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TO: School District Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: May 1, 2017

SUBJECT: New Jason Flatt Act Suicide Trainings Available

UPDATED SUICIDE PREVENTION INFORMATION

The Jason Foundation has recently released new training modules to its existing line up. They can be accessed at:

jasonfoundation.com/get-involved/educator-youth-worker-coach/professional-development-series/

The Wyoming Department of Education, in consultation with the Wyoming Suicide Prevention Review Team, deems these new modules as approved and meeting the requirements and intent of Wyoming suicide prevention statutes for schools.

By way of reminder, pursuant to [W.S. 21-2-202 \(a\)\(xxxv\)](#) and [W.S. 21-3-110 \(a\)\(xxxiii\)](#), the following is a complete list of approved programs for the Wyoming Jason Flatt Act:

1. Mental Health First Aid
2. Safe Schools - Youth Suicide: Awareness & Prevention, Jason Flatt Act
3. Be a Link! Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training
4. Making Educators Partners in Youth Suicide
5. More than Sad: Suicide Prevention Education for Teachers and Other School Personnel
6. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)
7. Suicide Alertness for Everyone (Safe TALK)
8. Kognito At-Risk for High School Educators
9. Jason Foundation Training Modules
10. Ending Suicide for Educators Program

11. Public School Works
12. Global Compliance Network
13. Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
14. School Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program
15. Online Counseling and Suicide Intervention Specialist (OCSI)
16. QPRT Suicide Risk Assessment and Risk Management Training Program
17. Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk (RRSR)
18. Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR)
19. National or Statewide Conference (Must be primarily a suicide prevention conference, sponsored by a national or statewide accrediting body, approved by the district superintendent, and include some fundamental basics/core competencies)

The Jason Flatt Act was adopted in Wyoming in 2014, requiring suicide prevention education for teachers and administrators. The law states that eight hours of training given over four years is a minimum. Schools may supplement this training with other activities and programs that are not included on the above list.

Lastly, the web-based tool www.classroommentalhealth.org can be incorporated into districts' and schools' overall strategy for preventing suicide.

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