

## **Kognito Informational Session**

July 26, 2022 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.





## Introductions



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## **Welcoming Ritual**









### **California Suicide Prevention Policies**

| Bill Policy   | Requirements  |
|---|---|
| AB2246 (2016) – Pupil Suicide<br>Prevention Policies  | Requires governing board of any local education agency (LEA) serving students in grades 7-12, to adopt a policy on pupil suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. Policy shall specifically address the needs of high-risk groups, include consideration of suicide awareness and prevention training for teachers.     |
| AB1767 (2019) - Pupil Suicide<br>Prevention Policies  | *Expansion of AB2246 to includes grades K-6   |
| AB1808 (2019) – Education<br>finance, Section 216 addition<br>to California Education Code                            | Online suicide prevention training for CA schools. California Dept of Education provides funding to ensure staff are prepared to identify, support, and refer middle and high school students who may be experiencing thoughts of suicide. The bill also calls for the training to be offered to middle and high school students. |
| SB972 (2019) - Pupil and<br>student health: identification<br>cards: suicide prevention<br>hotline telephone numbers. | Requires CA schools to print the number for the National Suicide Prevention  Lifeline, Local Crisis Line (if available) on student ID cards for 7-12 grades in public, private and charter schools. *May also include Crisis Text Line information.   |









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## What is Kognito?

Kognito is a **health simulation company** that comprises learning experts, designers, technologists and implementation professionals.

Our evidence-based simulations build a variety of competencies and shape attitudes through role-play conversations with virtual people.

Over 1+ million educators, students, and health care professionals have used Kognito simulations to change lives, including over 500,000 K-12 educators.

Our **innovative approach** has resulted in partnerships with government agencies and NGOs.















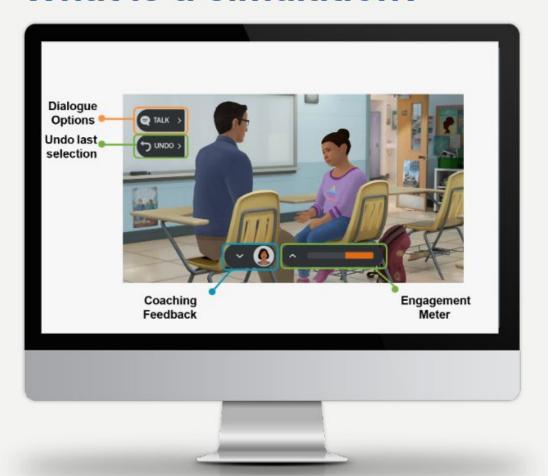








#### What is a simulation?



- User interacts with a fully animated at-risk virtual student
- Navigate through the scenarios by selecting what to say to the virtual student
- Receive instant feedback from the virtual coach and engagement meter
- Can undo decisions and explore different conversation approaches
- Receive personalized performance summary upon completion









## **Professional Development & Trainings**

#### All District and Charter School staff in Santa Clara County

- At Risk series for Mental Health Promotion, Early Identification & Suicide Prevention
- Emotional & Mental Wellness
- Building Respect -Bullying Prevention in Schools
- Trauma-Informed Practices for Educators
- Step In, Speak Up
- Resilient Together: Coping with Loss
- Safe & Caring Schools for Educators











## **At-Risk for Early Childhood Educators**



#### TOPICS

Early childhood mental health & behavior management

#### SETTINGS

Preschools, childcare centers, early childhood degree programs

#### **USERS**

Educators and other staff who work with children ages 3-5

#### DURATION

45 minutes



Assume the role of Ms. Kelly in different situations related to classroom management and regulating emotions.



Practice talking with virtual students and virtual caregivers and try different approaches to see what works best.









## **At-Risk for Elementary School Educators**



#### **TOPICS**

Mental health

#### SETTINGS

Elementary schools, youth programs, foster care

#### **USERS**

K-5 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

45 minutes



**Derrick:** A third grader who has recently become withdrawn



Sandra: The mother of a fifth grader who has become increasingly disruptive and aggressive









### At-Risk For Middle School Educators



#### TOPICS

Mental health & suicide prevention

#### SETTINGS

Middle schools, youth programs, foster care

#### **USERS**

6-8 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

45 minutes



Mariah: A new girl who is being teased by a clique of popular girls



Jen: The clique ringleader, who is having trouble at home



Michael: A boy struggling with impending loss and thoughts of suicide









## **At-Risk For High School Educators**



#### **TOPICS**

Mental health and suicide prevention

#### SETTINGS

High schools, youth programs, foster care, juvenile justice

#### USERS

9-12 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

45 minutes



Rene: A girl who is highly anxious about her grades and may be cutting



Joey: A shy, withdrawn boy who has written about suicidal thoughts in an essay



Rob: A boy with poor attendance, low motivation, and drug use









### **Emotional & Mental Wellness**



#### GOAL

Gain awareness, knowledge, skill, and self-confidence to effectively identify, communicate with, and refer students in distress

