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OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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To: Deans, Associate Deans, Department Chairs and School Directors

From: Joseph E. Steinmetz, PhD *JES*

Re: "Guide to Assist Disruptive or Distressed Individuals"

Dear Colleagues:

We revised the "Guide to Assist Disruptive or Distressed Individuals" and enclosed a copy for your use. In addition, we posted an online, downloadable version at: <http://ap.osu.edu/emergency/>. I hope you will post the online version on your website. Regional campuses' communications directors will provide campus-specific numbers and resources to their faculty and staff.

Additional coaching and training opportunities for effective responses are available, including:

- At Risk, an online simulation training for helping students in distress. Contact the University Center for the Advancement of Teaching at 614-292-3644.
- Dealing with Disruptive/Distressed Individuals, a one- to two-hour workshop. Contacts: Officer Anna Stephenson, Department of Public Safety at [Stephenson.1@dps.ohio-state.edu](mailto:Stephenson.1@dps.ohio-state.edu) and/or Dr. Micky Sharma, director, Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service at [Sharma.369@osu.edu](mailto:Sharma.369@osu.edu).
- REACH, a one-hour suicide prevention workshop for students, faculty and staff. Contact Wendy Winger at [osusuicideprevention@osu.edu](mailto:osusuicideprevention@osu.edu).

Ensuring a safe environment for students, faculty, and visitors to our campuses is one of our highest priorities.