

Threat Response Resources

The following list was compiled by the Center for Safe Schools as a resource on school-based strategies to assist you in preventing and responding to threats of violence. Highlighted are a number of resources being used by schools and communities in their efforts to promote safe and successful learning environments for youth. This list is not intended to be comprehensive, but rather a reference for additional research and information. The Center for Safe Schools maintains a lending library of over 3,000 publications, articles, videos and other resources for schools and organizations working with schools. Many of the following materials are available for loan through the Center's library. For more information, call the Center for Safe Schools at 717-763-1661.

PENNSYLVANIA

**PA Department of Education,
Bureau of Community and Student Services:**
717-783-3755 www.cas.psu.edu/pde.htm

Center for Safe Schools: 717-763-1661
www.center-school.org/css.home.htm
Provides training, technical assistance, resources and evaluation services to a broad spectrum of statewide initiatives serving youth, children, and families.

**Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Training
and Education:** 717-787-7777
www.psp.state.pa.us
-Provides leadership and training on law enforcement, and public safety and service, including a Safe Schools Program.

**Services for Teens At-Risk (STAR) Center,
Western Psychiatric Institute of the University
of Pittsburgh Medical Center:**
412-624-0725
www.wpic.pitt.edu/research/star
-Focuses on improving the psychological well-being of children and adolescents-especially those at risk for suicide and interpersonal injury-Work to increase the capacity of youth- serving organizations, including schools, social service agencies, and community groups.

Research for Better Schools:
215-574-9300 www.rbs.org
-Offers educational technology development, evaluation, technical assistance, and training services.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
717-651-2009 sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/PEMA/
-PEMA is the Commonwealth's emergency resource manager. Also offers the "Multi-Hazard Safe Schools Course," for community teams.

Pennsylvania School Boards Association
(717) 774-2331 www.psba.org
-PSBA's Mission is to serve local school boards and advocate public education

NATIONAL

National School Safety Center
805-373-9977 www.nsscl.org
-Conducts research and disseminates information and publications on school safety

**U.S Department of Education, Safe and Drug
Free Schools:** 202-260-3954
www.ed.gov/offices/oese/sdfs/
-Provides education and prevention activities in schools for reducing drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

**U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile
Justice and Delinquency Prevention:**
800-638-8736 www.ncjrs.org
- Provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist crime victims.

Bureau for At-Risk Youth:
800-99-YOUTH www.at-risk.com/
-Educational publisher and distributor of programs, videos, publications and products for youth at risk and their caregivers.

Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc.:

800-558-8976 www.execpc.com/~cpi

-Commercial firm that produces seminars and video training programs on dealing and preventing violence, including a tape series entitled “Nonviolent Crisis Intervention for the Educator”

National Threat Assessment Center:

www.treas.gov/uss/ntac

PHILADELPHIA 215-861-3300

600 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

PITTSBURGH 412-395-6484

1000 LIBERTY AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

SCRANTON 717-346-5781

P.O. BOX 247, SCRANTON, PA 18501

-Offers timely, realistic, useful, and effective advice to law enforcement and other professionals and organizations with responsibilities to investigate and/or prevent targeted violence. In addition, NTAC will offer its assistance to organizations interested in developing threat assessment programs.

National Organization for Victim Assistance

202-232-6682 www.try-nova.org

-NOVA’s mission is to promote rights and services for victims of crime and crisis everywhere. The Crisis Response Team will serve as consultants to the leaders and caregivers of a community in severe distress.

Educational Resources Information Center:

(ERIC) www.aspensys.com/eric/

-A national information system designed to provide users with ready access to an extensive body of education-related literature.

Center for the Prevention of School Violence:

800-299-6054 www.ncsu.edu/cpsv/

- Focuses on ensuring schools are safe and secure so that every student is able to attend a school that is free of fear and conducive to learning.

National School Safety and Security Services:

(216) 251-3067 www.schoolsecurity.org

-National consulting firm specializing in training and technical assistance on secondary and elementary (k-12) school security, gang, and juvenile crime issues.

National Consortium on Violence Research:

412-268-8374 www.ncovr.heinz.cmu.edu

-These files provide a first time opportunity for researchers to analyze the interactions between individual and community contributions to victimization risk.

Center For the Study and Prevention of Violence:

303-492-8465 www.cspv.org

-Determines the feasibility of program development for each community and agency request for technical assistance.

Children’s Safety Network of the National Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center:

617-969-7100 www.edc.org/HHD/csn/

-Provides statistics on violence, and links to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a Fact Sheet about school injuries.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Urban Education:

800-538-3742

www.eric-web.tc.columbia.edu/adminiatration/safety/

-Provides links to directories and digests related to school safety, as well as information alerts and in-depth reviews of school safety issues.

National Alliance for Safe Schools:

301-306-200 www.safeschools.org

-Provides information about Alliance workshops, publications, mission statement, and contracting for the security assessments it offers. Also offers links to other important resources.

