Thank you to the following partners who helped to develop this system:

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- BHECN: Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska
- Boys’ Town: Saving Children, Healing Families
- Department of Health & Human Services, Nebraska
- DHHS: Nebraska
- The Kim Foundation
- NAMI Nebraska
- Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB)
- Nebraska Department of Education
- Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition

The organizations supporting this training:

- NEBRASKA-ESU: Coordinating Council
- Nebraska Council of School Administrators
- Nebraska State Education Association

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SUICIDE AWARENESS/PREVENTION
FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL | NEBRASKA LB 923 FIVE YEAR PLAN

**PER LB 923:** At least 1 hour of suicide awareness and prevention training each year.

**INTENT OF THE LAW:** To equip school personnel with information that could save the life of a student; recognizing signs and symptoms of suicidal behaviors and methods of responding to students in crisis. School personnel are critical components of a suicide prevention plan.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** *Any* school staff member having contact with students (i.e. In addition to required audience, para-professionals, administrative/secretarial staff, bus drivers, custodians, kitchen staff, etc.)

**LB 923 REQUIRED AUDIENCE:** *All* public school nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists, administrators, school social workers, and any other appropriate personnel are legislatively mandated to participate.

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Specific suicide prevention training information can be found at [www.education.ne.gov](http://www.education.ne.gov). Click on the A to Z List and scroll to “S”. Web page available July 1, 2015.

**Rationale for System Approach:**
- Provide equal access to quality training for all school staff members statewide.
- Create statewide focus of training toward suicide prevention. As teachers move to different schools, new districts can be assured teachers have previously received adequate training in suicide awareness/prevention.
- Afford teachers and staff opportunity to enhance assets for personal resume.
- Construct systems across public and non-public schools, also including education majors in higher education across our state.
- Collect statewide data to support and inform future decisions about youth suicide awareness/prevention training.
- Select statewide training emphasis based on Nebraska needs and data.
- Create common suicide prevention language.

**Selection of Programs:**
- Programs with an evidence-base are priority for inclusion. The requirement for inclusion is to be listed on the National Registry for Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP), the National Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) Best Practice Registry or recommended for use by the Nebraska DHHS Division of Behavioral Health and approved by the National Suicide Prevention Resource Center (content) and NDE (process).
- Data and plan will be evaluated and revised at the end of five years to include additional programs with an approved evidence base and capacity for delivery to all Nebraska schools during the designated 15 day in-service time frame.

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