

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS


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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEMORANDUM #21-06

TO: All Sheriff's and Jail Administrators  
FROM: Executive Director Brandon S. Wood   
RE: TCOLE #2831 IDD Training for Jailers & 4901 Suicide Prevention for Jailers  
DATE: December 2, 2021

HB 2831 (87R) mandated the Commission on Jail Standards to create a training program for county jailers to provide techniques to assess and interact with individuals confined to county jail who have been determined to have intellectual developmental disabilities. Any jailer who completes this training course may earn continuing education credits through TCOLE. (TCOLE course #2831) This course is 4 hours in length and free to county jails.

We continue to provide additional suicide prevention training to county jailers across the State of Texas. (TCOLE #4901). This course is 4-hours in length, is free to county jails, and should satisfy annual suicide prevention training requirements as detailed in each facility's Mental Disabilities/Suicide Prevention Plan.

If you are interested in assisting TCJS in setting up a regional training for either of these courses, please contact Mental Health Trainer Melvin Bowser at [melvin.bowser@tcjs.state.tx.us](mailto:melvin.bowser@tcjs.state.tx.us).

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