



About the Course

This course assists professionals from schools and partnering agencies in identifying risk factors, prevention strategies, and management options for violent behavior, such as school shootings. The information provided highlights how threats of violence can be systematically investigated and how school and community attacks can be prevented when staff and community members understand threatening behavior, know how to identify signs of attack, and then move quickly to assess and de-escalate a situation.

With the Salem-Keizer Cascade preventive behavioral threat assessment system as a model, the course provides a template for building a sustainable, school-based threat assessment system composed of school site teams and a community-based collaboration.

Specifically, this course provides:

- a review of the research and basic principles regarding threat assessment and threat management
- an overview of an existing multi-disciplinary, multi-agency threat assessment and management system; a system that is protocol driven, user friendly, and designed for educators, SROs, school-based mental health professionals, juvenile justice services, etc.
- an adaption of that system to the existing resources of this community.
- training on the use of protocols for youth threat assessment
- a review of the steps and developmental procedures necessary to implement that system
- lab exercises and case reviews

Course Outline

Section 1: Introduction

- Welcome, Course Objectives, and Navigation
- Pre-Assessment

Section 2: Overview of Behavioral Threat Assessment (BTA)

- Section Overview
- Safety Statistics
- BTA Flowchart
- Salem-Keizer Cascade Model

Section 3: Introductory Concepts

- Section Overview
- Basic Threat Assessment Concepts
- Level 1 Protocol
- The Team: Equity in Threat Assessment
- Check for Understanding

Section 4: Threat Assessment in Schools

- Section Overview
- Aggression Continuum
- Behavioral Threat Assessment: Understanding Context, Assessing Situations
- Threats and Communication
- Reactive/Affective Aggression
- Targeted Violence
- Check for Understanding

Section 5: Supporting Research--Mass Shootings, Rampage Shootings, Mission Oriented Shootings

- Section Overview
- Safe School Initiative
- Research and Its Application to Level 1
- Using Case Studies to Complete the Form
- Check for Understanding

Section 6: Inhibitors, Triggers, Aggravators, and Other Risk Factors

- Section Overview
- Inhibitors
- Triggers
- Aggravators/Contributing Risk Factors
- Using Case Studies to Complete the Form
- Check for Understanding

Section 7: Case Exercise – Identify Concerns

- Section Overview
- Case Exercise – Identify Concerns
- Final Steps: Supervision, Prevention, and Intervention
- Check for Understanding

Section 8: Final Considerations

- Section Overview
- Final Considerations

Section 9: Course Wrap-Up

- Course Conclusion
- Course Wrap-Up
- Course Completion