

# REFUGEE HEALTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

Greetings:

The Refugee Health Technical Assistance Center (RHTAC) is the national refugee health and mental health technical assistance provider funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). In response to reports of suicides among resettled refugees, RHTAC is collaborating with the Question Persuade Refer (QPR) Institute, a suicide prevention training program, to develop an adapted QPR training for refugee gatekeepers called the Refugee Suicide Prevention Training. "Gatekeepers" are individuals who come into regular contact with and are respected and trusted by refugees in their communities (case managers, ESL teachers, counselors, community health workers, teacher aides, ethnic community-based organizations members, nurses, etc.). The role of a gatekeeper is to recognize warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide and help an at-risk individual access services. This training will be delivered to refugee gatekeepers in local resettlement communities by certified QPR instructors.

We invite and encourage refugee resettlement agencies, ethnic community-based organizations, refugee health programs, state refugee coordinators, and other stakeholders to actively contribute to this suicide prevention initiative by hosting Refugee Suicide Prevention Trainings for refugee gatekeepers.

We hope you will join us in the important work of preventing suicides among refugees. For information about hosting a Refugee Suicide Prevention Training, visit the RHTAC website at [www.refugeehealthta.org/suicideprevention](http://www.refugeehealthta.org/suicideprevention) and click on *Refugee Suicide Prevention Training Toolkit* in the right-hand column under "Tools & Resources."

To view the training presentation, activities, handouts, and other materials, please visit [www.refugeehealthta.org/suicideprevention](http://www.refugeehealthta.org/suicideprevention).

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