



# Community-Led Suicide Prevention Academy

The CLSP Academy provides coalitions with information, skills, and resources that support real-world practice.

## Learn, Collaborate, Act

The CLSP Academy brings together practitioners, content experts, and community representatives who are dedicated to creating change. Academy staff instruct community-based teams on how to strengthen and sustain coalitions, use data to drive strategic planning, improve community readiness, and integrate health equity concerns into programming. Participants leave the Academy with a preliminary coalition action plan, preparing them to have the greatest impact in their communities.

## Academy Details

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### AUDIENCE

Local suicide prevention partnership or coalition members

### DURATION

16 hours of content:  
In-Person Academy: 1 online prep session, 2 days in person  
Online Academy: 5 online sessions

## Sponsor a CLSP Academy

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States and organizations across the U.S. can work with EDC to sponsor a CLSP Academy in their communities.



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## About Community-Led Suicide Prevention

Education Development Center (EDC) developed the Community-Led Suicide Prevention framework for coalition members and practitioners who want to take a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention in their communities. EDC's online [CLSP Toolkit](https://clsp.edc.org) at [clsp.edc.org](https://clsp.edc.org) offers coalitions a step-by-step process for effective real-world changes.

The CLSP framework was inspired by The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's [Transforming Communities](#) report. CLSP also aligns with the four Strategic Directions outlined in the [National Strategy for Suicide Prevention \(NSSP\)](#). Released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2024, the NSSP is a bold plan that centers community-led efforts in the fight against suicide. CLSP provides prevention coalitions with a structure and strategy for achieving the plan's ambitious goals.

### Academy Staff

The CLSP Academy is facilitated by EDC Solutions staff who have extensive experience supporting communities in their suicide prevention efforts.

#### Staff include:

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This Academy pushed us forward. There were things that we were talking about for a long time but hadn't actually done. We saw things other coalitions were doing in their communities, and we said, 'We should be doing that.' This pushed us to move past planning and into action. It energized us.

—Kirsten Sierra, St. Louis Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition



Every community can benefit from a coordinated, comprehensive suicide prevention approach that weaves together the many strands of prevention, intervention, and postvention.

—2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention



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