

Overview

5 CEUs

Title: Substance Use Disorders and Suicidality: What Everyone Needs to Know

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Individuals struggling with addiction are at a higher risk for suicide. Conversely, in the population of those struggling with depression and other mood disorders, alcohol and drug use are a significant risk factor for suicide. People with substance use disorders are about six times more likely to take their life than the general population. This workshop will help attendees explore the link between substance use and suicidality. Pertinent aspects of assessment and screening will be reviewed along with effective modes of intervention. A review of risk factors and implications for treatment will be discussed along with a review of the more common co-occurring disorders that the substance use disorder counselor will treat. The unique needs and risk factors of veterans and those currently serving in the military will also be reviewed.

*Please note, this training does **NOT** meet the requirement for KRS 210.366: A credential holder shall complete a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

Objectives- Attendees of this training will:

- 1) Review the prevalence of suicide and substance use in the United States and explore the link between the two.
- 2) Discuss the importance of completing a thorough screening and assessment to determine risk level for suicide with the clients being treated
- 3) Review more common co-occurring disorders that pose a greater risk for suicide and discuss important implications for intervention and treatment
- 4) Discuss unique aspects for working with veterans and those actively serving in the military for addressing substance use and suicidality.