

The Behavioral Health Training Institute of  
Rockland County presents:

# The Five Challenges of Counseling a Suicidal Client

## WORKSHOP

This training explores the nuanced challenges of counseling clients experiencing suicidality, with particular emphasis on clinical complexity, relational depth, and ethical engagement. Participants will examine five critical dimensions of the therapeutic process—including client and clinician agendas, treatment planning, and clinical decision-making—while also engaging in guided reflection on their emotional reactions and professional use of self within the therapeutic encounter. The training will integrate theory with experiential learning to support clinicians in navigating the intensity, ambiguity, and responsibility of working with suicidal clients.

### Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

- Recognize the client versus clinician's agenda
- Process the clinicians' response to suicidal clients
- Understand the advantages/disadvantages of a safety plan

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Behavioral Health Training Institute of Rockland County is an approved provider of continuing education for Social Workers, Mental Health Counselors, Psychologists, and Marriage and Family Therapists. Participants will receive 1 free CE for attending the full duration of this event.

## AT A GLANCE

### DATE:

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

### TIME:

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

### LOCATION:

Webex

### REGISTRATION:

Register for free at  
[www.bookeo.com/rocklandtraining](http://www.bookeo.com/rocklandtraining).

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