

## **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

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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.

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## **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 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)

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

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 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 . The PREPaRE curriculum was developed by the National Association of School Psychologists. The curriculum focuses on crisis preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery.

## 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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