National Education Association (NEA):

800-424-1616 www.nea.org

-This site offers links to many aspects of education, including a Safe and Secure Schools page. From there, find connections to many other Internet resources on school safety.

Safe, Disciplined, and Drug-Free Schools:

800-624-0100 www.ed.gov/DrugFree/

-The U.S. Department of Education's link to Safe, Disciplined, and Drug-Free Schools. Visitors can monitor federal government activities related to school safety, and access the five regional centers for safe and drug-free schools. Access also to recent government publications, including the *Manual to Combat Truancy*, and the *Manual on School Uniforms*.

CURRICULA/MATERIALS**Prevention**

I Can Problem Solve, Research Press (217-352-3273).

-Curriculum on teaching positive critical thinking skills to encourage children to take responsibility for their own feelings and behavior.

Developmental Research and Programs, (800) 736-2630, 130 Nickerson Street, Suite 107, Seattle, Washington 98109, www.drp.org

-Award-winning programs from Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Catalano including Communities That Care and Promising Approaches to Violence Prevention.

Safe School Planning

Early Warning ,Timely Response: A Guide for Safe Schools, U. S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Justice (800-877-8339), 1998.

-A comprehensive manual on safe school planning based on research and field experiences.

Safeguarding Our Children: An Action Guide, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Justice (800-433-7827), 2000

-A follow-up resource that provides additional information about the "how to" of developing school safety plans.

Safe Schools: A Handbook for Practitioners, National Association of Secondary School Principals and DynCorp (800-253-7746), 1995.

-A comprehensive manual on safe school planning.

How to Create Safe Schools, National Education Service (800-733-6786), 1996

-A comprehensive workbook and video guide to creating safer schools.

What's Wrong with this Picture, National School Safety Center (805-373-9977), 1986.

-A video tool to help build relationships between schools and communities to resolve threats to school safety.

Creating Safe and Drug Free Schools: An Action Guide, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (202- 638-8736) 1996.

-A guide for various community sectors to create safe and drug free schools, summaries of effective strategies, and research in the field.

Governor's Community Partnership for Safe Children

- Communities That Care is a comprehensive community risk-focused program that addresses youth violence and other problem behaviors by reducing risks while creating protective bonds between youth and their families, schools and communities.

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(717) 705-0904 or 1-800-692-7292

Fax: (717) 705-3698 www.cp.state.pa.us

Blueprints for Violence Prevention developed by the Center For the Study and Prevention of Violence, 303-492-8465 www.cspv.org

- Based on research findings conducted over the past several decades, promising prevention and intervention programs proven effective in reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors relative to youth violence, delinquency, substance abuse, teen pregnancy and school drop-out have been identified in the publication, "Blueprints for Violence Prevention."

Crisis Management

Developing Good Crisis Plans, Mary Margaret Kerr, Center for Safe Schools (717-763-1661), 1997.

-Outlines key crisis response and planning steps.

School Crisis: Under Control, National School Safety Center (805-373-9977), 1991.

-A video for parents, educators and administrators that offers practical tips on preparing for and responding to crises featuring personal accounts from school staff.

Non-crisis Intervention training curriculum and video series, Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc. (800-558-8976)

-Instructs educators on managing disruptive and assaultive behavior.

Postvention Standards Guidelines: A Guide for a School's Response in the Aftermath of a Sudden Death, Mary Margaret Kerr, David Brent, and Brian McKain, STAR Center (412-624-0725), 1997.

-A Postvention Guide for school staff.

The School Shooter: A Threat Assessment Perspective, Critical Incident Response Group (CIRG), National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime (NCAVC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

-The monograph was developed from the concepts and principles developed by the FBI's NCAVC in nearly 25 years of experience in threat assessment, ideas generated at a 1999 NCAVC symposium on school shootings, and an in-depth review of eighteen school shooting cases.

Threat Assessment: Defining an Approach for Evaluating Risk of Targeted Violence, Randy Borum, Robert Fein, Bryan Vossekuil and John Berglund

-This paper attempts to define the Secret Service's threat assessment approach and apply it within the existing professional/scientific literature on risk assessment.

Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence, Alissa J. Kramen, Kelly R. Massey, Ph.D., Howard W. Timm, Ph.D, through the International Association of Chiefs of Police -This document presents different strategies and approaches for members of school communities to consider when creating safer learning environments.

Enforcement/Security

Practical School Security: Basic Guidelines for Safe and Secure Schools, National School Safety and Security Services (216-251-3067), 1998.

-Provides educators, law enforcement officers and community members an explanation of basic professional school security, issues, and practices.

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, National Institute of Justice, (800-433-7827), 1999.

- A publication that provides basic guidelines to law enforcement agencies and school administrators and encourages their collaboration on planning security technologies as a part of a school safety plan.