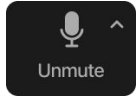
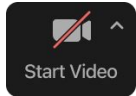


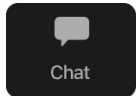
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Safe and Healthy Schools Community of Practice Call

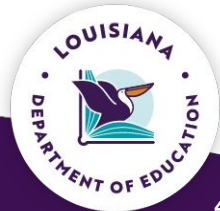
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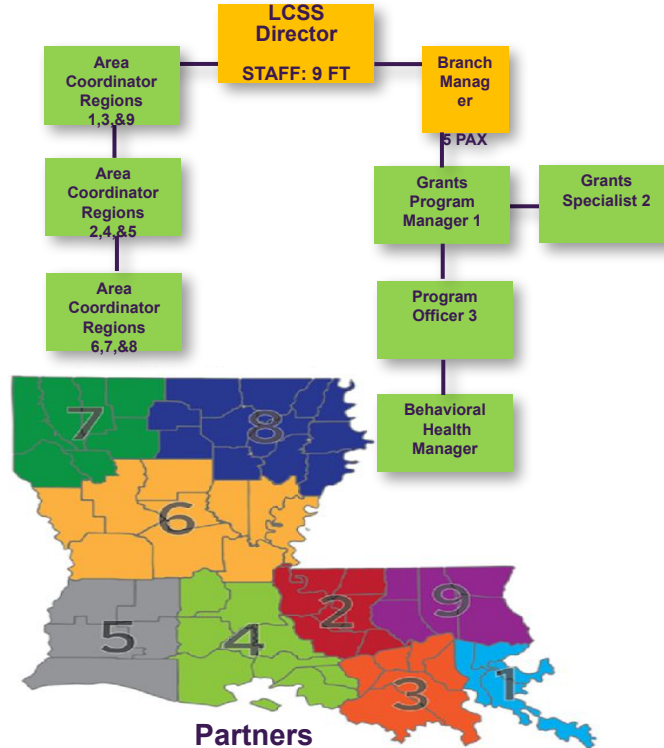
Jackie M. Manton
Director, Louisiana Center for Safe Schools
Governor's Office of Homeland Security and
Emergency Preparedness



LOUISIANA CENTER FOR SAFE SCHOOLS (LCSS)

Legislative responsibilities

1. Identify and prioritize resources available to improve the safety of Louisiana's schools
2. Facilitate the collection and dissemination of information on school safety, school safety vulnerabilities, school safety needs, training standards, best practices, and available funding programs
3. Develop, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, a statewide comprehensive school safety framework that includes a statewide behavioral threat assessment model and trauma-informed student support
4. Assist schools in developing and revising their crisis and management response plans required pursuant to R.S. 17:416.16
5. Coordinate with the state Department of Education to ensure schools are aware of the resources of the center and that school safety rules are incorporating best practices
6. Provide training and technical assistance to schools and school governing authorities on school safety issues such as emergency operations planning, emergency drills, behavioral threat assessment, facility security, information technology, digital privacy, vulnerability assessments, and hazard mitigation
7. Facilitate consistent and comprehensive information sharing between schools, communities, and governmental agencies to



Key Facts

The Louisiana Center for Safe Schools provides school communities and safety partners with quality information and resources by identifying and promoting strategies, practices, and programs supporting safe schools for all as part of the academic mission.

The Louisiana Center for Safe Schools aims to create a virtual resource library to connect local stakeholders for emergency preparedness planning, training, execution, recovery, and reporting.

Grants

The School Safety Act of 2023 (Act 334) was passed with a fiscal note to establish a Safety and Security Grant Program to provide funding to eligible schools and nonprofit organizations, helping to defray the cost of school security enhancements. In March of 2024, LCSS launched the *The Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Grant – LCSSGP* -- by vote of the Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security at the September 30, 2024 Commission meeting. With \$5M budgeted for the program, LCSS grants up to \$50,000 per award to over 100 recipients every year.

