



# NETWORK *Notification*

**Notice Date:** September 1, 2020  
**To:** Georgia Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Georgia Suicide Initiative

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## **Summary**

On behalf of Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), CareSource is communicating information about the Georgia Suicide Initiative. Please reference the bulletin below for more details on this initiative.

## **GEORGIA SUICIDE PREVENTION CLINICIAN NETWORK**

*Connecting, Equipping, and Supporting Clinicians Skilled in Suicide Care Across Georgia*

### **Purpose of the Network**

The purpose of the Georgia Suicide Prevention Clinician Network, hosted by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities - Office of Behavioral Health Prevention and Federal Grants - Suicide Prevention Program, is to *connect, equip, and support* licensed behavioral health professionals across the state in order to provide effective treatment to suicidal individuals and implement suicide prevention best practices in screening, interventions, safety planning, and risk formulation for those identified at risk for suicide.

Behavioral Health providers serve many individuals at high risk for suicide. Increased integration of suicide prevention practice has been shown to reduce the number of individuals who die as a result of suicide. As such, an invitation to participate in Georgia's Suicide Prevention Clinician Network is being offered to you as a part of Georgia's network.

### **Benefits of Participation**

- Peer support from fellow clinicians
- Access technical support and trainings
- Develop clinical skills and knowledge
- Become educated on ethics and liability concerns
- Solutions for overcoming obstacles in clinical care
- Preferred access to Georgia suicide prevention materials specifically for clinicians
- Quarterly networking calls

### **Suicide Specific Treatment Modalities**

Both experienced and emerging clinicians around the state who are licensed or seeking licensure and have a direct role in screening or treating clients at risk for suicide whenever indicated and possible use effective suicide-specific treatment including but not limited to:

- Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR)

- Collaborative and Management of Suicidality (CAMS)
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)
- Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Suicide Prevention (CBT- SP)

**More Information**

- Join Now at <http://bit.ly/gspcn-signup>
- Contacts: [suicide.prevention@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:suicide.prevention@dbhdd.ga.gov)
- [Prevention postcard](#)
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