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Bellefaire JCB was the recipient of the "Introduction to Suicidology Prevention, Intervention and Postvention" training in the fall of 2015. The training was attended by many therapists employed through our agency. As a premier Child and Adolescent mental health agency in Cuyahoga county, we recognize our work is challenging, while also being very rewarding. One of our most important goals is to make sure our therapists are educated and prepared to face those challenges.

The therapists at Bellefaire JCB provide mental health treatment to clients in a number of settings, including residential treatment, schools and client homes, just to name a few. Often times, the clients we treat have severe mental illness and are impacted by family and social stressors as well. Providing crisis intervention services often is a part of our daily work, especially when it relates to suicide prevention and intervention.

When I heard of the training that the Cuyahoga County Suicide Prevention Response Team provides, I knew this would be valued by our therapists. Pete Bliss and his team designed the training to fit the needs of our agency. It was conducted by well respected individuals in the mental health field who were able to share a wealth of information and years of experience with our team. The information provided was helpful for our therapists as they continue to understand theoretical components of suicidology, as well as learning hands-on and practical interventions that can be used with daily with our clients.

I recommend this training for any agency looking to expand the knowledge base of the therapists employed. It creates a great learning environment to discuss this sensitive topic.

Sincerely,

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