

Traumatic Loss Coalitions For Youth

What Is The TLC?

- An interactive statewide program funded by a Federal Block Grant through the NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF)
 Division of Child Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS).
- Every county Traumatic Loss Coalition is under the direction of a TLC Coordinator.
- The program is managed by a Central Team that plans programs and provides technical assistance to each coordinator.

Whom Does The TLC Serve?

- School personnel
- Mental health clinicians
- Juvenile justice personnel
- Law enforcement personnel
- Social service agency personnel
- Child welfare personnel
- Faith-based program personnel
- Others working closely with school-age youth

 County coalition meetings for the purpose of networking, disseminating information and reviewing best practices in the areas of mental health, trauma, and suicide prevention.

 Suicide Awareness Training for Educators (fulfills the professional development requirement per Bill 3931).

 Assistance in the development of prevention and postvention services for school crisis plans.

 Consultation with schools in the area of evidenced-based suicide prevention curricula to fulfill the requirements of the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.

- Suicide Assessment Training for clinicians in schools, screening centers, behavioral health centers and private practice.
- Basic and Advanced Post Traumatic Stress Management training (PTSM) for school crisis teams and community responders. This enables schools to have trained staff onsite in the event of a traumatic incident.

- Annual conference featuring current research and best practices in Youth Suicide Prevention.
- Annual conference featuring current research and best practices in Trauma and Youth.
- County, regional, and statewide trainings in topics relevant to working with youth.

- Assistance from the TLC's Lead Response Teams (LRTs) following a traumatic loss or other critical incident affecting youth.
- The TLC Newsletter and Webpage providing timely information on suicide prevention, violence, trauma, grief and other topics relevant to working with youth

For more information

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