



**Training Professionals & Communities in
Suicide Prevention & Response**

“**Connect**” is a **National Best Practice Program** that increases the competence and confidence of all military personnel to respond to suicide incidents in theater and at home. This **Connect** approach focuses on **prevention** (education about early recognition) **intervention** (skills for responding to attempts, thoughts, and threats of suicide) and **postvention** (promoting healing and reducing risk after a suicide). **Connect** utilizes evidence supported protocols and training to improve skills for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. **Connect** training promotes early detection and treatment of risk factors such as mental illness and substance abuse disorders which can lead to suicide thoughts, threats, attempts and deaths. **Postvention** training guides military leaders through procedures around memorial services, communication and outreach to troops and families after a suicide.

Training Programs for Military Leaders

Suicide Postvention: Participants will learn about and gain skills in:

- Suicide Death Notification and Supporting Next of Kin/Family
- Notification/debriefing of unit/fellow soldiers
- Military Honors For Soldiers Who Die By Suicide
- Postvention Duties of Chaplains, Casualty Assistance Officers and others
- Grief and Complicated Bereavement of A Suicide Death
- Civilian and Military Resources for Soldiers, Families & Troops After A Suicide



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