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TO: Chief School Administrator/Charter School Lead Persons

FROM: Susan Martz, Director
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SUBJECT: *"After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools"*

This is to inform you that the *"After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools"* is now available online. You are encouraged to review the document and share it with schools in your county.

This toolkit is an innovative web-based resource for use by schools in the aftermath of a suicide (or other death) in the school community. The TLC Central staff was part of a work group that created this toolkit along with staff from the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** and the **Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)**. A key feature of this toolkit is that it is a consensus document developed with the input of a group of national and international experts in the field of youth suicide prevention and postvention. The toolkit is presently in review for inclusion in the SPRC Best Practice Registry.

After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools can be accessed on the [AFSP](#) and [SPRC](#) websites at the links provided below. The direct link also will be posted on the TLC Website shortly. Please share this valuable resource with anyone that will find it helpful. Direct links to *After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools* www.afsp.org/schools or www.sprc.org/library/AfteraSuicideToolkitforSchools.pdf. Please contact Donna Amundson, program manager of the Traumatic Loss Coalition for Youth Program at (732) 235-2818 if you have any questions.

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