

## **Gregory K. Brown, PhD Brief Biography**

Dr. Gregory K. Brown is the Director of the Center for the Prevention of Suicide and Research Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. He is also a Research Psychologist at the VISN 4 Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center at the Corporal Michael J Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Brown is an internationally renowned expert in suicide prevention whose work has led to transformational advances in the treatment of suicidal individuals. His research aims to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of innovative, targeted interventions designed to reduce vulnerability factors associated with suicide behavior in high risk populations and to examine and improve the implementation of evidence-based treatments into “real world” settings to prevent suicide.

He is the Principal Investigator/Co-Investigator on research grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense. He is the author of numerous scientific publications in the area of suicide prevention and he has received several awards for his contributions to the science of suicide prevention. He currently serves on scientific advisory boards for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the Cohen Veterans Network.

Dr. Brown is the co-developer of the Safety Planning Intervention, an evidence-based, brief suicide prevention strategy that has been used in research and widely disseminated in health care settings, including the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). He is also the co-developer of one of the few existing evidence-based psychotherapy interventions, Cognitive Therapy for Suicide Prevention, which has been shown to prevent suicide attempts among individuals at high risk for suicide. Additionally, he co-developed the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, an evidence-based assessment tool, for the identification of at-risk individuals that has also been widely implemented in research and clinical settings.

Dr. Brown is a subject matter expert for the Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Training Program in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression (CBT-D) of the VHA, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. He has co-developed many training materials for the evidence-based treatment of depression and suicide prevention that have been disseminated in VHA.