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Executive Summary: Suicide Prevention Actions

How are faculty & staff trained to recognize the signs of student mental health concerns and suicide? What are best practices?

All Action Items suggested for this area have been accomplished including: (1) Counselors have completed QPR Instructor Certification and have done eight group presentations; (2) A counseling QPR brochure has been created and distributed; (3) a QPR website has been generated and it is highlighted at the new faculty orientation and Department Head orientation each Fall; (4) RA's receive QPR training; and (5) Suicide prevention is promoted through posters stall stories, e-mails, and wellness events.

How do staff and paraprofessionals in Residence Life receive training and promote opportunities for connections?

All Action Items suggested for this area have been accomplished including: (1) FrontStander messaging includes suicide prevention; (2) Residence Life promotes the "Take My Hand- Diggers Supports Diggers" pledge campaign each Fall; (3) Suicide Prevention is included in the "Campus Safety" program during Orientation; (4) Residence Life Director meets bi-monthly with RA's to discuss students of concern; and (5) Residence Life Director receives 20th and 40th day grade report for students living in the halls.

What proactive efforts are offered annually to support outreach?

All Action Items suggested for this area have been accomplished including: (1) A depression screening questionnaire is utilized for all students visiting the Health Center; (2) Suicide Prevention is featured during Fall & Spring Wellness Fairs; and (3) Counseling services are featured each month in Student Health 101

What has been done to improve our Behavioral Intervention Team(BIT) and how has our campus been educated about the BIT program?

All Action Items suggested for this area have been accomplished including: (1) Publicizing the BIT team during New faculty and Department head orientations; (2) Adding the BIT team to the committee roster; (3) We joined NaBITA; and (4) A BIT reporting form is located on the Student Conduct reporting page.

Conclusions

We have developed policy and protocol to be used in the event of a campus suicide based on the HEMA (Higher Education Mental Health Alliance) "Postvention Guide".