FY 24: 126 Awards = \$5,000,000
FY 25: 137 Awards = \$5,000,267.43
FY 26: 117 Awards = \$5,000,000

Partners



Center Goals

Federal Grant - Expand our reach with opportunities for federal resources

Additional Area Coordinators

SRO Training and Funding for Schools

Panic Button

Anonymous reporting

Outreach (Assessment Tool)

SDMI (COP and Grant Portal)

LCSS Systems



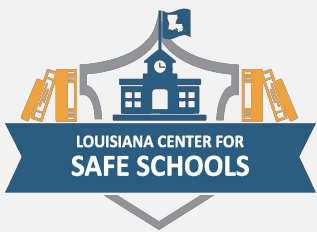
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Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Behavioral Threat Assessment

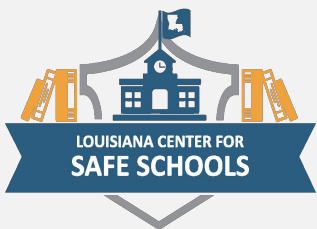




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Behavioral Health Program Manager





What is Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)?

Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (**often referred to as Threat Assessment**).

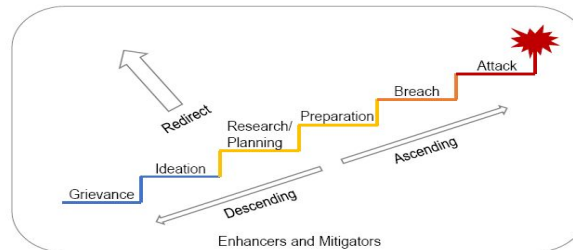
- A **systematic approach** to violence prevention intended to identify and mitigate threats that are:
- **Transient (not serious)** or **Substantive (poses a continuing risk to others)**
- The primary goal of Behavioral Threat Assessment is to evaluate the difference between **making a threat** and **posing a threat** to a school community and then to develop a **management plan** that supports the safety of the community as a whole.

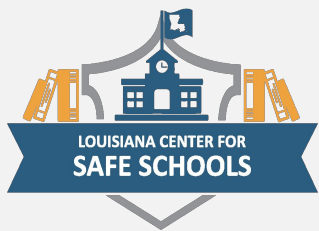
What is a Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)?

PREVENTION WORK

IDENTIFICATION * EVALUATION * INTERVENTION (with resources) * FOLLOW-UP

PATHWAY TO INTENDED VIOLENCE





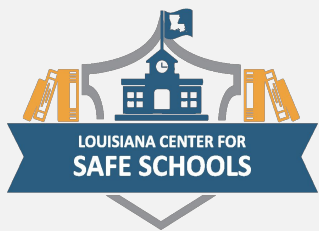
Statewide Project Overview

HOW WE STARTED

WHERE WE BEEN

WHERE WE ARE

PATH FORWARD



2022 - 2023

- Nationwide BTAM research to identify best practices and evidence-based BTAM methodologies/tools.
- Nationwide partnerships with BTAM subject matter experts with ongoing collaboration (ATAP).
- Statewide K-12 BTAM audit on selected school parishes.
- Developed a Statewide Mental Health Resource Pool/ Group.
- Statewide School Safety presentations to schools, associations, conferences, training, Stakeholders, etc.
- Developed BTAM Prevention Advisory Group.
- Louisiana School Safety Initiative (LSSI) Behavioral Threat Assessment, Mental Health, and Grants Survey:

Survey Purpose:

- To identify parishes that are using a BTAM tool and those that are not
- To help determine training needs for BTAM
- To collect mental health resources across the state
- To help identify other grants available statewide



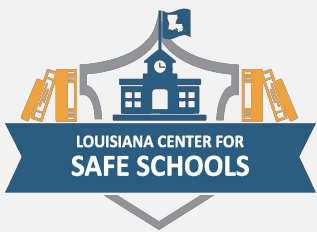
2023

Louisiana Statewide K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Prevention Plan: Goals and Objectives

- **Create a Statewide K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM), Prevention Tool.**
- **Establish BTAM Procedures, Guidelines, and Processes.**
- **Establish a BTAM Statewide Training Program.**
- **Establish a Central Reporting Mechanism (BTAM Software).**

