

# Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald Suicide Prevention Plan

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald is committed to the mental health wellness of our students, faculty and staff. As such, and in compliance with the requirements of T.C.A. § 49-7-172, Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald has developed a suicide prevention plan that engages in a variety of initiatives to improve and provide crisis services.

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald's Suicide Prevention Plan will be disseminated to faculty, staff, and students each academic term during new student orientations, registration, and by utilizing the RAVE alert system.

## Prevention

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald has developed a comprehensive approach to increase mental health awareness through efforts of prevention.

## Contact

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald's contact for suicide prevention work is:

Andrea Cooper, Student Services Coordinator  
(931) 796-5351 Ext 122  
[andrea.cooper@tcathohenwald.edu](mailto:andrea.cooper@tcathohenwald.edu)

## Prevention Components & Resources

Key components of Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald's suicide prevention work include:

- A suicide or mental health wellness syllabus statement included on Faculty Syllabi for all courses.
- Promotion of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Crisis Text Line, and campus/community resources are made available through:
  - Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald website [www.tcathohenwald.edu](http://www.tcathohenwald.edu) and
  - Through additional methods, such as new student orientation, registration, and posters.
- Utilizing community resources and agencies to provide prevention services for Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald community members. Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald has established relationships with the following local Mental Health facilities for the purpose of providing prevention education, training and/or prevention screenings.
  - Centerstone Counseling & Mental Health

## Additional Information

Information regarding such relationships at Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald is available Student Services Office. Student Services will have available a comprehensive list of partners and services available to members of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald community which may include crisis referral services, prevention screenings, training programs, etc. Any campus member interested in accessing the services/agencies and training noted above, or for more information about Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald's suicide prevention efforts should contact Andrea Cooper, Student Services Coordinator (931) 796-5351 Ext 122.

## Intervention

There is no typical suicidal person. No age group, ethnicity, or background is immune. Fortunately, many troubled individuals display behaviors deliberately or inadvertently signal their suicidal intent.

Recognizing the [warning signs](http://tspn.org/warning-signs) (<http://tspn.org/warning-signs>) and learning what to do next may help save a life.

## Contact

If someone exhibits behavioral patterns that may indicate possible risk for suicide, they should be watched closely. If they appear numerous or severe, seek professional help at once. **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) provides access to trained telephone counselors, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or the Crisis Text Line by texting TN to 741 741.**

If a student, faculty, or staff member encounters a suicidal student, faculty, or staff member, the following individual should be contacted immediately:

Andrea Cooper, Student Services Coordinator  
(931) 796-5351 Ext 122  
[andrea.cooper@tcathohenwald.edu](mailto:andrea.cooper@tcathohenwald.edu)

Should the incident occur after hours, or the above noted individual is not available, the following should be contacted immediately:

Randy Young, Vice President  
(931) 796-5351 Ext 128  
[Randy.young@tcathohenwald.edu](mailto:Randy.young@tcathohenwald.edu)

If the suicidal person has plans and access to a lethal means, is planning to make an attempt very soon, or is currently in the process of making an attempt, this individual is in imminent danger and should not be left alone. Get the person help immediately. Determine who can get there quickly and keep the individual safe.

Should you have this concern, you should immediately call 9-1-1.

## Intervention Resources

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald has established relationships with the following local Mental Health facilities for the purpose of crisis referral services.

- Centerstone Counseling & Mental Health

The safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff is of the utmost importance. In situations that require immediate action because of safety or other concerns, Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald will take any reasonable administrative action or accommodation protocols that are appropriate. Such interim actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to schedules, ADA accommodations, adjustments of course, exam, schedules, facilitation of hold harmless voluntary withdrawals, incompletes, etc.

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### Postvention

Because all student/faculty/staff deaths affect our community, whether that death is accidental, due to illness, or the result of self-inflicted injury, it important for Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald to respond to and recognize all deaths in a consistent manner. Campus leadership and the communications department developed a protocol that includes a campus response to a student/faculty/staff suicide to decrease the trauma experienced by the students and other campus community members left behind and to help prevent further suicides through contagion.

### Contact

If a student, staff, or faculty member death occurs by suicide, the following person, or their designee, should be notified immediately:

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[andrea.cooper@tcathohenwald.edu](mailto:andrea.cooper@tcathohenwald.edu)

### Postvention Components & Resources

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald has established relationships with the following local Mental Health facilities for the purpose of working to decrease community trauma.

- Centerstone Counseling & Mental Health

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## Comprehensive Response Protocol

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Hohenwald's comprehensive suicide prevention, intervention and postvention protocol is student, faculty, staff, and administration. For more information, please contact Andrea Cooper, Student Services Coordinator (931) 796-5351 Ext 122.