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**Project Safe Guard
FAQ's from States/Territories/Washington, DC (S/T/DC)**

Planning Phase Questions
<p>Question: Who should I contact to bring PSG to my S/T/DC?</p> <p>Answer: If you are interested in bringing PSG to your S/T/DC, please email csts-ng-psg-team-ggg@usuhs.edu and cc mercedes.l.mcwaters.civ@army.mil.</p>
<p>Question: What tasks are the S/T/DC responsible for?</p> <p>Answer: S/T/DC are responsible for obtaining a leadership Letter of Support, selecting participants, arranging a suitable training location, scheduling the training, and participating in evaluation efforts.</p>
<p>Question: What costs are the S/T/DC responsible for?</p> <p>Answer: The National Guard Bureau funds Project Safe Guard and is being offered to all 54 S/T/DC at no cost. S/T/DC are responsible for the expenses for service members to participate (e.g. travel to training site, time spent during the training), and any costs that may be associated with the training space.</p>
<p>Question: How much lead time is needed to schedule a training?</p> <p>Answer: We request at least 90 days from the time the Letter of Support is received, as scheduling is dependent on trainer availability. This allows us to secure trainers, and order and ship lock boxes, which can take up to 90+ days to arrive.</p>
<p>Question: How flexible is the scheduling timeline?</p> <p>Answer: There is some flexibility with the timeline. Our team will accommodate requests with fewer than 90 days notice when it is feasible. We anticipate that as more S/T/DC become interested, our ability to honor these requests will be reduced. We are able to schedule into FY27. Please contact us at csts-ng-psg-team-ggg@usuhs.edu and CC mercedes.l.mcwaters.civ@army.mil to discuss your specific needs and we will do our best to accommodate.</p>



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Question: Does the training need to be scheduled for a specific unit, or can it be open registration for any soldier/airmen who wants to participate?

Answer:

Registration is open to any soldier/airmen who wants to participate, but please note that the Letter of Support must be issued by leadership covering all attendees.

Question: Once initial contact is made, what is the next step in bringing this program to my S/T/DC?

Answer:

The next step is to schedule a virtual meeting with our team. The purpose of this meeting is for our team to gain a better understanding of your needs and develop a plan to implement PSG in your S/T/DC. Please contact csts-ng-psg-team-ggg@usuhs.edu and CC mercedes.l.mcwaters.civ@army.mil to schedule.

Question: Can you come out to our site for a recruitment briefing?

Answer:

In general, we rely on the requesting S/T/DC to provide recruitment briefs when appropriate. We can provide materials to support these efforts. We can discuss your S/T/DC's recruitment needs during our initial virtual meeting and develop a plan to address any concerns.

Question: How do we get Commander buy-in when there is limited time and other suicide prevention trainings they are required to prioritize?

Answer:

There are a few features that distinguish Project Safe Guard from other injury prevention programs, which may help with receiving support from leadership. Namely, (1) PSG is evidence-based; (2) The focus is on reducing multiple harmful behaviors (e.g. domestic assault, child neglect) in addition to suicide; (3) The curricula are unique from other traditional suicide prevention programs in that they take a public health approach to emphasize injury prevention through environmental design rather than identification of at-risk individuals. We would be happy to meet with your leadership to discuss PSG in more detail.



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Training Logistics Questions

Question: What is the difference between the Universal Training and the Lead Supervisor Training?

Answer:

The Universal Training can be delivered to a general audience and focuses on teaching secure firearm storage practices to reduce the risk of harm to service members and their families. The Lead Supervisor Training delivers the Universal Training to supervisors and includes additional lessons on discussing secure firearm storage with subordinates.

Question: When does the training usually occur? During Annual Training (AT) or drill weekend?

Answer:

Many PSG trainings occur during AT or drill weekends for maximum reach and convenience for participants. However, our team can accommodate a variety of training schedules to meet your specific needs.

Question: How long is each training?

Answer:

The Universal Training is 90 minutes, and the Lead Supervisor Training is four hours.

Question: Is it possible to deliver a shorter training?

Answer:

The Universal Training has been distilled down to 90 minutes and cannot be shortened any further. This helps us maintain consistency in our evaluation parameters.

Question: Does the program cover the cost of gift cards and lock boxes?

Answer:

Yes. PSG provides incentives at no cost to participants or the S/T/DC hosting the training.

Question: Are the lock boxes considered gifts?

Answer:

Gifts, as defined in 5CFR 2635 are items from 1) outside sources or 2) between employees. For Project Safe Guard, lock boxes are purchased with official government funds to support a Commander-led program. Therefore, they are not considered a gift.



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Question: Who are the trainers for this program?

Answer:

Dr. Craig Bryan leads the Anduril, LLC team of highly qualified trainers. All trainers have extensive experience working with the military community and some have their own personal military experience.

Question: What are the recommended class sizes for this training?

Answer:

We recommend class sizes of 25 to 50 participants. For groups larger than 50, we can deliver multiple Universal Trainings– two to three per day and across multiple days.

Question: How many trainings can we administer to a single S/T/DC?

Answer:

There is no cap to the number of trainings we can administer. We have a team of trainers and will work to accommodate your requests.

Question: What lock boxes do participants receive as a part of this training?

Answer:

Efforts are being made to secure lock boxes that resemble the QAPIE electronic handgun safe by SentrySafe. The SentrySafe model is made of solid steel, closed cell foam on the inside lid and bottom of the safe, and can be opened using a key or your combination. Its external dimensions are 3.2”H x 12”W x 9.9”L.

Question: How do we receive the lock boxes?

