



## **NABITA Structured Interview for Violence Risk Assessment (SIVRA) for K-12 Education Training & Certification Course Sample Agenda**

### **Description:**

The Structured Interview for Violence Risk Assessment (SIVRA) is a 21-item inventory that is used to assist behavioral intervention and management administrators and clinical staff in conducting a more thorough and research-based violence risk assessment. The SIVRA is designed to assess the risk and protective factors related to an individual's willingness to engage in violence.

This course will provide an in-depth teaching of how to effectively gather information and conduct an interview to rate an individual using the SIVRA. This will include strategies for increasing likelihood of truthfulness, a discussion on how to phrase questions to probe for specific risk and protective factors, and the opportunity to watch demonstration videos and practice scoring them.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

After completing this training, participants will be able to...

- Administer the SIVRA tool in an interview through narrative, structured questions with individuals exhibiting a range of concerning behaviors
- Conduct a standardized, research-based violence risk assessment with individuals determined to be at an increased risk
- Use a rating key to assist in decision-making

## **Course Topics**

### **Introduction and Overview:**

- BTAM Three-Phase Process
- Types of Assessments: General Risk Assessment, Psychological Assessment, Threat Assessment, Violence Risk Assessment

### **Violence Risk Assessment Process**

- Objective Risk Rubric
- Conducting a Violence Risk Assessment
- When to conduct a Violence Risk Assessment
- Who can conduct a Violence Risk Assessment
- Mandated Assessment
- How VRA Results are Used

## **Components of an Effective Violence Risk Assessment**

### **Conducting an Effective Violence Risk Assessment**

- Preparing for the Interview
- Rapport Building and Active Listening
- Collecting Information
- Assessing Credibility

### **Gathering Collateral Information**

### **Mitigating Bias**

### **Applying the SIVRA**

- Overview of the Tool
- Application Rules
- In-depth Review of the 21 Risk Factors for Scoring

### **Video Demonstration of the SIVRA**

Participants will watch video demonstrations of a SIVRA interview and assessment. Following each video, participants will work in groups to practice scoring the interview and determining an overall level of risk. The presenters will facilitate a discussion of the accurate rating for each video and the rationale behind the outcome of each item.

Note: Training will include one morning and one afternoon break (approximately 15 minutes each) and a one-hour lunch break. Training start and end times for in-person events are determined by the host site. All virtual training sessions take place from 10 AM – 5 PM ET unless otherwise specified.