SB 207 Creates the School Safety Act 334

- **Creation of the Center for Safe Schools within GOHSEP by 12/1/2023**
- **Requires a district threat assessment team be created and provides they have input on the creation and revision of school crisis management and response plans.**
- **Develop, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, a statewide comprehensive school safety framework that includes a statewide behavioral threat assessment model and trauma-informed student support**



2024


Statewide Implementation: Louisiana Statewide K-12 BTAM Prevention District/Regional Training in Partnership with the Louisiana Association of Principals (Foundation Training)

- The Louisiana State Police received a (\$222,500) grant from the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), to provide District/Regional Statewide BTAM training to school administrators/personnel, mental health professionals, school resource officers/law enforcement, and other stakeholders and partners that may support schools and district BTAM teams.
- The BTAM training was conducted by Deisinger Consulting Group, led by Dr. Gene Deisinger, a licensed psychologist and certified law enforcement professional, along with Jeff Cugno, a retired Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent with a background in Behavioral Analysis.




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Louisiana State Police School Safety Initiative



LOUISIANA STATEWIDE K-12

BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT (BTAM)
PREVENTION DISTRICT/REGIONAL TRAINING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF PRINCIPALS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Louisiana Department of Education
Louisiana Association of Principals
Louisiana Association of
School Superintendents
Governor's Office of Homeland
Security and Emergency Preparedness
Louisiana Center for Safe Schools
Louisiana Statewide K-12
Behavioral Threat Assessment
and Management (BTAM)
Prevention Plan Advisory Group
Deisinger Consulting Group

Lunch will be provided to all
Foundational BTAM
Training Sessions by: ED&Gear

Certificate of Attendance
will be provided

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SAVE THE DATE

Foundational BTAM Training Sessions

May 13 - 14, 2024	BESE District 4	Bossier Parish
May 16 - 17, 2024	BESE District 5	Rapides Parish
June 10 - 11, 2024	BESE District 8	East Baton Rouge Parish
June 13-14, 2024	BESE District 6	Tangipahoa Parish
July 18 - 19, 2024	BESE District 1&2	St. John The Baptist Parish
July 22 - 23, 2024	BESE District 7	Jefferson Davis Parish
July 25 - 26, 2024	BESE District 3	Terrebonne Parish




BTAM Train-the-Trainer/Facilitator Training Sessions


Statewide Training
Louisiana State Police Headquarters Baton Rouge, LA
August 26-27, 2024
August 29-30, 2024
September 5-6, 2024



You may attend a training session that
is nearest to your parish.



Louisiana State Police School Safety Initiative



LOUISIANA STATEWIDE K-12

BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT (BTAM)
TRAIN-THE-TRAINER/FACILITATOR TRAINING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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BTAM TRAIN-THE-TRAINER/FACILITATOR TRAINING SESSIONS

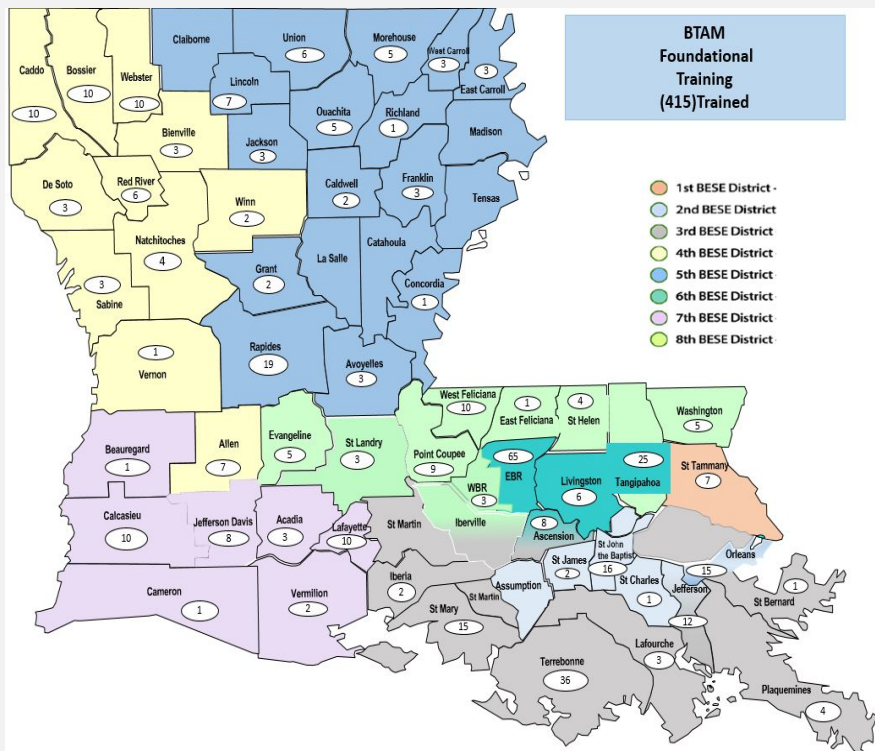
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Statewide Training
Louisiana State Police (LSP) Headquarters
7919 Independence Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Certificate of Completion will be provided
Attendance of the Foundational BTAM Training
is a prerequisite for this training

