with friends, family and playing the guitar.

Doris Washington is the Executive Director of CARE, Inc. (Clinton Association for Rights and Equality). Which is a grassroot organization striving help with at-risk families in our community. Many of the youth in our community are at risk in many areas (Jr. High and High school drop outs, teen pregnancy, drug & alcohol abuse, low self-esteem, etc.) CARE went to work right away partnered with other organizations to provide as many services available for the youth of our community. CARE gathered resources that would enhance our youths' personal lives and educational needs. Her background is in Administrative duties.

Dr. Elissa McElrath Dyer has a Masters in Community Counseling and a doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oklahoma. She is a licensed psychologist and the Assistant Director of the Student Counseling Center at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). In addition, she is the Director of the UCO Violence Prevention Project, a federally-funded program that focuses on prevention and assistance to survivors related to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Dr. Dyer is also in private practice in Oklahoma City with Edmondson Counseling Services.

Charles Lillard holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Philips University Graduate Seminary. Dr. Lillard also has crisis and counseling training in Critical Incident Stress Management; Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention gatekeeper training; Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) for suicide intervention; Disaster Relief Chaplain Training, Prepare-Enrich Marriage Counseling;

and Next Level Leadership Training. Dr. Lillard works for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma as the Director of Baptist Collegiate Ministries serving the University of Central Oklahoma.

Lori Linstead serves as the State Director for 2-1-1 Oklahoma where she is responsible for the administration of the 2-1-1 statewide dialing code for information and referral and disaster response and recovery for Oklahoman's in need of community services.

She received her Bachelor's degree from Cameron University in Public Relations/Communications and completed her Master's degree in 2006 from Oklahoma State University in the field of Early Childhood Education. Lori has received national certification by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) and is also a nationally certified trainer in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST).

Gayle Semtner is the Program Manager for the Aging and Disabilities Resource Consortium (ADRC) with Aging Services Division of OKDHS. In this position she serves as the lead staff person on the ADRC initiative, monitors the ADRC grant, and coordinates the development and curriculum of cross-training of the network staff. Semtner also works with the Transformation Cabinet to expand the ADRC partnership, to achieve project goals and to market the ADRC. Training volunteers, planning conferences and facilitating meetings for non-profit organizations is an enjoyment for Semtner. She holds a Masters in Education from the University of Central Oklahoma and a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma.

Tom Beddow has a Master of Science degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Oklahoma Baptist University. Mr. Beddow has training and certification in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) for Individual, Group and Pastoral Crisis Intervention, is a Disaster Relief Chaplain endorsed by the North American Mission Board, is a trainer for Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Question Persuade Refer (QPR), Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program and Interpersonal Communication Program, and has training in Psychological First Aid – Acute Disaster Intervention.

Officer Bervis Littles attended Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas with a focus on Health & Physical Education. He Graduated from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Police Academy and served as a police officer for two years in Chandler, Oklahoma, one year in Norman, Oklahoma and has been an officer with the Edmond Police Department for 9 years. Officer Littles is a certified FTO – Field Training Officer, SRO – School Resource Officer, Crisis Negotiator-Hostage Negotiator, CIT-Crisis Intervention Officer, QPR (Suicide Prevention) Instructor, ASIST Instructor and LEDT Instructor. Additionally, he serves as a Lake Patrol Officer, Bike Officer and is a member of the OASISS Team and Honor Guard.

Cheryl McElhany currently resides in McAlester, OK. She works for the Oklahoma Military Department as a Family Assistance Specialist for the Oklahoma National Guard. In this position she provides information, referral, outreach, and support services to service members and their families for all branches of the military.

Princiss Hill currently resides in Edmond, OK and works with the Oklahoma Military Department, Oklahoma City, OK as a Family Assistance Specialist. As a Family Assistance Specialist she assists in providing information, referral, outreach, and support services to Service Members and their families for all branches of service.

Kimberly Powell, R.N., has been in the field of nursing for over fifteen years. She graduated from Eastern Oklahoma State College with an Associates in Nursing to become a Registered Nurse in 1999. Kimberly continues to work part-time for Lane Frost and is the Assistant Director of Nursing for Sunshine Hospice. She is certified as a Wound Care Coordinator and Case Manager and co-facilitates a monthly Parkinson's Support Group for patients with end-stage Parkinson's. Kimberly volunteers her time traveling to area nursing homes where she trains nursing home employees related to patient care.

Todd Strader is a police officer with the Edmond Police Department for 15 years. He has attended many classes in handling people in crisis and is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. That team consists of a small percentage of patrol Officers who have specialized training in handling people in crisis and handling people who have mental illnesses. The team responds and takes cases from suicidal persons in the field. He is also a Hostage Negotiator for the department and went to a weeklong school with the San Antonio Swat Team. His greatest satisfaction I get from being a police officer is helping people in crisis.

Ken Elliott works full time as a school counselor with the Edmond Public School District. He started his counseling career 25 years ago while developing his crisis intervention skills in community agency work. Violence prevention, intervention, and postvention has been his focus in both community and school settings and has worked for the last 13 of these years in school settings. Ken is a Certified K-12 School Counselor, Licensed Marital & Family Therapist, and a Clinically Certified Domestic Violence Counselor. He has trained in/used various suicide intervention models when working with people at risk and is a certified trainer in 3 of these models. Ken reports that ASIST is an ideal community based model as anyone can learn ASIST to save a life.

