
CSSP
STATE-WIDE CRISIS
RESPONSE TEAM
MISSION

The mission of the CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team is to provide comprehensive school-based prevention, intervention, and postvention crisis resources and services. The CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team advocates for professional development training opportunities and multi-level crisis response programming. The CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team encourages interagency collaboration and services in preparing for and responding to crises that impact the school and community. Please read more about our team at cssponline.org.

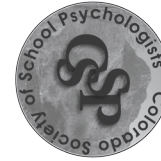
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The CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team (CSSP S-W CRT) was created to assist Colorado educators, students, families and communities in preventing and responding to crises.

Typical school-based crises may include any of the following:

- Individual and family tragedies
- Natural disasters
- Community tragedies
- Violence
- Traffic accidents
- Death

Such events may be perceived as extremely negative, generate feelings of helplessness, powerlessness, and/or entrapment. Crisis events occur suddenly, unexpectedly, and without warning (Brock et al., 2009).

Recent literature also suggests that childhood trauma can have a lasting impact on child cognitive, moral, and personality development, and coping abilities (Barenbaum et al., 2004).

ROLE OF THE CSSP STATE-WIDE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Direct Crisis Response:

Upon request from a school administrator, CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team members may be dispatched to local school districts to assist in direct crisis response services.

Consultation:

School districts may contact the CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team for assistance in assessing school safety and developing district-level crisis response teams. The team is a core partner with the Colorado Crisis Education and Response Network (CoCERN), and when requested, is responsible for leading or supporting a disaster response in Colorado.

Professional Development Training:

CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team members are available to provide training to school personnel in Workshop I and Workshop II of the PREPaRE curriculum which has been developed by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). PREPaRE's curriculum focuses on crisis preparation, prevention, response, and recovery procedures. Additionally, CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team members are available to provide training in areas such as:

- "Developing Consistency in School Crisis Response"
- "Threat Assessment and Intervention"
- "Suicide Risk Assessment in the Schools"
- "The Educational Impact of Trauma on Children"

Trainings may also be customized to fit the needs of school districts/BOCES, ranging in length from one or two hour workshops, to full-day or two-day formats. Please inquire about the fee schedule for the workshops. Participants receive valuable workshop manuals and materials.

Resource Development and Distribution:

Materials and resources are available to schools addressing specific issues in crisis management and response.

Advocacy:

CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team members are available to assist schools and communities in developing and promoting safe school policies and practices.

THE CSSP STATE-WIDE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

The team consists of school psychologists licensed by the Colorado Department of Education. Team members have advanced training and expertise in crisis prevention and response. Many hold national certification as crisis responders through the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), and are identified as NASP trainers for the PREPaRE model.

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