Answer:

The lock boxes are ordered on your behalf as a part of PSG and are delivered to the address you provide. Every effort will be made to have the lock boxes at the training, but sometimes they may arrive after training due to the distributor. If this is the case, S/T/DC will be responsible for distributing lock boxes to all participants at a later time.



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Question: How do you determine how many lock boxes to send? What happens if there are too many or not enough?

Answer:

We ask that you provide a list of enrolled participants at least 14 days prior to the scheduled training to ensure timely delivery. This enrollment list is used to determine the number of lock boxes ordered.

If attendance is lower than expected, please retain the leftover lockboxes for future trainings. Lock boxes should only be distributed to training participants.

If additional lock boxes are needed, a follow-on order will be placed to cover the remaining participants.

Question: Is PSG available for non-Guardsman, such as family members, civilians, contractors, Reservists, and Active Duty components?

Answer:

At this time, we are only able to schedule PSG trainings through NG entities. Priority is given to Guardsmen, but if there are spots available in the class, then family members, civilians, etc. can join the training and receive incentives. Please ensure NG Member access to the training is prioritized, followed by family members, then Active Duty/Reservists, then civilians/contractors. Guardsmen should not lose access to the training due to non-Guardsmen occupying spots. Non-Guardsmen attendees still count toward the 50-person class size limit.

Question: Are Guardsmen compensated for attending the training on a day that is outside of their regular schedule?

Answer:

Project Safe Guard funding provides compensation for attendees who complete evaluation surveys, but it does not compensate attendees for their time participating in the training. Your S/T/DC is responsible for personnel-related costs for those attending the training. To reduce the cost, PSG can be scheduled during drill weekends, annual training, or other already scheduled times.



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Evaluation Questions

Question: What does the evaluation period entail?

Answer:

Participants will complete pre-session and post-session surveys on the day of the training. Time is built into the training agenda to account for the time required to complete these surveys. Approximately one month after the training, participants will receive a follow-up survey. Each survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Pre- and post-session surveys must be completed and an email address provided in order to be eligible for the 1-month follow-up survey.

Question: How are surveys administered?

Answer:

During the training, a QR code is provided for the pre/post session surveys. They require Internet access to be completed online via REDCap. Rutgers University will provide paper copies of the evaluations in the event participants are unable to access the online survey. Participants will be emailed a link for the 1-month follow-up.

Question: Are participants allowed to opt-out of taking evaluations?

Answer:

Completion of surveys is voluntary and participants may opt-out. Participation in evaluations allows PSG to remain evidence-based, and helps researchers continue to make improvements to the program.

Question: Do evaluation data contain personally identifiable information?

Answer:

No, evaluation data do not contain personally identifiable information. All participant responses are de-identified. After completing the pre-training survey, participants will be asked to submit an email address to receive their gift cards and 1-month follow-up survey. However, their email address is not linked to their response.

Question: What type of compensation do participants receive for completing surveys?

Answer:

Participants will receive a \$25 Amazon e-gift card for completing the pre- and post-session surveys, and an additional \$25 Amazon e-gift gift card for completing the 1-month follow-up survey, for a total compensation of up to \$50. Pre- and post-session surveys must be completed and an email address provided in order to be eligible for the 1-month follow-up survey.



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Question: Are S/T/DC able to see the results of the evaluation?

Answer:

Yes, a report with the evaluation results will be provided to the host S/T/DC within three months after the training.

Question: Who can S/T/DC reach out to with questions or feedback about the evaluations?

Answer:

Rutgers University is providing evaluation support for PSG and the point of contact is Dr. Michael Anestis at mda141@sph.rutgers.edu.

Other Questions

Question: How can I learn to become a trainer?

Answer:

A train-the-trainer (T4T) program is in development. The T4T program will be ready for roll-out in FY26.

Question: Who is the target audience for Train-the-Trainer?

Answer:

The Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce is the target audience, but Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention staff; Directors of Psychological Health; and National Guard Members can be trained to become trainers. Once trained, they can provide the training to other leaders along with general audiences.

Question: Does PSG training count toward mandatory suicide prevention training?

Answer:

NGB considers PSG as an ancillary/additional optional training that does not replace current suicide prevention training requirements.

Question: Is this training one-time-only? Are there plans to develop a refresher training?

Answer:

Currently, this training is one-time only. Future versions may allow for the implementation of booster/refresher trainings for those who have previously attended the Universal Training.



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Question: How can a S/T/DC point of contact share feedback about this training?

Answer:

We encourage you to share feedback during debriefing discussions. Additionally, you can reach out to csts-ng-psg-team-ggg@usuhs.edu. We are currently implementing Generation III of the training and are tracking all feedback shared with us in order to continue to refine the training and our processes for future generations.

Question: There is a prominent gun culture in my S/T/DC (e.g., some folks are wary of infringement of rights). How will PSG approach this ideology?

Answer:

PSG approaches firearm safety from a rights-respecting, harm-reduction lens. The focus is on home and environmental safety, and taking even small, voluntary steps to increase secure storage of firearms.

Question: How does PSG address abuse and child neglect?

Answer:

Many times, accidental or intentional firearm injury or death can happen suddenly, without warning. PSG teaches daily strategies on how to make the home safer by teaching secure storage of firearms. By engaging in secure storage practices, both accidental and intentional harm are decreased.

Question: Have you come across any S/T/DC that partner with local gun shops on secure storage, and has the National Guard been involved in any of these programs?

Answer:

Yes, some S/T/DC partner with local gun shops to promote secure storage, often providing materials or training for shop staff. The National Guard's role varies by S/T/DC: in some, the Guard is actively involved in distributing lock boxes or facilitating events; in others, secure storage is discussed primarily at the individual level.