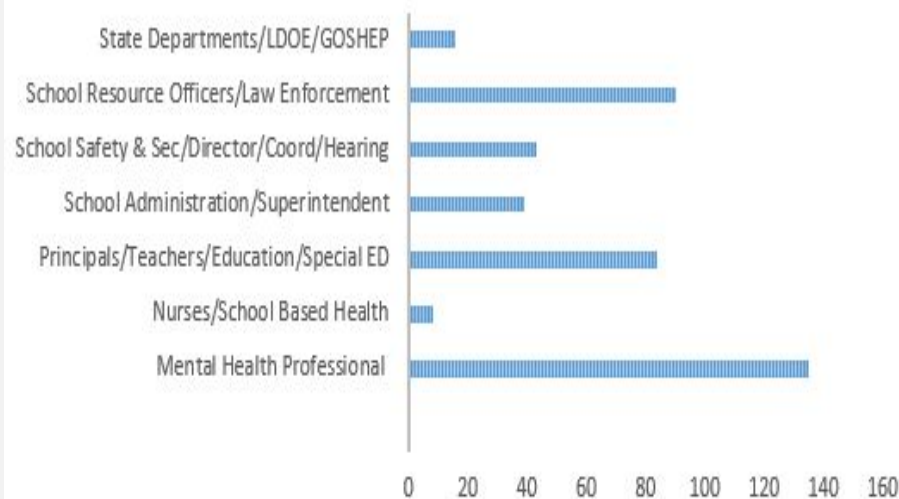
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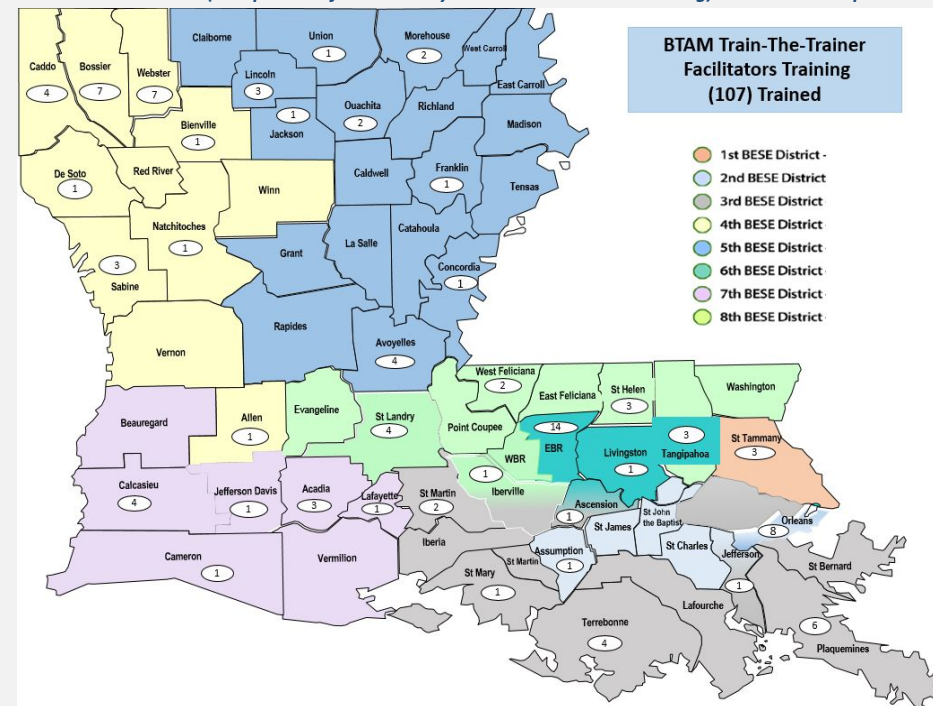
Demographic (Role Position/Office/School) LOUISIANA STATEWIDE K-12 BTAM FOUNDATIONAL TRAINING 2024



