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## CENTER UPDATE

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## Suicide Risk Assessment & Prevention Training

According to SAMHSA research—Every 15 minutes someone in the U.S. takes his or her own life. And for every one suicide, there are 25 attempts.

Clinical staff at the Center recently attended a live webinar training focused on major risk factors related to suicide assessment and prevention. Topics reviewed were the importance of gathering and corroborating information, increasing patient interview reliability, using the right tools and checklists, documenting thoroughly and reviewing the suicide risk danger signs. Additionally the training included strategies to increase the likelihood that an individual will be truthful in describing suicidal concerns, identifying the events which trigger the need for reevaluations of suicide risk and other danger signs to look for.

The event was sponsored by The Mental Health Risk Retention Group (MHRRG) which specializes in providing liability insurance for the behavioral healthcare field. The presenter, Ronald Zimmet is an attorney and served as president of the board of directors of a community mental health center in Daytona Beach, Florida.

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