

Re: Introduction to Suicidology: Prevention, Intervention & Postvention

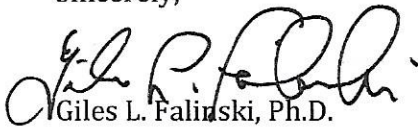
To Whom it May Concern:

I wish to commend the Suicide Postvention Response Team, and enthusiastically endorse the above training to all who have, are now dealing with or may face the effects of loss due to an act of suicide. Permit me to share my own background on this topic:

In addition to my own reading on the subject, I have had formal training in the mechanics, process, and effects of suicide in the police academy, several classes during in-service training in my career as a law enforcement officer, and during graduate school. I have taught undergraduate classes in crisis intervention, and consider myself somewhat knowledgeable on the subject.

I had the opportunity to attend the above practical training course offered by Pete Bliss and the Suicide Postvention Response Team, and came away impressed with the scope, breadth, and practicality of the training. While there is a degree of focus of the impact of a suicide event on the family, friends and other associates of suicide victims, there was plenty of insight offered into the dynamics of the decision-making process which culminates in the taking of one's own life. All attendees regardless of their level of education or prior life experiences found the training immensely helpful. This training will no doubt prove equally useful at many institutions and agencies in our area.

Sincerely,



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