

AB1808 & LivingWorks Start Online Suicide Prevention Training

Email Template for COEs to Communicate with School Districts/or Schools

Dear (Name of School District or School Administrator),

The (Name of County Office of Education) is collaborating with the San Diego County Office of Education and the California Department of Education to provide an **online suicide prevention training**, at no cost, to **7th-12th grade school staff** (i.e., administrators, teachers, counselors, classified staff).

In accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 1808, the training ensures school staff are prepared to identify, support, and refer middle and high school students who may be experiencing thoughts of suicide. The bill also calls for training to be offered to 7th-12th grade students; that component will be launched in September, 2020. The training is used as part LEAs **youth suicide prevention policy (AB2246)**.

The 90-minute online program, **LivingWorks Start** (*see flyer attached*) prepares people to recognize when someone is having thoughts of suicide, engage with them, and intervene to connect them to further help. It is designed to develop meaningful skills through simulations and practice. After completing the e-course, trainees have ongoing, unlimited access to a resource and information database called LivingWorks Connect.

Each county office of education has 600 licenses to distribute to local educational agencies. If you are interested in accessing this online training for your 7th-12th grade staff, please let me know **at your earliest convenience**. I will send you the URL link and county-specific Registration Code. Each user will create a user profile and will then be ready to launch the training. Once a user launches the training, **they should be committed to completing it** to avoid losing a valuable license. After completing the training, each user will receive a **certificate of completion**.

Important tips:

- The training *does not* work on Safari. Must use **Chrome or Firefox**.
- Once a user profile is created, the user has **60 days** to complete the training.
- If a user creates a user profile but decides not to complete the training, that valuable license is **lost**. Please share this important message with staff who will receive the training link to maximize each license used.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions.