# Plan and Conduct a Crisis Assessment (Including lethality measures)

I can hear that you're feeling a lot of loneliness right now. Do you feel suicidal right now?

# Establish Rapport and Rapidly Establish Relationship

It sounds like you have a lot going on right now. What is one thing that we can focus on in this call?

# **Identify Major Problem**

### **Deal with Feelings and Emotions**

It's clear that you're going through a lot of emotions right now. It's important to look after yourself at times like these. - Have you attempted suicide in the past?

- Are you in a safe place to talk right now?

- Tell me more.

- Here is what I'm hearing you say...
- What made you call us today?
- How could I best help you in this call?
- How does that make you feel?

- Of course you're angry. I understand; it's normal to be angry right now.

### **Generate and Explore Alternatives**

You have brought up some great options. Let's figure out what your plan is after this call.

### **Develop and Formulate an Action Plan**

You've made a great plan of action for yourself today. I'm going to let you go so you can do the things we've discussed.

#### **Establish Follow-Up Plan and Agreement**

- Have you tried to talk to others about this before?
- What have you done in the past to cope with these feelings?

- What are you going to do for the rest of the day or for the next fifteen minutes?

- Who are you going to call after this?
- You can call us back tomorrow if you're still feeling this way
- We're starting to circle back again.
  We've talked about a coping plan for after the call so I'm going to let you go so you can try out those strategies now.