#### **USERS**

K-12 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

30 - 45 minutes

#### What's New:

- Shorter duration
- Two grade bands vs. 3 (9/10 yo, 16/17 yo)
- Initial and follow up conversations
- Choice of difficulty level

#### Learning Objectives

- Evaluate the best methods to effectively address student concerns.
- Evaluate how to motivate the student to seek help, understand need for referral, and make a warm hand-off to support.
- Identify warning signs of psychological distress, such as verbal, behavioral, and situational clues, including suicidal thoughts and suicide risk.
- Utilize effective communication techniques with students to discuss concerns, build resilience, and increase connectedness.









## **Building Respect: Bullying Prevention in Schools**



#### **TOPICS**

Preventing and curtailing bullying

#### SETTINGS

Schools, juvenile justice

#### **USERS**

K-12 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

30 - 40 minutes



Victoria: An eighth-grade student who intentionally uses biased language toward another student while they are reading out loud.



Stephanie: A sixth-grade student who has been increasingly absent and leaving early over the last few weeks.



Mr. Walker: A teacher suspected of not reporting a bullying incident that happened to a transgender student.









## Safe and Caring Schools



#### **TOPICS**

Understanding the positive role of educators in the lives of children

#### **SETTINGS**

Schools, youth programs, juvenile justice

#### **USERS**

K-12 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

30 minutes



Playing the role of an educator. Practice reflecting on your role in fostering a safe & caring school environment, recognize signs that a student may be in distress, understand potential resources of support, and engage in a caring conversation within a safe practice environment.









### **Trauma Informed Practices for K-12 Schools**



#### **TOPICS**

Trauma-Informed
Teaching, Adverse
Childhood Experiences
(ACEs)

#### SETTINGS

K-12 schools, youth programs, juvenile justice

#### USERS

K-12 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

30-45 minutes



Lucas: A third-grader who has recently become tired and distracted in class.



Charlie: A middle school student who has stopped participating in class and sometimes does not respond to teachers or classmates at all



Noah: A junior in high school whose grades have recently dropped and whose behavior has become erratic.









## Step In, Speak Up



#### **TOPICS**

Build appreciation for the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth, curtail harassment

#### SETTINGS

K-12 schools, youth programs, juvenile justice

#### **USERS**

K-12 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

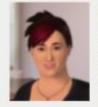
30 minutes



Build understanding and appreciation for the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth.



Lead real-life conversations with students to curtail harassment and support those who may be struggling as a result of bullying or isolation.



Meet three virtual high school students who share statistics and their own experiences about the challenges LGBTQ students face, including harassment, absenteeism, homelessness, and thoughts of suicide.









## Resilient Together: Coping with Loss at School



#### TOPICS

Responding to a death, grief and loss, crisis response planning

#### SETTINGS

K-12 Schools

#### **USERS**

K-12 Educators and other school-based staff

#### DURATION

40 minutes

#### **Elementary Educators**

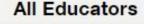


Aiden: An elementary school student whose classmate drowned while on a family vacation.

#### Secondary Educators



Amy: A middle school student whose classmate died by suicide.





Ms. Park: A colleague who has lost a student to suicide.









## Accessing the Simulation



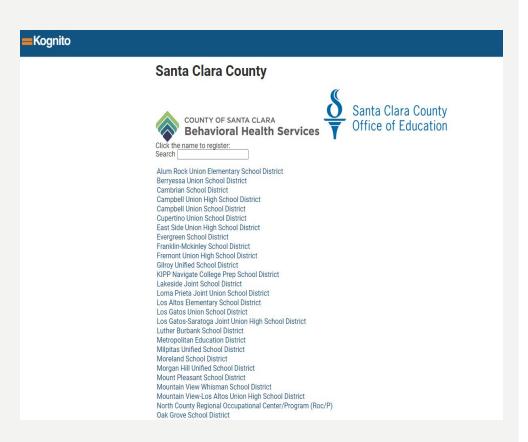






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Select your District
Then select your school





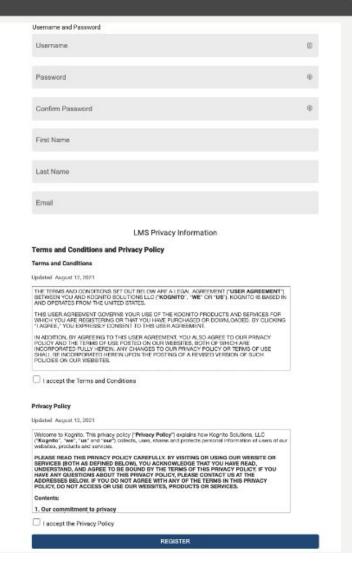




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## Create your username and password.

