

## Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Emergency Outreach and Triage Division (EOTD)

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

- Training and program consultation
- Early screening and identification
- Assessment
- Intervention
- Risk 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 CEUs may be provided to mental health professionals. START is funded by the Mental Health Services Act – Prevention and Early Intervention. For further information, contact the START program at (213) 739-5565 or [START@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:START@dmh.lacounty.gov).