

Presenter Topics for WTAADAC Conference:

Thomas Corman presentation- Suicide within Addiction

Thomas Corman has worked as an addiction counselor for over 25 years. He has worked in non-profits, corrections and behavior health hospitals, both with adults and adolescents, as well as, their families.

Presentation Title: Suicide and Addiction

Summary of Presentation: The learning objectives is from my powerpoint slide that I created for Lakeside on Suicide and Addiction. My experience derives from working as a Crisis Clinician and responding, on call, to patients with suicidal ideations, intent and attempts. I would often identify patients with SUD as well in the assessment process. I gleaned a lot of information from TIP 50 and other research. I have attended other trainings as well to be further versed on the topic.

Description of the Presentation: Addiction counselors are often faced with clients that present with suicidal behaviors. It is estimated that up to 40% of clients seeking treatment for SUD report a history of suicide attempts. The rise in opioids has added to this pandemic. This training will address co-occurring disorders as well in identifying suicidal ideation, intent and attempts. The training is designed to leave you confident in asking probing questions for identifying suicide intent.

Learning Objectives

- * To identify current trends influencing the suicide rate.
- * Identify warning signs for suicide with those struggling with Substance Use Disorder.
- * Identify how to engage and utilize specific action steps for addressing suicidal clients
- * How to safeguard and use preventative care services when addressing suicidal patients