DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION MINI WORKBOOK

TEAM UP FOR CHILDREN COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

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How to use this workbook	
Goals for this workbook	 Workbooks are designed to accompany the core framework for CHW work within Team Up with 5 core areas described below Depending on the site, CHWs may work more in one core area
	than another
	• Each site has the flexibility to adapt the CHW role within core areas to best match the needs of families in their sites
	 CHWs should coordinate with their clinical care teams on all tasks
	 CHWs should direct work outside of the core areas back to clinical care team
	 CHWs should use this workbook to guide their work with families
	 Workbooks accompany the learning community modules (webinars) by topic area
Adapting this workbook	 This workbook may be adapted to better match each site's needs and clinical protocols
	 Core topic areas in this workbook reflect the core framework and should not be changed to ensure similarity across sites using this CHW curriculum
	Please maintain all acknowledgements of this work



OVERVIEW	
Depression	Core symptoms: Lack of interest and enjoyment Sadness and hopelessness Irritability Changes in sleep, appetite or activities Black/white thinking Social withdrawal Somatic complaints (headaches) Suicidality Impacts and interferes with school, work and relationships Associated conditions include anxiety, ADHD, Diabetes, Chronic pain, Asthma
Suicide Protective Factors	 Protective Factors Strong connections to family and community Medical and behavioral health care Strong problem-solving skills and conflict resolution skills Cultural and religious beliefs that discourage suicide School participation Strong social friendships Positive self-esteem and coping skills
Suicide Risk Factors	 Risk Factors Hopelessness School crisis Bullying Depression Substance use disorders History of trauma or abuse Major physical illness Previous suicide attempts or family history of suicide Access to lethal means Lack of social support and isolation, relational or social loss Barriers to accessing medical care and behavioral health treatment, including stigma of accessing help Families may: Describe feeling frustrated about their child's lack of motivation or withdrawal Describe feeling hopeless about things getting better Describe sudden crisis or onset of current issues with child

CHW-Role in Depression and Suicide Prevention	 Engage families in the process of diagnosis and services for child behavioral health services school-based services and support medication treatment Connect family with integrated behavioral health provider and/or primary care provider to discuss depression symptoms and suicide risk factors Offer support for parents, encourage family connection, increased social support, problem-solving and positive parenting Coordinate care and help navigate medical and community-based systems as needed Assist with referrals Assist with initiating school-based services
Screener	Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2 or PHQ-9)

ENGAGEMENT	
Logistics	 Review the "ask" from providers about working with family Review the medical chart Gather materials needed to meet with family
Introduce yourself	-Hello, my name is and I am a CHW/FP part of your medical team. I help families access resources and services and can offer ongoing support to you as needed. Your child's provider asked me to talk to you about -Do you have time now to talk about this?
Set an Agenda	-I am going to talk about (Getting your child help for how they are feeling.) -Do you have anything else that you would like to talk about?

EDUCATION	
Reason for Referral	-Your child has been referred for (i.e. behavioral health services) -What do you think about the referral?
	-What are the goals and expectations you may have for your child with this referral?
	 (Explain how referrals can help child and family) -Accessing services for how your child is feeling (unmotivated, feeling hopeless) will help you and your child gain new skills to get to cope with depression symptoms. -Your primary care provider and/or behavioral health provider can explain the details of depression to you as part of these services.
Depression symptoms	-I also have some materials here on depression for you to review.
	-Do you have any questions or concerns about depression? We can loop back with your child's provider.
Diagnostic Process	-Your child's provider is referring your child for a behavioral health assessment. What do you think about this?
Explain the Process	-We are going to submit a referral to (provider/clinic/hospital).
	-Typically, the way this will work is you will have to go in for an intake, fill out paperwork and go through a series of questions on how depression is making things difficult for your child at school and at home.
Address barriers or concerns	-What do you think? Is this something you'd be willing to try? -What might make it difficult for you to try this? (Ask about specific barriers: Transportation, childcare for other children, work demands, stigma?)
Create an action plan	-I am going to send this referral over to the They will call you in a week. If they don't call you, you will call them at this number
	-I will call you on (date) in a week to see when the appointments are scheduled for.
	-It will be helpful to get signed releases from you as a parent today so that we can communicate directly with your child's school and/or the other medical providers.
	-You may need to bring paperwork to the appointment. I can help you fill that out or get any documents you might need.

