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As the Prevention Support Program Manager for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) at EDC, Elly Stout oversees technical assistance (TA) and support services for suicide prevention practitioners in state, tribal, and higher education settings, including federally funded grantees. Stout provides strategic direction for tailored and group TA efforts for each of these groups, as well as directing specific projects to build key core competencies, such as sustaining suicide prevention initiatives and collaboration with substance abuse prevention and treatment efforts.

At EDC, Stout brings over 5 years' project management experience, with a focus on TA, including tailored consultation and group training on strategic planning, sustainability, culturally competent work with diverse populations, strategic communication, and new media. She has led efforts to connect with other TA centers and national organizations to share resources and develop key partnerships, and has introduced numerous innovations to SPRC's TA work, including Communities of Practice, regular client needs assessments, and interactive webinars and training programs grounded in adult learning theory. Stout has also taken a leadership role in building connections between centers within EDC's Health and Human Development Division that serve Native American communities.

Prior to joining EDC in 2007, Stout consulted on numerous health communication initiatives for health agencies in the Boston area, with a special focus on multicultural and immigrant populations. As a Program Manager for Population Services International, she oversaw strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation of social marketing programs for health in a number of countries in Asia and Africa. Stout also worked in Asia for several years, where she directed national behavior change communications efforts to support HIV prevention and family planning programs.

Stout earned an M.S. in Health Communications from the Tufts University School of Medicine, and a B.S. in International Relations, Law, and Organization from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.