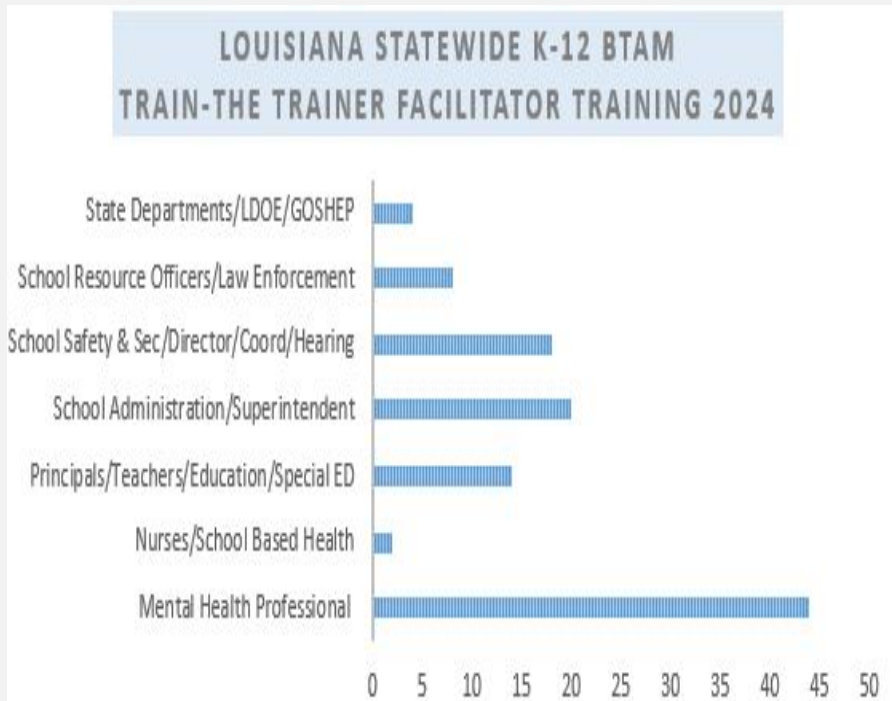


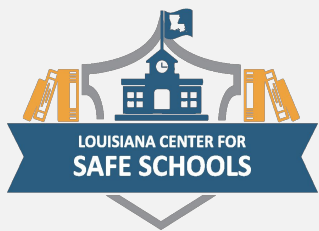
BESE District/Regional Map Indicates Participants Received BTAM Train-The-Trainer Facilitator Training.
(Statewide BTAM Train-The-Trainer Facilitator Pool)

*****NOTE: The prerequisite for attending the BTAM Train-The-Trainer Facilitator Training was the
(Completion of the two-day BTAM Foundational Training) with some exceptions.



