

Suicide Prevention In-service Training

State Mandate beginning 2008-2009 School Year

All teachers, school counselors, principals, and other school administrators MUST attend 2 hours of professional development on suicide prevention as mandated by the State of Louisiana.

ACT No. 219 (House Bill No. 719) provides for at least 2 hours of professional development for teachers, school counselors, principals, and other school administrators in the area of suicide prevention. This in-service training shall be conducted annually.

Educators in Vermilion Parish will have an opportunity for training on November 4th. For those unable to receive training on November 4th, an on-line training opportunity is available.

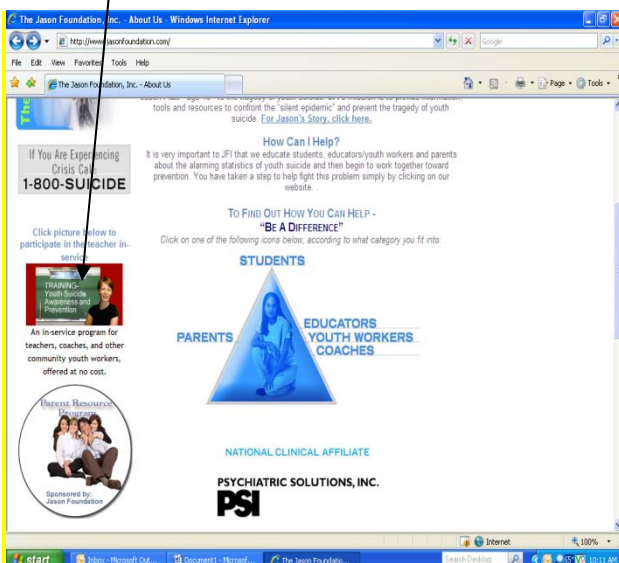
November 4, 2008: Professional Development will be offered to fulfill the mandate of 2 hours of suicide prevention training. Sessions A/B are available for middle and high school teachers/administrators and Sessions C/D are available for elementary teachers/administrators. A certificate of participation will be given to those completing the training. The sessions are open for 100 participants. Participants must attend a 2-block session (A/B or C/D) to receive credit for the suicide prevention training.

Sign-in sheets from the sessions on November 4th will be provided to your principal. Principals will keep a folder containing documentation of suicide prevention training for educators at their school. The documentation will be the sign-in sheet for the sessions provided on November 4th and for those completing training on-line, a copy of the certificate of completion will be given to the principal and kept on file.

Those who are unable to receive the training on November 4th may do so on-line. The Jason Foundation provides on-line in-service training for educators. To access this on-line training opportunity, please follow the directions listed below

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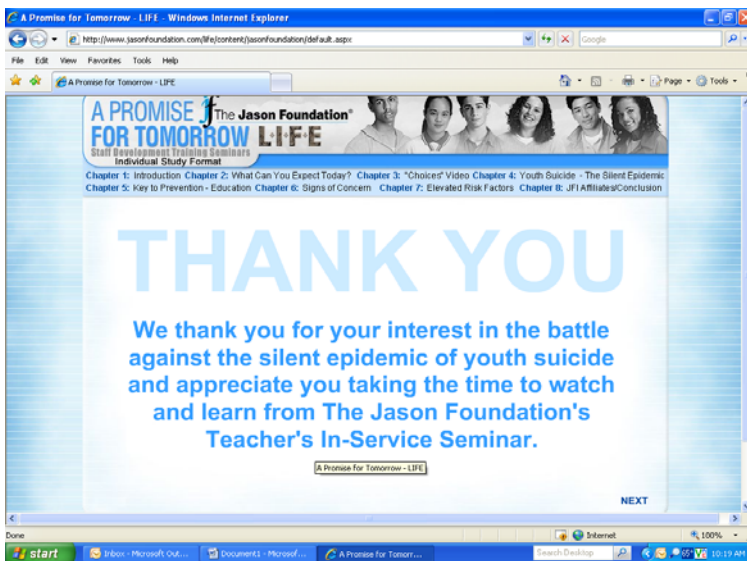


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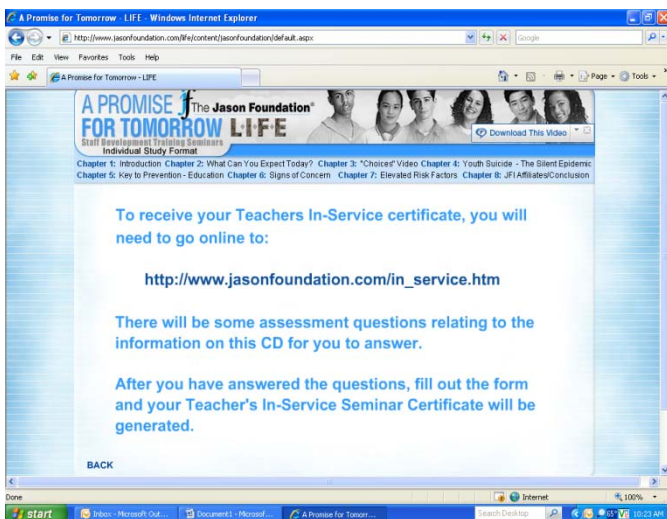
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The information is broken into 8 chapters. Each chapter may be completed at different times or in the same sitting. To complete all 8 chapters, it will take approximately 1 ½ hours.

After completing all eight chapters, this screen will appear.



At the end of Chapter 8, the participant answers 10 questions. Upon completing the questions, the participant is prompted to click a link which will ask for participant information. Complete this information to receive your teacher in-service certificate. When you are ready to complete the participant information, be at a computer with printing capability. Once the certificate is printed, make a copy and give it to your principal. Your principal will keep the copy as documentation that you received/participated in the required suicide prevention training.



**Thank you for your interest in the battle against the silent epidemic of youth suicide.
A little information can go a long way in saving someone's life.**