

CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team

Mission Statement

Provide comprehensive school-based prevention, intervention, and postvention crisis resources and services.

Advocate for professional development training opportunities and multi-level crisis response programming.

Encourage interagency collaboration and services in preparing for and responding to crises that impact the school and community

The CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team

The team consists of school psychologists, counselors and social workers licensed by the Colorado Department of Education. Team members have advanced training and expertise in crisis prevention and response.

Many members hold national certification as crisis responders through the National Organization of Victims Assistance (NOVA) and are identified as National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) trainers of the PREPaRE Model.

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With the exception of the PREPaRE training, members of the CSSP S-W CRT offer their services at no cost. Our organization was created post Columbine in an effort to support school districts during times of need. Many of our team members are employed; thus, availability varies based on the time of year.



Colorado Society of School Psychologists

STATE-WIDE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

History and Purpose

The Colorado Society of School Psychologists 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 crisis 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)

Childhood trauma can have a lasting impact on a child's cognitive, moral and personality development and coping abilities (Barrenbaum et al., 2004).

Role of the CSSP State-Wide Crisis Response Team

Direct Crisis Response

- In coordination with Office of School Safety and upon request from a school administrator, CSSP S-W CRT members may be dispatched to local school districts to assist in direct crisis response services.
- The CSSP S-W CRT is a core partner with the Colorado Crisis Education and Response Network, CoCERN and Office of School Safety, when requested, is responsible for leading or supporting a disaster response in Colorado.

Consultation

- Members of the CSSP S-W CRT consult with school districts facing significant crises such as suicide contagion, school shootings, and/or natural disasters that greatly impact districts.

Professional Development Training

- CSSP S-W CRT members are available to provide PREPaRE workshop 1 and 2 training to school personnel or facilitate finding a trainer. The PREPaRE curriculum was developed by the National Association of School Psychologists. The curriculum focuses on crisis preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery.

Requirements

- Be a licensed school psychologist or other related professional working, or retired in the state of Colorado
- Currently employed or previously worked in a public-school district, university, CDE or BOCES in Colorado
- Must be a member in good standing with CSSP
- Complete the application form with one or more letters of reference regarding your experience and skills in the area of crisis response
- Complete NASP's latest edition of PREPaRE I and PREPaRE II workshops
- Agree to have one's name listed in the state-wide database of crisis responders
- Agree to continually update current crisis skills and knowledge base by attending workshops, courses, and sessions in the area of crisis response.
- Participate in an interview by two or more current members of the CSSP S-W CRT

For more information or an application

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