Graphic Charts Indicate Participants Received BTAM Train-The-Trainer Facilitator Training
Demographic (Role/Position/Office/School)



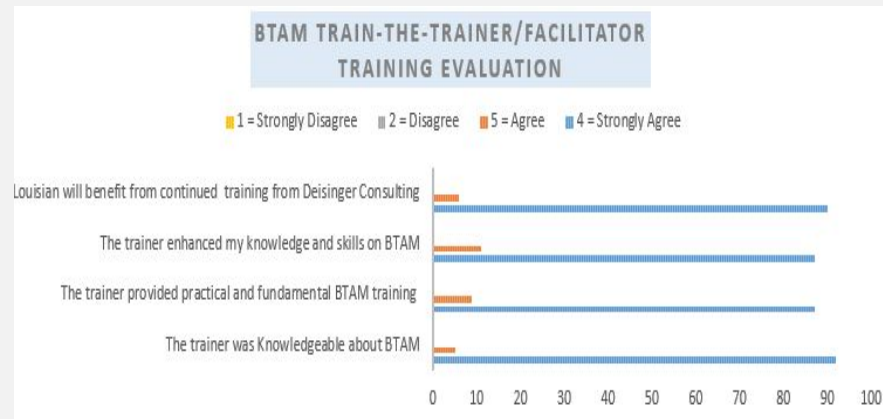


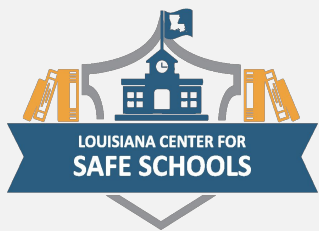
The Graphic Charts Represent Selected Questions From The BTAM Training Evaluations.

The Statewide District/Regional BTAM Foundation Training Survey Monkey Evaluation
was emailed to all attendees, (25% completed the online evaluation)

BTAM Foundational Training Survey Monkey Evaluation	4= Strongly Agree	3=Agree	2=Disagree	1=Strongly Disagree
The trainer was knowledgeable on BTAM	95.05%	4.95%	0.00%	0.00%
The training provided BTAM fundamentals	91.00%	9.09%	0.00%	0.00%
The trainer provided BTAM materials and resources	85.17%	14.85%	0.00%	0.00%
I am more knowledgeable about BTAM	83.17%	16.83%	0.00%	0.00%

The Statewide BTAM Train-The Trainer/Facilitator Trainers
were provided a Printed Copy Evaluation
(95% of the attendees completed the printed evaluation)

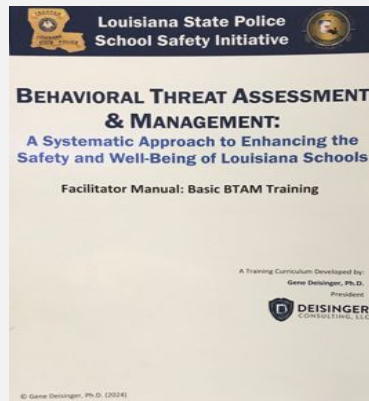
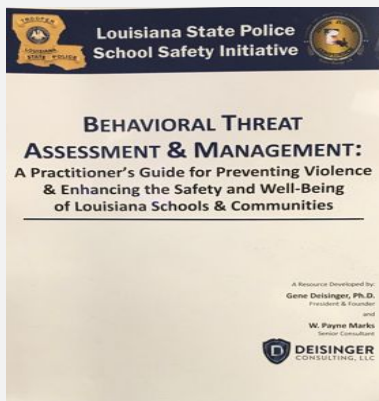


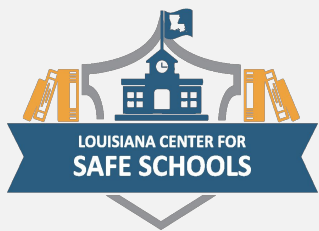


Louisiana BTAM Facilitator Manual

Louisiana Practitioner's Guide for School Threat Assessment and Management

The Louisiana BTAM Practitioner Guide has been provided to all training attendees and is currently available for statewide distribution. A copy may be downloaded from the LDOE and Louisiana Center for Safe Schools (LCSS) websites. The Louisiana BTAM Facilitator Manual was provided to all Facilitators/Trainers. The training materials were developed by Deisinger Consulting Group.





