

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Suicidal Behaviors in People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities: Strategies for Successful Care



Dr. Mirian Ofonedu, Ph.D., LCSW-C, is the Director of Training at the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute. She is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) Graduate School and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Mental Health. She is also a faculty affiliate of the Johns Hopkins Wendy Klag Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities and Adjunct Professor at the UMB School of Social Work. Dr. Ofonedu is a psychologist, licensed clinical social worker and a fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA). Her work spans over two decades. [Click](#) to read presenter's bio.

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EST

Where: Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to join the session.

Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Summarize what is known about suicide in the IDD population.
2. List 2-3 false assumptions that limited cognitive abilities serve as protective factors and list 2-3 ways to address them.
3. Recognize risk and protective factors and their existence on multiple levels, and why suicide prevention in the IDD population involves everyone and should be targeted at all levels.
4. Explain why we need to routinely screen for suicidality in this population. List 2-3 available screening measures.
5. Apply practical strategies for successful care outcomes.

People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) are at increased risk for undetected suicidal thoughts and behaviors and for developing suicidal thoughts and behaviors, which usually creates high anxiety for professionals, parents and caregivers caring for and working with them. This training aims to increase professionals', parents' and caregivers' knowledge and skills to recognize risk and protective factors, warning signs and suicidal behaviors in people with IDD, and to facilitate early referral of those at risk for suicide.

Instructional Level: Intermediate

Who Should Attend? Psychologists, Social workers, Counselors, Educators, Parents and caregivers, Nurses, Clinical and medical staff, Direct support professionals and other community service providers, Speech-language pathologists, Physical and occupational therapists, Community members, Students/trainees.

To Register, [Click](#) or Call 443-923-4114

3.0 Continuing Education Hours

Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at Kennedy Krieger Institute is authorized by the Board of Social Work Examiners in Maryland to sponsor social work continuing education programs, and maintains full responsibility for this program. Kennedy Krieger Institute is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Kennedy Krieger Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its content. 3.0 Continuing Education Credits (Category 1) will be granted to social workers and licensed psychologists. A Certificate of Attendance will be made available for all other disciplines. No conflicts have been identified (this includes commercial support and research grants/funding). The registration fees include: \$60 registration fee will be charged for professionals, \$20 registration for parents/caregivers/individuals with disabilities, and \$15 for students/trainees not seeking CE credit workshop registrations.

For more information on our Annual Learning Series or to request accommodation or assistance for individuals with disabilities, please contact us by phone at 443-923-4114, email Training.MCDD@KennedyKrieger.org, or visit KennedyKrieger.org/MCDDTraining. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the scheduled meeting.



Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities
at Kennedy Krieger Institute
Building Partnerships. Changing Lives.