



SUICIDE PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Based on our assessment of suicide prevention needs in Montgomery County MCES will address the following unmet or underserved need:

1. Maintain engagement with the Montgomery County Suicide Prevention Task Force and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services to assure that our suicide prevention activities complement and supplement their suicide prevention plans and programs.
2. Focus our suicide prevention as much as possible on adults between the ages of 18-64 who are at risk of suicide because of a serious mental health crisis or psychiatric emergency.
3. Lend our support, expertise, and professional resources to increasing the availability of aftercare and support for individuals in Montgomery County who have survived a suicide attempt.
4. Promote the development of postvention services and supports for individuals with serious mental illness who have experienced the suicide of a family member, peer, or other party whose loss they are grieving.
5. Conduct a continuing education program on post-discharge suicide prevention for licensed social workers (LSWs and LCSWs) who provide crisis intervention and/or case management services at hospital emergency departments in Montgomery County.
6. Continue to offer education programs and suicide prevention resources to police officers, EMS personnel, and other emergency responders to increase awareness of risk, identification of warning signs, and sources of help.
7. Develop and offer advanced suicide prevention education programs approved for police officer continuing education by the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission (MPOETC).
8. Assure that MCES clinical programs and services meet or exceed the Patient Safety Goals of The Joint Commission (TJC).
9. Work with the MCES Medical Staff, Allied Therapy Department, and the MCES Suicide Prevention Committee to resume inpatient psychoeducational groups on suicide prevention for MCES inpatients.
10. Introduce a suicide prevention education program for residents of the MCES Crisis Residential Program (CRP) , Carol's Place.