Accept the Terms and Conditions and Agree to the Privacy Policy











## Click on the blue **HERE** button

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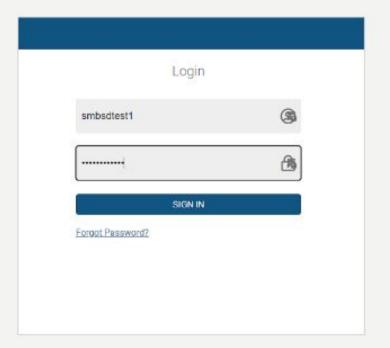








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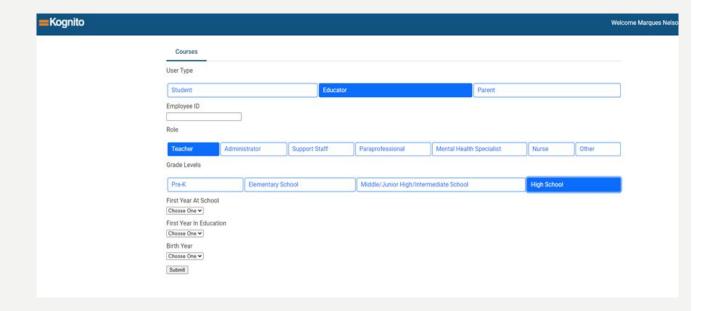








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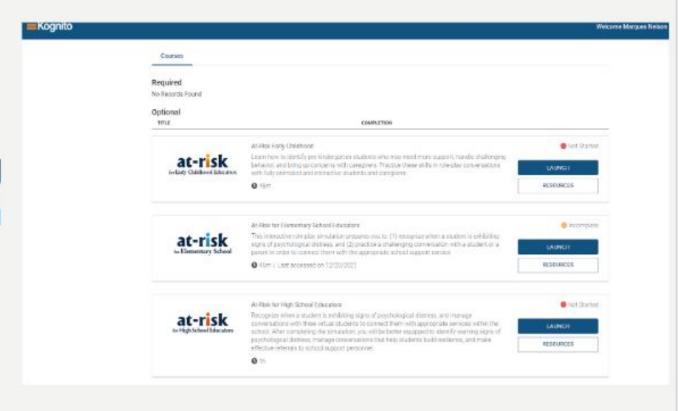








## Select your training by clicking Launch



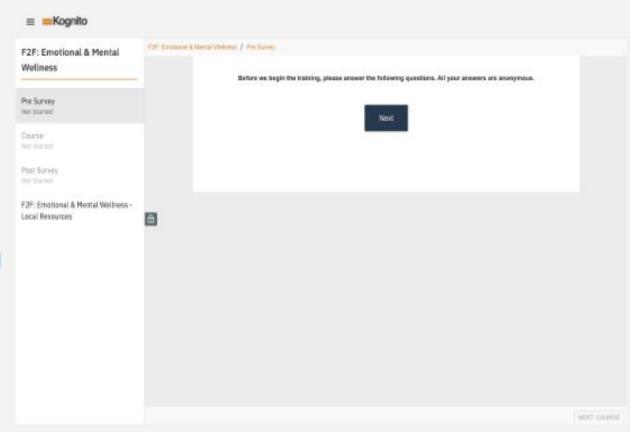






Your training will begin once you complete the Pre-Survey.

You will receive your certificate of completion once you complete your Post-Survey.









# Post-Training Discussion Guide

- Review mental health resources available at the school and district level.
- Provide teachers and staff with school and district specific referral process.
- Have educators and staff draft a personal action plan.







## **Discussion Guides**

**DISCUSSION HANDOUT** 

#### **At-Risk for High School**

#### **Identifying At-Risk Students**

Worrisome behavioral changes in students can be identified in three categories:

- · Academic changes, like slipping grades and diminishing attendance.
- Behavioral changes, like emotional outbursts, or withdrawn social interactions.
- Appearance changes, like drastic weight gain/loss, and declining grooming and hygiene

#### **Approaching At-Risk Students**

You can avoid having the student you speak with get defensive and shut down by using these techniques:

- 1. Using "I" statements, with phrases such as "I think," "I feel," and "it seems like..."
- Avoiding negative labels, and replacing them with neutral phrases that avoid accusations, such as "It seemed like you were insensitive..." (rather than "extremely rude")
- 3. Avoiding exaggerations and using soft modifiers.
- 4. Using specific examples of observances and/or behavior

Using these techniques encourages a student to share and will create a more open environment for discussion, to avoid the student getting defensive and refusing to communicate.

#### **Referring At-Risk Students**

Referral can be a difficult subject to bring up, but you learned about some effective suggestive

#### **DISCUSSION HANDOUT**

#### **At-Risk for High School**

#### Your School's Referral Process

#### QUESTIONS

**Q.** What is the referral policy in your school? To whom do you make a referral if you are worried about a student in psychological distress that is not deemed an imminent threat to a student's life? Is that the school psychologist, guidance counselor, social worker, or nurse?

