



## Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first-aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide... and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety.

### ASIST makes a difference

As the world's leading suicide intervention workshop, LivingWorks' ASIST program is supported by numerous evaluations including independent and peer-reviewed studies. Results demonstrate that ASIST helps participants become more willing, ready, and able to intervene with someone who has thoughts of suicide.

ASIST is also proven to reduce suicidality for those with thoughts of suicide. A 2013 study that monitored over 1,500 suicidal callers to crisis lines found that callers who spoke with ASIST-trained counselors were 74% less likely to be suicidal after the call, compared to callers who spoke with counselors trained in methods other than ASIST. Callers were also less overwhelmed, less depressed, and more hopeful after speaking with ASIST-trained counselors.

**Goals and objectives-** in the course of the two-day workshop, ASIST participants learn to:

- **Understand** the ways personal and societal attitudes affect views on suicide and interventions
- **Provide** guidance and suicide first-aid to a person with thoughts of suicide in ways that meet their individual safety needs
- **Identify** the key elements of an effective suicide safety plan and the actions required to implement it
- **Appreciate** the value of improving and integrating suicide prevention resources in the community at large
- **Recognize** other important aspects of suicide prevention including life-promotion and self-care

*"Can Be Learned And Used By Anyone!"*

**FOCUS:** Suicide intervention training

**DURATION:** Two days (15 hours)

**PARTICIPANTS:** Anyone 16 or older

**TRAINERS:** Two registered trainers per 15–30 participants

### CEU UNITS AVAILABLE:

12 Continuing Education credit hours can be attained for an additional fee and passage of required exam. Two-day attendance mandatory for both the certificate and CEU units.

### ASIST trainers

ASIST workshops are facilitated by a minimum of two registered trainers who have completed a five-day Training for Trainers (T4T) course. ASIST trainers come from diverse backgrounds, but they must all deliver regular workshops and participate in a rigorous quality control program to remain registered. For information about trainers in your area, email [info@livingworks.net](mailto:info@livingworks.net). A listing of upcoming workshops is available at [www.livingworks.net](http://www.livingworks.net) under the Our Trainings tab, "Find a Training."

### ASIST participants

ASIST is a resource for the whole community. It helps people apply suicide first-aid in many settings: with family, friends, co-workers, and teammates, as well as formal caregiving roles. Many organizations have incorporated ASIST into professional development for their employees. Its widespread use in various communities creates a common language to understand suicide safety issues and communicate across different organizational backgrounds.



## Workshop Process



ASIST is based on adult learning principles. Valuing participants' contributions and experiences, it encourages them to take an active role in the learning process. ASIST's key features include:

### Small-group learning

To facilitate involvement, participants spend over half the workshop in a small group with one of the trainers.

### Audiovisual aid

High-quality slides, diagrams, and videos help participants understand and memorize concepts.

### Training focus

Some participants may have previous personal or professional experience with suicide or intervention. ASIST builds on these experiences to contribute to the overall learning goal—providing suicide first-aid.

### Reliable, proven model

Workshop activities are structured around the ASIST intervention model and provide applicable, hands-on skills practice.

### Emphasis on individual needs

Participants learn to adapt to the specific circumstances of a person with thoughts of suicide and work collaboratively to help them stay safe.

### Perspective matters

Participants are encouraged to reflect on and share their own attitudes about suicide and suicide intervention. This helps them understand how their perspectives may affect their role in providing help to a person with thoughts of suicide.

### Direct approach

By encouraging honest, open, and direct talk about suicide, ASIST helps prepare to discuss the topic with a person with thoughts of suicide

### Adaptable components

ASIST trainers can tailor certain features of the program, such as role-playing activities, to meet participants' professional or cultural needs.



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**1,430,000+**

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*"I use ASIST in virtually every crisis situation, volunteer and work... Thank you for this life-changing program." –ASIST participant*

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