

# School Behavioral Threat Assessments: An Introduction

# **Live and Virtual Trainings by Request**

The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Supportive Schools, is pleased to offer the School Behavioral Threat Assessments: An Introduction training topic in the Train-the-Educator format. Available through the Live Trainings by Request and Virtual Trainings by Request programs, this training provides information on preventing and reducing targeted violence in schools through behavioral threat assessments and can be delivered in person or virtually. For each training modality, the REMS TA Center will provide — free of charge — training materials, as well as one or more live subject matter expert trainers and staff support for the event hosted at your site or online.



**Live Training by Request**Facilitated on-site at your school, school district, or education agency



Virtual Training by Request

Delivered online through
a videoconference platform

Learn various components of school behavioral threat assessments, originally put forth by the <u>Safe School Initiative</u>, alongside new information and guidance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the <u>Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans</u>. The training highlights key aspects of school behavioral threat assessments that need to be considered when deciding which threat assessment features are most appropriate for the district, school, and/or local community. In addition, participants will receive guidance on how to develop a multidisciplinary behavioral threat assessment team and conduct a meeting. According to <u>The Role of Districts in Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans</u>, school districts and schools should establish a threat assessment team and develop a Behavioral Threat Assessment Annex. Below, you will find information about each synchronous training format.

	Live Training by Request	Virtual Training by Request
Duration	7 hours	4 hours
Number of participants	25 minimum 100 maximum	25 minimum 475 maximum



#### TRAINING OBJECTIVES

During this course, participants will

- Understand school behavioral threat assessments and how they can help prevent and reduce targeted violence in schools;
- Learn effective characteristics of behavioral threat assessments to consider when forming their own approach and team; and
- Discuss concepts in small-group discussions and practice a basic behavioral threat assessment in a tabletop exercise.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- School district and school administrators, educators, and staff;
- School counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers;
- Members of a behavioral threat assessment team;
- Law enforcement and school resource officers:
- Community partners such as local mental/ behavioral health practitioners; and
- Representatives from community groups, including youth-serving organizations.



## **EXT STEPS**





Complete and submit the Training by Request Host Site Application Form to info@remstacenter.org at least 45 days prior to the requested training date. You will receive an email notification acknowledging receipt of the application within 3 days of applying. If you do not receive this, please contact the Help Desk at (855) 781-7367 [REMS] or info@remstacenter.org.

The REMS TA Center and the U.S. Department of Education review the application. If it is approved, we will send an email with documents attached, including a Host Site Agreement and Planning Checklist. If the application is not approved, we will send an email with instructions for resubmittal.



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