



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY OUTREACH AND TRIAGE DIVISION

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health School Threat Assessment and Response Team (START) provides:

- Training and Program Consultation
- Early Screening and Identification
- Assessment
- Intervention
- Case Management and Monitoring

Audience specific trainings are available for students, parents, school administrators, faculty, campus security, mental health providers, law enforcement, and other professionals. Student presentations are approximately 45-60 minutes and tailored to grade level.

Parent presentations require approximately 90 minutes and address:

- Overview of START.
- Relevant research on the prevention of violent behavior in youth
  - Media exposure and exercise on brain functioning.
  - Play as a critical factor in developing positive human behavior.
- Warning signs and dynamics indicating potential for violent behavior.
- Healthy parent/child relationships.
- Strategies to increase parental awareness of child's behaviors.

Presentations for professional staff require a minimum of two hours. More detailed presentations require three to four hours and address:

- Overview of Targeted School Violence (TSV)
- Review of existing typologies and risk factors
- Lessons Learned from past and current incidents of TSV
- Motivating factors in targeted school violence
- Data driven assessment and intervention strategies
- Case Management and Monitoring Students of Concern
- Threat Management Teams

Presentations are at no cost and CEU's may be provided to mental health professionals. START is funded by the Mental Health Services Act - Prevention and Early Intervention. For further information contact:

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