Louisiana Statewide BTAM Foundational Training Photo Gallery 2024



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Louisiana Statewide BTAM Train-The-Trainer Facilitators / Trainers



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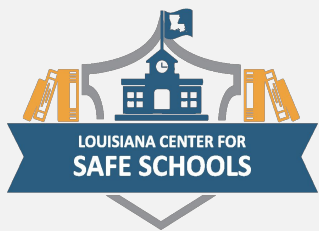
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2025 – 2026

Louisiana Statewide Threat Assessment Outreach Initiative

In support of the Louisiana Statewide K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Prevention Plan, OUTREACH will build on the existing Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Training to provide infrastructure for multi-agency coordination and communication, incorporating the Trauma-Informed Protocol for Threat Assessment.

*****Outreach meets the mandates of School Safety ACT 334

Goals and Objectives

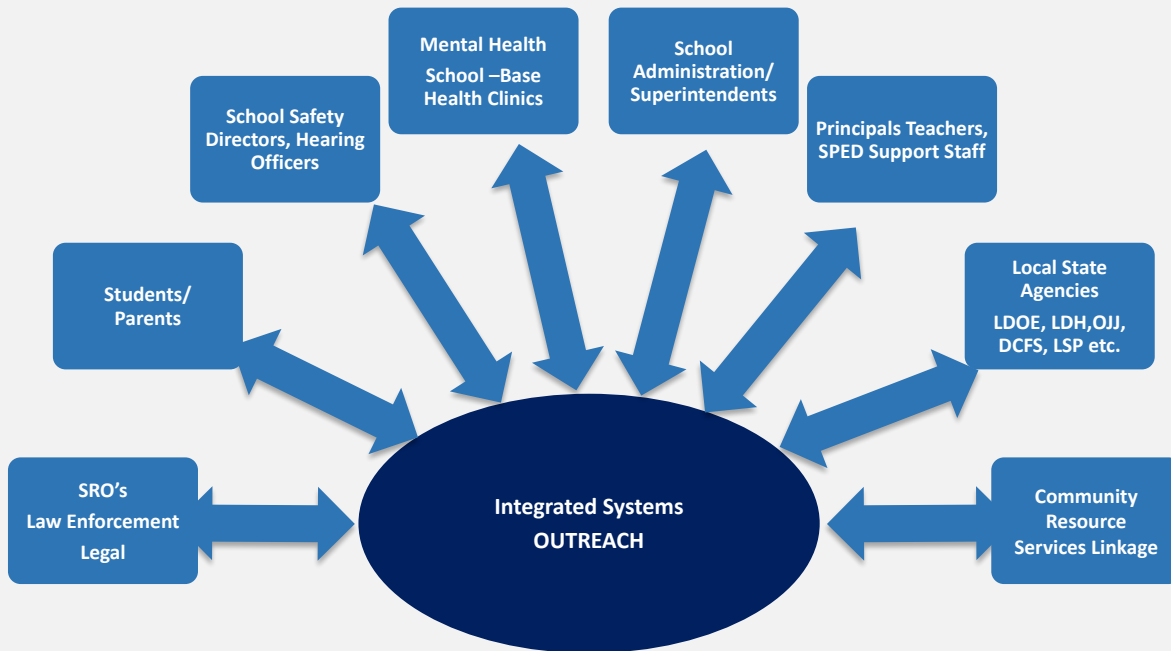
- Deploy a Statewide Integrated Threat Assessment Tool and Central Reporting Mechanism
- Establish Threat Assessment Procedures, Guidelines, Protocols, and Processes
- Implement a Statewide Training Program

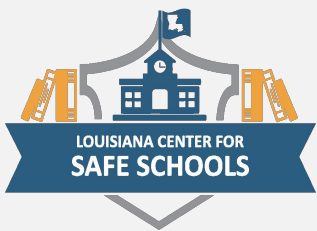
- Outreach is a standardized integrated Threat Assessment Tool and Central Reporting Mechanism:
 - The software platform is FERPA and HIPAA compliant.
 - Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Model – Three stage violence prevention model that addresses all forms of violence and includes a trauma-informed threat assessment framework that aims to identify and intervene within potential pathways to violence.
- Outreach Implantations Plan Phases: (Outreach Legislative Funding)

Phase 1 – Initiation and Planning	February 2025 – March 2025
Phase 2 – Regional Engagement and Focus Groups	April 2025 – July 2025
Phase 3 – Initial Implementation Lunch – Rollout with three (3) parishes: Calcasieu, DeSoto, and Tangipahoa	June 2025 – October 1, 2025
Phase 4 – Full Statewide Implementation – Scheduling in Process, All School Districts across the State Trained and Connected to Outreach	Completed by May 31, 2026.
Phase 5 – Ongoing Support and Continuous Quality Improvement	On-going
Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) and Traumatic Event Systems - Statewide Training	School Year 2025 - 2027



What's Your Role





Questions?