For non-imminent threats, referrals are made to a school administrator or any school mental health professional including school counselor, TRUST counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, or mental health coordinator.

Additionally, students with emotional/behavioral disabilities (E/BD) will be referred to the schools E/BD clinician.

**Q.** What is the referral policy in your school for students who may be a danger to themselves or others?

For imminent threats (students who may be a danger to themselves or others) referrals must be made immediately to school administration, any one of the schools' mental health professionals and school resource/police officer who then contacts (305) 995-COPS and the District Crisis Line. If anyone is in immediate danger, call 911. Employees must remain with the student until professional assistance arrives.

**Q.** When and how would a student's parents/guardians be notified about your concerns? Whose role is it to notify them?

Per School Board Policy, the parent/guardian of students identified as being at risk (posing a threat to themselves, school or others) must be contacted by school administration and the school's mental health professional.







## Santa Clara County's **Kognito Flyer**





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#### **Kognito Mental Health & Wellness Professional Development Courses**

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The Santa Clara County Office of Education and Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department are pleased to provide all educators and school staff across the county with access to the following simulations from Kognito's social emotional learning curriculum:

- At-Risk for Early Childhood Educators
- At-Risk for Elementary School Educators
- At-Risk for Middle School Educators At-Risk for High School Educators
- Building Respect: Bullying Prevention
- · Trauma-Informed Practices
- · Resilient Together
- Step In, Speak Up!
- Safe and Caring Schools for Educators
- Emotional & Mental Wellness

These virtual modules offer evidence-based role-play simulations focused on increasing comfort and competency in managing critical conversations with youth. For detailed information about each course, please click here or visit bit ly/3n3nUMb.

For more information, please contact:

Krisan Meyer + kmeyer@scope.org Coordinator - Social Emotional Wellness Available: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Format: Online, self-paced

Location: SCCOE Kognito.com

Timeframe: 30-45 minutes per course

Audience: District & Charter School Staff in Senta Clara County

Grade Level(s): PK - 12

Cost: Free

#### To access the Kognito simulations:

- Visit SCCOE Kognito com
- · Create a new account
- Select a simulation

Please join us for a Kognito informational session on July 26, 2022 from 12:00 - 12:30.

- . For new & returning users
- · Includes an overview of the modules & the new Kognito
- Registration: https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/ind ex.php?eventid=6987338



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## TIME TO GET STARTED

- Review the materials
- Select dates for student training
- Communicate to staff
- Monitor usage







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## QUESTIONS







## **Additional Opportunity**

## K-12 Suicide Prevention, Early Intervention & Crisis Response Training Series

Audience: Site-based Crisis Response Teams

Dates: 09/22/22, 10/27/22, 12/08/22, 01/19/23, 03/02/23

Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Cost: Free

Details & Registration: <a href="https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=701549&">https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=701549&</a>





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#### K-12 Suicide Prevention, Early Intervention & Crisis Response Team Training Series

The Santa Clara County Office of Education, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department, and the HEARD Alliance are partnering to offer a K-12 Suicide Prevention, Early Intervention & Crisis Response Team (CRT) training series for schools who are seeking to establish a site-based CRT and/or who would like support with building a more robust CRT.

California Education Code (EC) Section 215, as added by AB 246 and AB 1767, mandates that 'any local educational agency (LEA) that serves pulpis in grades kindergarden to twelve, inclusive, adopt a policy on pupil suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.' This training series centers on the HEARD Alliance's K-12 Tookit for Mental Health Promotion & Suicide Prevention, which draws on evidence-based national and state youth suicide prevention policy.

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This virtual five-part series will outline steps to ensure school personnel (teachers, staff, administration) and mental health professionals are trained to respond to student concerns and crises by strengthening their crisis response protocols and implementing best practice prevention efforts.

For more information, please contact Krisan Meyer • kmeyer@sccoe.org Coordinator – Social Emotional Wellness Location: Virtual (Zoom links to be provided)

#1: Informational Session & Toolkit Overview
Date & Time: 09/22/202 @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Audience: All staff, including Mental Health
Providers. School Leaders & District Leaders

#2: Early Identification, Intervention & Crisis Response

Date & Time: 10/27/2022 @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Audience: Crisis Response Team Members

#3: Intervention Follow Up Session
Date & Time: 12/08/2022 @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Audience: Crisis Response Team Members

Pate & Time: 01/19/2023 @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Audience: Crisis Response Team Members

#5: Promotion of Mental Health & Wellness Date & Time: 03/02/2023 @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Audience: Crisis Response Team Members (site/district SEL teams/leaders also welcome:

Cost: Fre

Please register by September 8th, 2022:







