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*Speakers Bureau*

# Melisa Marsh

SPEAKER AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR

Melisa Marsh, Ph.D. currently serves as the Supervisor of School Counseling for the Cobb County school district in Marietta, GA., where she coordinates the development and supervision of school counseling, student advisement, crisis response, and Hospital Homebound programs. She has 17 years of experience in filling the roles of Georgia State High School Counselor, Supervisor of Counseling, and School Counseling and Advisement Consultant. Melisa received her Ph.D. in Counseling Education and Personnel Services and her Specialist Degree in School Counseling from the University of Georgia. She received her Advanced Masters in School Counseling Program from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Marsh is also the author of two books in the *15-Minute Focus series: Suicide: Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention and Depression: Signs and Strategies for Counselors, Educators, and Parents*. Missy lives in the Atlanta Metro area with her husband and puppy. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, yoga, cycling, running, hiking, and spending as much time outdoors as possible.

A BRIEF LOOK AT MELISA'S SESSIONS (continued on the back)

## **Respond to Suicidal Ideation**

Do you know what to say to someone with thoughts of suicide? When suicidal individuals leave your office, do you feel confident they will get the help and support they need? Walk away with tools you can use to keep individuals safe when they express suicidal ideation. Learn how to use these tools with your individuals who express suicidal ideation so you can feel more confident each time that you have these challenging conversations.

## **Strategies to Address School Culture and Climate**

School culture impacts every aspect of the learning environment for students and for staff. While addressing a school's culture can be challenging, it is critical for implementing systemic change. This presentation will share a variety of strategies to address school culture through the lens of self-awareness, inclusivity, and intentionally creating a safe environment for all students and staff.

## **Considering Culture: Creating a Safe Place for ALL Students and Staff**

Exploring culture can be an uncomfortable conversation for many individuals. However, this true exploration is needed in order to create a safe place for all students and staff. In this training, participants will: 1. Examine how our own culture and identity factor into the way that we serve our students, 2. Understand how culture and diverse identities influence student learning, and 3. Learn strategies for creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.

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## Becoming a Champion Advocate: Multiple Ways to Enhance a School Counseling Program

Where do you learn to advocate? It seems natural to advocate for our students, but what about advocating for our department and our counseling program? In this session you will learn best practices for advocating with your school and district administrators to best support your school counseling program and therefore best supporting your students.

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## Strong Back, Soft Front: The importance of Critical Conversations

Most of us do not enjoy having critical conversations with our staff. However, these conversations are necessary to ensure that teams are operating and functioning to their highest potential. This is not only true in business, but it is also true in education. In this session, participants will learn tips and tricks for giving and receiving feedback, and a specific method for leading a critical conversation.

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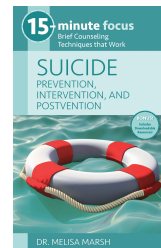
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#### 15-Minute Focus - SUICIDE: Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention

*Brief Counseling Techniques  
that Work*

Dr. Melisa Marsh

In this book, Marsh unpacks the stigma and data associated with suicide, and provides school counselors, educators, and administrators with ways to implement a suicide-safer community.



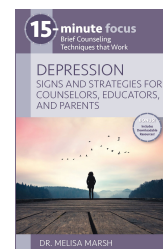
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#### 15-Minute Focus - Depression: Signs and Strategies for Counselors, Educators, and Parents

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In this book, Marsh provides a comprehensive look at depression and its effects on children and teenagers. This book will equip counselors, educators, and family members with a detailed understanding of depression and offer tools for intervention so no student or peer goes unnoticed in their struggle.



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