

how can I help
this survivor
talking about
suicide?

Suicide Prevention 101 for DV Advocates

the abuser is
threatening
to kill
himself if
she leaves,
what now?



I want to
check in
about her
suicidal
thoughts, but
how?

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A practical training designed to help DV advocates
think through suicide risks and apply effective interventions

- Talking to survivors about their abusers' suicidal behavior and threats
- Assessing for risk of homicide when the abuser has history of suicidal behavior
- Understanding survivors' suicidal thoughts and behavior (current and past) and how to talk openly about it
- Risk and protective factors for suicide
- Practical evidence-based interventions we should all know to prevent death by suicide

about the trainers:

Linda Dimeff, PhD is the director of Portland DBT Institute, Inc. She previously served as Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President at BTECH Research, Inc., an organization she co-founded with Marsha M. Linehan, PhD to facilitate the training and dissemination of DBT and other evidence-based therapies (EBTs). She also serves as the Chief Scientific Officer at Evidence-Based Practice Institute, developing and evaluating emerging technologies to transform training and delivery of EBTs. Linda is an expert clinician, consultant, and supervisor with a specialty in DBT for Substance Abusers. She is a standing member of the Mental Health Services Research grant review committee for the National Institute of Mental Health and is Adjunct Clinical Faculty at the University of Washington. Linda has published many peer review articles and received multiple honors for her work.

Andrew White, PhD received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Rhode Island and was a fellow at Harvard Medical School before moving to Oregon. His areas of expertise include adolescent and family treatment, clinical risk management, suicide, and implementation of evidence-based practice. He has extensive research and evaluation experience with specific interests in community-based program evaluation and frequent use of psychiatric emergency services. He works hard to ensure the delivery of effective evidence based treatment, especially for individuals who have experienced barriers to accessing mental health services. As Associate Director at PDBTI, he sets program policy, provides clinical services, oversees research and evaluation of services, and provides supervises residents and clinical staff.

Margaret Hobart, PhD, is an advocate, activist, and expert on domestic violence, child welfare, domestic violence homicides, LGBTQ+ intimate partner violence (IPV), and children impacted by domestic violence. She has worked in organizations dedicated to ending sexual and domestic violence since the 80's. She started the Washington State Domestic Violence Fatality Review in 1997, worked at the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence for 15 years, then helped lead the National LGBTQ Institute on IPV from 2014-2018. Her areas of expertise include domestic violence homicides/suicides, children impacted by DV, child welfare responses to DV and the family surveillance/child removal system's impact on DV survivors and their children, shelter policy, rules and design, and access to advocacy for LGBTQ survivors. She currently provides expertise, training and policy analysis as a consultant.



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