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**A SAMHSA-Sponsored Free Webinar Opportunity!
Part 2: Addressing Suicidal Ideation and Behaviors in Individuals with a
First Episode of Psychosis**

Wednesday, September 7th, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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**Addressing Suicidal Ideation and Behaviors in Individuals with a First Episode of
Psychosis Webinar: Part 2 of a Two-Part Series**

Wednesday, September 7th, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm Eastern

As part of the its SAMHSA-funded work to support states in their development of First Episode Psychosis services, NRI and NASMHPD have organized the second webinar of a 2 part series, "*Addressing Suicidal Ideation and Behaviors in Individuals with a First Episode of Psychosis*". According to the Centers for Disease Control, "persons with schizophrenia pose a high risk for suicide. Approximately one-third will attempt suicide, and eventually 1 out of 10 will take their own lives." NIMH, in their White Paper on Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Services for Individuals Experiencing a First Episode of Psychosis, recommends that, "... CSC staff members must understand common problems that cut across all service categories, such as difficulties in engaging the client and their family members, clients' vulnerability for developing substance use problems, and heightened risk of suicide during the early years of treatment." To assist states and Block Grant-funded First Episode Psychosis (FEP) program providers in recognizing and addressing suicidal risks in their clients, SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services is sponsoring a two-part series of webinars that address the issues of identifying and addressing suicidal ideation and behavior.

The final webinar of the two-part series shifts focus from identifying individuals at increased risk for suicide to addressing suicidal behavior in persons with FEP. The webinar will be a virtual learning forum to discuss the clinical and programmatic issues that FEP programs must address once suicidal ideation and behaviors have been identified. Experts on suicidality in schizophrenia will discuss their experiences in addressing suicide risks and behaviors within a CSC program. They will specifically focus on the value of continuous risk assessments for clinics with FEP, the importance of safety planning, and the need for both proactive and

reactive risk management. These valuable lessons will be presented through the lens of real-world cases, and will include attention to cultural issues.

Presenters include:

- Federal Welcome by **Monique Browning**, Public Health Advisor, SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services' Division of State and Community Systems Development
- **Yael Holoshitz, M.D.**, Psychiatrist, Columbia University, New York State Psychiatric Institute
- **Tara Niendam, Ph.D.**, Psychologist, Director of Operations, EDAPT and SacEDAPT Programs at UC Davis
- **James Wright, L.C.P.C.**, Public Health Advisor in SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Branch

The first session of this series, *Recognizing Suicidal Ideation and Behaviors in Individuals with an FEP*, was held on June 28, 2016. It focused on the strategies and tools available to providers and public health authorities to identify and monitor suicidal ideation and behavior. Specific focus was paid to addressing suicidality among individuals with schizophrenia, and the unique challenges for individuals with FEP. The presenters have expertise in developing instruments to assess and identify suicidal ideation (specifically the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale), and have experience implementing these tools in FEP clinical settings (OnTrack and EDAPT).

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