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## ARE YOU A CLINICIAN WHO HAS ENCOUNTERED CLIENTS WHO MAY BE AT RISK OF HARMING OTHERS?

Have you ever felt unsure of how to address clients' violence risk as part of mental health services? Have you ever wondered if the worldviews of your clients could put them at risk of danger to the general public?

Harm toward others is a known risk, yet clinicians currently have few tools they can use to assess and manage violence risk to inform treatment planning.

The **T-SAM** (Targeted violence and terrorism: **S**trengths, needs, and risk **A**ssessment & **M**anagement tool) offers a collaborative, client-centered approach to assessment and management of risk. Modeled after the **CAMS** (Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality) Framework, the T-SAM:

- Clarifies the role of the mental health provider in community-based, violence prevention efforts
- Comprehensively assesses strengths and needs in addition to risks
- Values clinical judgment and collateral information while centering the client's perspective
- Links assessment results directly to treatment planning and management
- Provides a structured process for treatment planning, stabilization planning, and re-evaluating risk at every client contact
- Provides a framework for consultation with other providers from similar and distinct disciplines

On February 28, 2023, the Multidisciplinary Violence Prevention Team at Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School, in collaboration with the McCain Institute's Prevention Practitioners Network, will be hosting a T-SAM training program, free for any interested licensed mental health providers. The training program will teach providers how to apply the T-SAM to their current work with adolescent and adult clients who may be at risk of harming others. The training program will consist of a day-long, interactive training followed by participation in at least 5 monthly, ~90-minute virtual Community of Practice calls. This training is free to qualified licensed mental health providers working in the United States. Community of Practice Calls will include case consultation and support with T-SAM administration. Following the conclusion of the training program, we will distribute copies of the T-SAM for unlimited use.

To apply for the T-SAM Training Program, scan here or follow this [link](#). Application deadline: December 31, 2022



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