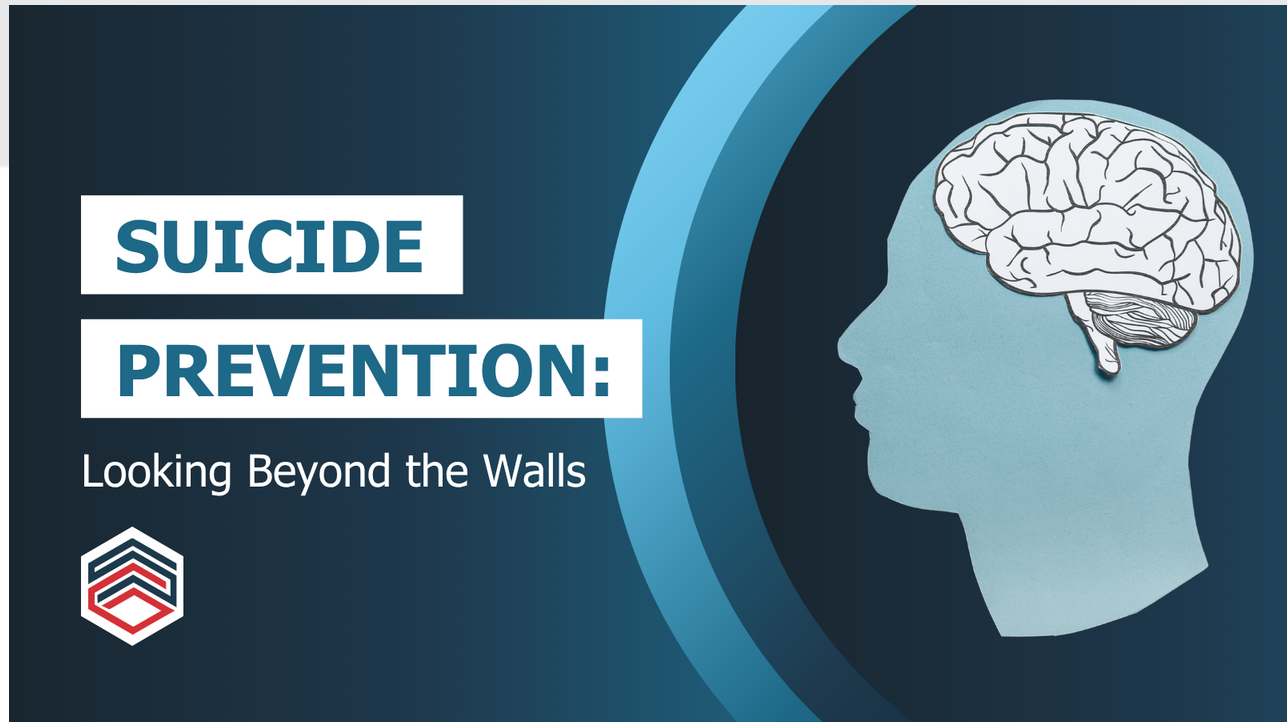


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Suicide Prevention: Looking Beyond the Walls

Suicide is the number one cause of death not related to physical illness among individuals who are incarcerated in state and federal prisons. The rate of suicide is approximately twice as high in jails as in prisons. Correctional facilities have long recognized this risk and taken steps to address it. Suicide prevention is also critical for individuals who have been released from custody, which is a reality less extensively studied.

[**Read the Full Article on Suicide Prevention After Release**](#)



The TCN Model: Centering Lived Experience in Healing and Change

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The Transitions Clinic Network (TCN) transforms both lives and health systems. Individuals released from incarceration receive support that helps them thrive in the community. In addition, primary care clinics improve their services for people returning from incarceration who often experience challenges accessing health care. The key to this success? The power of lived experience.

[Learn How the TCN Model Works](#)

Changing the Landscape for Individuals with Complex Needs

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For more than two decades, the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) has guided communities seeking to reduce criminal justice system involvement of people with mental and substance use disorders by improving cross-systems collaboration. In 2021, a new framework using the SIM was developed to address individuals with complex needs associated with a range of disabilities (see Figure 1). This framework, named the ICCoD and SIM Convergence Framework, and the corresponding workshop provide jurisdictions with the opportunity to engage in structured discussions and planning to improve supports for individuals with ICCoD who are engaging with the criminal justice system. Early adopters of the ICCoD and SIM Convergence Framework in Kansas provided the opportunity for Johnson County to “run with the ball.”

[Learn How the ICCoD and SIM Convergence Framework Works](#)

Free Partner Resource: *Toolkit for Writing a Correctional Healthcare RFP*

Securing quality healthcare in jails, prisons, and detention facilities starts with the contract. Policy Research Associates has released a free ***Toolkit for Writing an RFP to Contract for Healthcare Services in a Correctional or Detention Institution*** to help facilities and local governments build stronger, outcome-focused RFPs for medical, mental health, substance use, and disability services.

The toolkit walks users through the full RFP and contracting process, from determining the best healthcare model for your facility to negotiating and managing the contract. The RFP Toolkit was developed in consultation with a national panel of psychologists, correctional healthcare specialists, sheriff's office representatives, people with lived experience, and criminal justice experts.

It has been recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Jail Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, Community Oriented Correctional Health Services, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the University of Texas at Austin Prison and Jail Innovation Lab, The Corrections Lab at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and The Bridging Group.

[Access the Toolkit](#)

Partner Opportunity: Resource & eMpowerment Technical Assistance Center for Behavioral Health Survey

The [Resource & eMpowerment Technical Assistance Center for Behavioral Health](#) is conducting a survey to guide its upcoming learning content. Complete the survey to share your thoughts on the following topics:

- Online learning modules
- Virtual training events
- Consultations and technical assistance
- Service and resource directories

[Take the survey today!](#)



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