

# SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT RESPONSE TEAM (START)



## WHAT WE DO

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### TRAINING & PROGRAM CONSULTATION

**Provides** audience specific presentations at no cost to schools and parents. Trainings increase situational awareness among school administrators, faculty, parents, students, campus security, and local law enforcement.

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### EARLY SCREENING & IDENTIFICATION

**Case-by-case consultation** regarding individuals or situations of concern, which has proven to be successful in preventing and managing violence.



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### ASSESSMENT

**Dedicated** resources to assist schools in completing a comprehensive assessment of the student, situation, support system, and other factors relevant to the perceived, implied, or stated threat.

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### INTERVENTION

**Collaborates** with educational institutions to provide a response appropriate to the situation. Response options may include further mental health assessment, ongoing monitoring, involuntary hospitalization, voluntary outpatient psychiatric treatment, residential placement, and substance abuse education and treatment. Other strategies may include anger management, job training, and other support services not traditionally thought of as mental health.

### IN FISCAL YEAR 18-19

**5,460\*** **313**  
Calls Received Referrals received

**173** **64**  
Psychiatric evaluations Trainings to  
2,446 Attendees

*\*80% of calls are for administrative services and trainings.*

**Demand for START services has increased by more than 140% in the past three fiscal years.**

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### CASE MANAGEMENT & MONITORING

**Provides** ongoing support services including case consultation, case management, follow-up, and periodic review of risk factors.

For immediate mental health assistance, call our  
**24/7 Access Helpline**  
**1-800-854-7771**



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