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Inquiry for Interest

To: **New York State Criminal Justice Executives**

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Subject: **Instructor Level Training - Suicide Prevention in County Jails and Police Lockups – 2013 Schedule**

Nationally, suicide is a leading cause of death for inmates in jails and lockups. As a result, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, NYS Office of Mental Health and the State Commission of Correction are pleased to announce the 2013 training schedule for the Suicide Prevention in County Jails and Police Lockups Instructor Course. A new training program has been developed that replaces the existing curriculum. This updated course provides instructor training in the following areas: understanding suicide; assessing suicide risk; mental illness and suicide, substance abuse and suicide; suicide prevention screening guidelines; and suicide prevention after cell assignment. This course is the instructor component as required by the NYS Commission of Correction.

All new instructors are required to attend a Suicide Prevention Instructor Level Course prior to training the new curriculum. Current Suicide Prevention Instructors who have successfully completed the course since 2000 and have instructed suicide prevention classes may begin training the new curriculum immediately. In an effort to familiarize current suicide prevention instructors with the new curriculum updates, an orientation webinar is currently being developed and will be announced at a later date. Instructors who have not taught suicide prevention within the last two years are strongly encouraged to attend the updated instructor course. All instructors who completed the training before 2000 will be required to attend a new instructor course.

New training manuals will be provided to instructors who attend the Suicide Prevention Instructor Training Courses. The new training manuals are also available now through the Office of Mental Health by contacting: Maryann McNamara, Secretary, Division of Forensic Services, NYS Office of Mental Health (518) 473-1066.

The instructor level training will be offered on the following dates in four different counties:

March 19-21, 2013 – Westchester County
May 14-16, 2013 – Warren County
June 18-20, 2013– Seneca County
October 15-17, 2013 – Steuben County

Those wishing to attend must be Law Enforcement Instructors and have successfully completed the MPTC Instructor Development Course or equivalent prior to attending. Mental Health advocates and local staff wishing to become instructors must meet the following qualifications: Bachelors degree (BS, BA, BSN) or RN in a mental health field or specialty with 5 or more years of service delivery experience in a federal, state, or local mental health program; Master's degree in a mental health related field or specialty (MSW, MS, MSN, MSA), or Doctorate in mental health related field (MD, Ph.D., DSW, DSN).

Pre-Registration is required. All interested parties must **register two weeks prior to the course.** We expect a lot of interest, and seats are limited. The location of training and class times will be provided through an email confirmation; therefore you must register in order to attend. To register, use the downloadable form [here](#) or by going to the DCJS training calendar and scroll to the date preferred and download it from the website itself. The calendar is located at: <http://calendar.dcjs.state.ny.us/> . There is no course fee to attend any of the above listed training dates.

If you have any questions about the training, please contact Senior Training Technician Molly Bates at the address in the letterhead, by email at molly.bates@dcjs.ny.gov or by telephone at (518) 485-5304.