	-You can always reach me at
Services	-Your child's provider thinks you and your child might benefit from seeing a for services to help your child with
Explain Services	 -Children/Youth with depression may benefit from counseling and/or medication treatment. -Parents may also benefit from counseling to help them plan how to manage their child's behavior. Families can also benefit from counseling together. (Explain the type of service. You may have to do some research or ask another team member to help you learn about how these services work.)
Address barriers or concerns	-What do you think? Is this something you'd be willing to try? -What might make it difficult for you to try this? -Some parents like to talk to other parents. Would you like us to connect you to other parents through support groups? -Some parents like to talk to a counselor to think about parenting strategies. Would you like us to connect you to a counselor?
Create an action plan	-You will need to call to start the process. -I will make the referral and they will call you. -I will call you on (date) in a week to see when the appointment is. -You can always reach me at

APPLICATION: Care Co	ordination & Key Tasks
	Highlight strengths of the child and family
Engagement	Bring out hopes for the child and family
	Encourage positive parenting and parent responsiveness
	Encourage family activities that promote connection, mutual
	enjoyment and increase social support
	Are there psychological or cultural barriers?
	Did you offer any parenting support and resources?
	Does family understand referral for behavioral health services?
Education and	Does the family understand depression and how its impact?
Support	Encourage problem-solving skills to manage depression and increase
	positive coping skills
	Encourage increased communication
	Did you address barriers or concerns?
	Did you create an action plan?
	Did you loop back with PCP?
	Did you connect to the school/teacher?
	Did you document in the EMR?
	Do you have signed medical releases?
	Any other important information?
	Does family have all necessary information for the diagnostic process?
Diagnostic Process	Did you address barriers or concerns?
	Does family need help scheduling appointments?
	Does the family need help filling out paperwork or bringing materials?
	Does the family need transportation to the appointments?
	Did you document in the EMR?
	Do you have signed medical releases?
	Any other important information?
<u> </u>	Does family have all necessary information to access services?
Services	Did you address barriers or concerns?
	Does family need help scheduling or coordinating appointments?
	Does the family need transportation to appointments?
	Did you document in the EMR?
	Do you have signed medical releases? Any other important information?
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NAVIGATION PATHWAYS: Population Health Management	
Pre-diagnosis	 Screening and Education on referral process Referral to behavioral health assessment Referral to school-based assessment Signed releases for coordination of care across systems
Diagnostic Stage	 Diagnostic Assessment Process: Forms, Scheduling appointments Coordination with school Logistical barriers: Transportation, appointment times, childcare Cultural and Psychological barriers: Perceived need and importance of assessment Perception of depression and suicide Stigma associated with help-seeking
Post-Diagnosis	 Services Recommendation for services: counseling and medication treatment Parent services for depression Patient and Family Rights School-based services IEP process, including 504 Plan

RESOURCES	
	Team Up Learning Community Modules
Depression	 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) <u>https://www.samhsa.gov/treatment/mental-disorders/depression</u> Center for Disease Control (CDC) Positive Parenting Tips Handouts
	https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/freematerials.html
	 Families for Depression Awareness <u>http://www.familyaware.org/</u>
	 National Institute of Mental Health Teen Depression <u>https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/teen-</u> <u>depression/index.shtml</u>
Suicide	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention <u>https://afsp.org/about-suicide/risk-factors-and-warning-signs/</u>
Sucide	• MA Suicide Helpline: <u>877-870-4673</u> (Call or Text 24/7)
	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
	Crisis Text Line: Text HOME, HELLO or START to 741-741 https://www.crisistextline.org