Shelly Douglas is the co-founder of HopeTeam, Inc. HopeTeam is dedicated to educating our communities about suicide intervention. She is a Registered Trainer for Living Works, Inc. and their Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program. Shelly is also a Consumer Advocate for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). She is currently the Director of National and International Business Development for World Baseball Outreach, a non-profit organization that reaches out to youth in need. Her background in sales, marketing and public relations allows her to continue her passion of helping others. She is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma with a B.A. in Psychology.

Karen E. Coleman, MBS, LPC, CM is the Clinical Director for Providence of Oklahoma in Madill, Oklahoma. She has been a professional in the field of Counseling for over sixteen years and is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Karen spent five years working specifically with crisis intervention and suicide assessment. She is the Mental Health Representative for the Marshall County Multidisciplinary Team. Karen is also certified as a Forensic Interviewer through Finding Words Oklahoma since 2008 with advanced training in specialized populations. She is an active member of the Love County Coalition Team and sits on the Board of Directors for Marshall County Family Support Services. She brings her years of experience working with adults and children to her teaching along with her dedication to being the voice for those who so often go unheard.

James Bryan Hiel is currently the Access Specialist for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS). In his current position, he facilitates access to the services provided by ODMHSAS. He develops access to ODMHSAS through addressing ODMHSAS and its contracted agencies policies/procedures; shaping program ports for underserved populations and educating the public on access issues. He has been with ODMHSAS for about 5 years and working in mental health and healthcare fields for over 15 years. His previous position with ODMHSAS was as the Director of Residential Services for Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center where he helped design and direct their intensive psychiatric outpatient residential program. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has Masters of Arts Degrees in both Marriage/Family Therapy and Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism from Oklahoma State University.

WyAngela Knight-Singh, MS, CM, has a Bachelors Degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling; she also obtained a Master of Science with emphasis in Rehabilitation Counseling and Licensure eligibility for Licensed Professional Counselor. She has worked in the public health/prevention field for more than twelve years. She currently works at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services as a Prevention Program Field Representative for the Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative. She provides technical assistance, training, and assists communities to expand their capacity to provide services for Oklahoma citizens in crisis.

Deborah Scott (Cherokee) grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is a registered member of Cherokee Nation. She served as a delegate on the 1999 Cherokee Constitution Committee and has been a Cherokee history teacher for non-credited classes in Houston since 1990. She earned an undergraduate degree in Marketing and Consumer Sciences from the University of Houston in 1984. She also has a Masters in Public Health from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. Ms. Scott is the principal and executive director of Sage Associates, Inc., founded in 1990 and TERO certified (Trially Recognized Organization) by Cherokee Nation. Her expertise includes development and implementation of evaluation plans for special programs/projects, needs assessments, customer service satisfaction studies and program design including development, administration, and data analysis. She has recently been appointed as Adjunct Instructor at the University of Texas, School of Public Health. Recent research projects include HIV and gang prevention within Native American residential schools, disaster preparedness within linguistically isolated communities, and efforts to integrate primary and behavioral health care.

Amy Douglas is a Registered Nurse at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City. Before becoming a nurse, she was a teacher/coach for 8 years in both public and private schools. Amy is a Contract Trainer with Hope Team, Inc., and is also a Provisional Trainer for Living Works, Inc. and their Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program. She is a true believer in the power the ASIST program teaches to save lives. Amy is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma with a B.S. in Education, with a minor in Mathematics, and a B.S. in Nursing.

DJ Battiest-Tomasi, MBS NCP,US My professional experience has been working in the mental health field 22yrs. and for our Native American population since 1998. I have a Master's degree in Behavioral Studies and under supervision currently for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor license and additionally am a Nationally Certified Psychologist United States, (Master's Level). I felt honored to participate in the Indian Health Service National Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Initiative of the Healthy Native Communities Fellowship for 2010, and presently as alum.

Sydney Martinez, MPH, is an Epidemiologist at the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board's Tribal Epidemiology Center. She has worked at the Tribal Epi Center for over three years, working on the Community Health Profiles project, Tribal Needs Assessment surveys, and the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative, and became an ASIST Trainer in 2010. She has completed her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and a Bachelor's of Science Degree from the University of Oklahoma in Health and Exercise Science.

Susie Harge is the lead Prevention Specialist with Seminole Nation Alcohol & Substance Abuse. She is currently in the process of applying for licensure for LADC and LCSW. She began her employment with the tribe May 2010. She offers drug and alcohol education to youths and adults. She is also QPR certified (Question, Persuade, & Refer). She was also the Director and case manager for the Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Program from September 2009 to May 2010. She also worked as a Social Worker for Palliative Hospice from March 2007 to September 2008. She first began her career at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services as a Child Welfare Specialist II in Seminole County from May 2004 to February 2007. She received her Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Oklahoma in May 2005 through the Advance Standing program and her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) from the East Central University in May 2004. She has participated in the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program through East Central University and OU.

Sandie Foote and her husband are parents of 3 children, 2 of whom have disabilities. She has worked with families who have children with special needs for 16 years, has a BA degree, and is a Certified Behavioral Health Case Manager. She has worked in mental health, developmental disabilities, and the public school system. Sandie believes in the power of partnerships, and in advocating for all children, and the systems that serve them. Teaching and training are her passion, and she has provided trainings on a variety of topics to parents and professionals.

Kristy Morrell received her Master Degree from the University Of Oklahoma School Of Social Work. She has worked in the mental health field for 15 years and is now the Director of Behavioral Health at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. Prior to becoming Director Ms. Morrell worked in meth/suicide prevention as the coordinator for prevention program. She engages her community in suicide prevention by coordinating suicide walks and conducts presentations on meth and suicide. She is currently under supervision for her LCSW and will finish July 2011 and has completed supervision for her LADC.