

School Violence

National and Regional Resources

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



Now is the Time: The President's Plan to Protect our Children

& our Communities by Reducing Gun Violence

www.whitehouse.gov/issues/preventing-gun-violence

- **Close background check loopholes to keep guns out of dangerous hands**
- **Take common sense steps to reduce gun violence**
- **Make schools safer:**
 - Assist schools in completing security assessments and implementing emergency management plans.
 - Fund 1,000 school resource officers and psychologists, social workers and counselors.
 - Expand the implementation of evidence-based strategies to improve school climate to 8,000 more schools.
 - Disseminate best practices on school discipline policies and processes.
- **Increase access to and improvement of mental health services:**
 - Support 16-25-year olds at high risk for mental illness by funding innovative state-based strategies.
 - Fund student mental health services for trauma, anxiety, and school-based violence prevention strategies.
 - Train mental health professionals to serve students and young adults
 - Ensure insurance coverage of mental health treatment and parity with other health insurance benefits
- **Implement Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education):**
 - Provide "Mental Health First Aid" training for teachers
 - Help school districts work with law enforcement, mental health agencies, and other local organizations ensure that students with mental health issues are referred to the services they need
 - Launch a national campaign about mental illness
 - Develop and market SAMHSA's "Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health"



SAMHSA: Prevention

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) program aims to promote safe school environments, healthy childhood development and mental health, and prevent substance abuse in the nation's schools.

www.sshs.samhsa.gov/initiative/resources.aspx

- Promoting early childhood social and emotional learning and development
- Promoting mental, emotional, and behavioral health.
- Connecting youth, families, schools, and communities.
- Preventing and reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.
- Preventing youth violence and bullying.



Literature on effective school-based violence prevention programs



SAMHSA: Coping with School Violence

<http://www.samhsa.gov/trauma/>

Comprehensive list of resources on crisis response, stress management, trauma-informed care, and post-disaster recovery

- National Center for Trauma Informed Care

www.samhsa.gov/nctic

SAMHSA: Publications and Resources

www.samhsa.gov



- “Prevention & Recovery: A Multi-Agency Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Collaboration.” Resources on law enforcement partnerships in schools, school resource officers, and teen dating violence prevention in Indian country
- “Interventions for Disruptive Behavior Disorders. Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Kit”
- “Tips for Talking With and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Disaster or Traumatic Event: A Guide for Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers”
- “Disaster Behavioral Health Preparedness and Response Resources”

SAMHSA: Technical Assistance Centers

- Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies Support (CAPT) <http://captus.samhsa.gov/>
 - **Purpose:** Comprehensive training and technical assistance on Substance Use Prevention (including prescription drug abuse), Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), Substance Use Epidemiology, website for CSAP grantees with resources and tools; on-line course, webinars, etc.
- Tribal Technical Assistance Center (TTAC)
 - **Purpose:** Provides culturally appropriate and sensitive Tribal Technical Assistance to Native communities across the country who seek to address mental and substance use disorders and suicide
 - **Contact:** Maureen Madison, 240-276-1772 Maureen.Madison@samhsa.hhs.gov

Additional Federal Resources

- National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention www.promoteprevent.org
- National Resource Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention www.Healthysafekids.org
- CDC, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence
- Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK44294/>
- Refer youth to a safe place to talk www.ok2talk.org
- DOJ, Office of Justice Programs Youth Violence Resources http://ojp.gov/programs/yvp_resources.htm
- DoE, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oshs/>
- Extreme violence prevention http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/empowering_local_partners.pdf
- National Teen Dating Violence Hotline 1-866-331-9474; TTY 1-866-331-8453; Text "loveis" to 77054 <http://www.loveisrespect.org/>

SAMHSA Regional Contacts: <http://beta.samhsa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/regional-administrators>