



## What is WAFCA?

The Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies (WAFCA) is a nonprofit organization that develops and provides advocacy, training, and information services for its member agencies and the people they serve.

WAFCA represents more than 40 private agencies that provide mental health, education, and social services to people in need. Most of our agencies have been providing services for over a half-century. Membership in WAFCA is open to private incorporated family and children's service agencies.

Our members' services include personal and family counseling, adoption, residential care, family foster care, family-based services, employee assistance programs, and family life education.



## What does WAFCA do?

WAFCA's primary goal is to promote effective and accountable human services programs, both in Wisconsin and nationally. Our action plans—in advocacy, training, and information development—are designed to enhance the quality of life for families and children, especially those in crisis.

## Directions to the Hilton Garden Inn

*Hilton Garden Inn  
1355 West 20th Avenue  
Oshkosh, WI 54902  
920-966-1300*

**From Madison:** Hwy. 151 North to Waupun. Then take the second Hwy 26 exit (clearly marked "to Rosendale") and follow to Hwy. 41 North at Oshkosh. Continue on Hwy 41 North to Exit 116 (South Park Ave). Right off the ramp and follow through 2 stop lights. Right on 20th Ave, and right into Hilton lot.

**From Milwaukee:** Hwy. 41 North to Oshkosh. Take Exit 116 (South Park Ave). Take a right off ramp and follow through 2 stop lights. Right on 20th Ave, and right into Hilton lot.

**From Appleton/Green Bay:** Hwy 41 South to Exit 116 (South Park Ave). Take a left off the ramp and follow through 2 stop lights. Right on 20th Ave, and right into Hilton lot.

**From Hwy 45 (Winneconne area):** Follow Hwy 45 and take a right onto Hwy 41 South. Take Exit 116 (South Park Ave). Take a left off the ramp and follow through 2 stop lights. Right on 20th Ave, and right into Hilton lot.



Wisconsin Association of  
Family and Children's Agencies  
presents:

## Suicide Risk Assessment: Practical Tools for Best Practices

with

**Nancy Pierce**  
MA, LCSW

of

**Mental Health Crisis  
Consultants**



**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
Oshkosh, WI

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and Children's Agencies  
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## Workshop Description:

This best practice training follows the clinical standards of care developed by American Suicidology Association and Lifeline, the SAMHSA funded toll-free crisis line network. Participants will learn how to effectively elicit suicidal ideation; assess for suicidal desire, capability and intent; manage acute and recurrent suicide risk; gather the necessary clinical information to determine if consultation is indicated with a supervisor or crisis unit; and document necessary suicide assessment information to ensure the practice and continuity of good clinical care. Whether working in a hospital, county mental health, residential facility, crisis line or counseling agency, this training will equip mental health professionals with practical tools for identifying, assessing and managing suicide risk.

### Training overview:

- Review suicide risk factors
- Identify the components of suicidality
- Learn to assess risk of suicide by eliciting risk factors and components using CASE approach
- Understand the formulation of suicidal risk
  - \* Acute vs. recurrent suicidality
- Consider the importance of consultation
- Determine appropriate dispositions
  - \* Hospital alternatives: community safety plans/no self-harm contacts, crisis stabilization
  - \* Voluntary and involuntary hospitalization
- Understand components of quality documentation

## About the Presenter:

**Nancy Pierce** has been working as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner in mental health crisis intervention and trauma for over 30 years at the Mental Health Center of Dane County. She provides suicide and violence risk assessments and develops alternatives to hospitalization by creating community crisis safety plans. As an Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Nancy provides staff trainings on acute and recurrent suicide risk assessment.

Nancy provides training and consultation through *Mental Health Crisis Consultants*. She was the principal instructor for Wisconsin's state-wide training for law enforcement and mental health on *Best Practices in Crisis Intervention and 51.15's*, and DOJ trainer on *Violence and Mental Illness*.

Nancy is a licensed clinical social worker who received her MA from the University of Chicago. She has served as a lecturer on crisis intervention at the UW-Madison, Graduate School of Social Work and as a presenter at national conferences for the American Association of Suicidology, Suicide Prevention Resource Center and is a regular presenter at the state-wide annual Crisis Intervention Conferences.

## Registration Form:

**October 12, 2010**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

### **Hilton Garden Inn - Oshkosh**

To register for "Suicide Risk Assessment: Practical Tools for Best Practices" workshop, please mail, phone, register online at [www.wafca.org](http://www.wafca.org) or email [sgust@wafca.org](mailto:sgust@wafca.org).

**By: September 28, 2010**

If your agency has purchased a WAFCA Social Work Inservice Program (SWIP) Subscription, no registration fee is required. *All others, please include a \$95.00 check made out to WAFCA, or a purchase order, when registering for this workshop.*

Name(s):

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Agency:

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Agency Address:

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Phone Number:

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Email:

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*(If you fax your registration, please call us to make sure we received it).*

Only beverages are provided. Lunch is on your own.

CEU Certificates for 6 hours of training will be issued at the time of dismissal. To qualify, registrant must attend from 9 am to 4 pm.

A two-week cancellation notice is required. Non-refundable if less than one-week notice given. (Thank you!)