

SURVIVOR CHALLENGE Program Description

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Survivor Challenge

Aged 12+ Years & Up

Introduction

Survivor Challenge is an interactive suicide awareness program that engages participants in a variety of fun activities that all relate to the key messages of suicide prevention and life promotion. It takes a hands-on life promotion approach to suicide prevention.

Key Topics

• Life Promotion, Suicide Prevention

Key Messages

- Know the warning signs of suicide and available supports.
- The importance of making meaningful connections.

Purpose and Objectives

- To promote key suicide prevention and life promotion messages.
- To support the promotion of positive mental health (life promotion).

Training

- A 1-hour orientation is required for facilitators.
- Orientation will be provided by the <u>Regional Addictions Prevention Consultant/Regional</u> <u>Mental Health Promotion Consultant</u> and/or trained community partners.
- Facilitators are health staff, educators and/or community partners.

Resources:

- <u>Survivor Challenge Planning Guide</u> and Survivor Toolkit (Available through CMHI's Suicide Prevention & Awareness Committee).
- See <u>Survivor Challenge Planning Guide</u> for a complete list of activities to determine required resources.
- The <u>Regional Addictions Prevention Consultant</u> and <u>Regional Mental Health Promotion</u> <u>Consultant</u> are available for consultation and support for planning, orientation, and evaluation.

Budget

- Survivor Toolkits are available to be borrowed free of charge from CMHI's Suicide Prevention & Awareness Committee (Contact 634-4322 or <u>cmhi.adm@gmail.com</u>).
- Some materials are not available in the Toolkit and will need to be purchased.
- Total program costs are usually \$150.00 or less. Grants up to \$150.00 are available through CMHI's Suicide Prevention & Awareness Committee. Contact 634-4322 or <u>cmhi.adm@gmail.com</u> for application and deadlines.
- Facilitator transportation costs for program delivery may be needed.

Implementation

- 1. Identify Need (Target Group?)
- 2. Identify Date/Time/Venue/Co-facilitator
- 3. Arrange orientation with <u>Regional Addictions Prevention/Regional Mental Health</u> <u>Promotion Consultant.</u>
- 4. Visit <u>website</u> to access <u>Survivor Challenge Planning Guide</u>.
- 5. Contact CMHI to book the Survivor Toolkit (634-4322 or cmhi.adm@gmail.com).
- 6. See *Survivor Challenge Planning Guide* for details on implementation of this program.
- 7. Purchase/prepare program materials and supplies. Checklist available in <u>Survivor Challenge</u> <u>Planning Guide.</u>
- 8. Promote program to recruit participants. Sample poster available in planning guide.
- 9. Deliver program. Timing depends on the number of activities selected and the number of participants and teams.
- 10. Complete evaluation and submit to <u>Regional Addictions Prevention/Regional Mental Health</u> <u>Promotion Consultant</u>.

Evaluation Plan

Evaluation for the program consists of participant feedback collected in the Tribal Council activity of the program. Program evaluation also consists of a <u>Survivor Challenge Organizer</u> <u>Feedback Form</u> to be completed upon delivery of the program.

Evidence

Evidence supporting the implementation of this program can be accessed by contacting the <u>Regional Addictions Prevention/Regional Mental Health Promotion Consultants</u>.