

Clarification of Reporting Youth At-Risk of Suicide for School Personnel Receiving Kognito Training

Recently School Counselors received a letter from Jolene Palmer asking for information on youth who are referred for services because they are identified at-risk for suicide. The following answers are in response to questions asked about this process.

Why is this information needed?

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services received a 5-year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for suicide prevention in Nebraska. Some of these grant funds have been used to purchase Kognito At-Risk online training for school personnel. The SAMHSA grant includes an evaluation requirement to collect data on youth who are identified as being at-risk for suicide and referred for services. SAMHSA is requesting this information to determine if trainings such as Kognito are an effective use of resources and result in youth being identified and referred for services. The requested data will also provide information that can improve suicide training and referral processes for schools in Nebraska.

What youth are included?

Information is requested for high school, middle school, and elementary school youth who are identified as at-risk for suicide by school personnel who have completed the Kognito At-Risk training. It does not apply to youth who have been identified by personnel prior to Kognito At-Risk training; it does not apply to youth identified as having issues other than risk for suicide. You do not need to report past identification and referrals.

How is this information protected?

The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (UNPPC) is the evaluator for this project and has set up a secure online process for reporting the requested information. This process includes a unique student ID, so no identifying information is received by the UNPPC or SAMHSA. The University of Nebraska Institutional Review Board (IRB) has approved the procedures for collection of this information. The link for reporting information can be found at [Identification Reporting](#).

Are there alternative ways to report the information?

If your school already collects the necessary information, the evaluators can work with your school to transfer this information in an alternative secure manner. The UNPPC will host a webinar to answer questions and discuss the evaluation in further detail with schools administrators and counselors.

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