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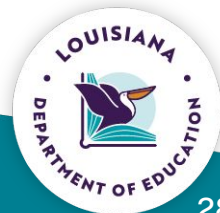


Safe and Healthy School Reminders



2025 Louisiana Farm to School Conference

- Wednesday, October 8th from 8 am - 4 pm
- Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- Session Topics include
 - Farm to school education
 - School gardens
 - Engaging stakeholders
 - Funding and advocacy
 - Classroom and curriculum integration

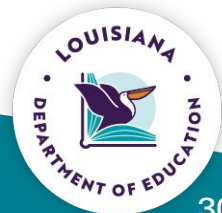


2025 Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

- September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
 - Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ([NAMI](#); [Youth.gov](#); [SAMHSA](#))
 - Every community is impacted
 - Everyone has a role to play in prevention
 - Schools are key spaces for awareness, connection, and support
- Resources
 - View [Suicide Prevention Awareness Digital Toolkit](#) for tools and resources
 - [Suicide Prevention Resources](#) to access information and resources
 - [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)

5th Annual Louisiana School Social Work (LASSW) Conference (2025)

- The LASSW conference will be held in Baton Rouge
 - East Baton Rouge Parish River Center Library, October 21-October 22
 - Topics will support social work practice
 - Continuing education credits are pending approval
 - Click the [link](#) to register



Whole Health Louisiana (WHL)

- The Initiative
 - Whole Health Louisiana is a cross-sector initiative to systematically address mitigate and prevent childhood adversity within our systems of care and support.
- Resources
 - Virtual lunch and learn, 1 hour webinar series from industry professionals and subject matter experts discussing key topics related to trauma-informed practices.
 - Click [WHL Lunch-n-Learn Series](#) to register.



ACT 402 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session-Diabetes information for schools.

- LDH developed information of Type 1 Diabetes
- LDOE to distribute information to each city, parish or other local school boards
- Public School Boards shall distribute information to parents and legal guardians of ALL students enrolled and annually by posting on school websites or electronic distribution.

For more information contact healthyschools@la.gov



Stock Emergency Medication Orders

Stock emergency medication orders are now available for schools and can be found on the LDH website under [ACT 657 Emergency Medications](#) The medication orders included on this website are:

- Albuterol (Optional)
- Epinephrine (Required for K-12 schools)
- Naloxone (Required for K-12 schools)

For more information contact healthyschools@la.gov



Reminder for Biennial Seizure Training

- For School Nurses
- For Bus Drivers of students with a Seizure Action Plan
- For School Employees of students with a Seizure Action Plan
- [Seizure Training Resources](#) listed on LDOE website

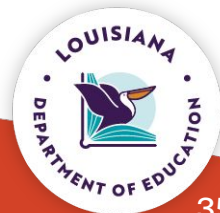
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CPR/First Aid/AED Certification for Coaches

- All coaches are to be trained or to maintain certification in CPR/First Aid/AED
- Certification shall be consistent with American Heart Association, Red Cross or other national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines

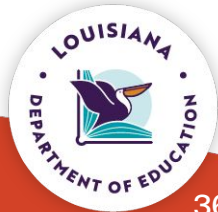
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Call Push Shock Training

[Code Ana](#) offers for free to school employees a 20 minute training session on how to perform CPR.

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healthyschools@la.gov	Safe and Healthy Schools questions





Monthly Call Slides

Monthly call presentations are available in the [School System Planning Library](#).

- Office of Career and College Readiness
 - Healthy Communities
 - Healthy Schools Community of Practice

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [School System Support Calendar](#).

Please contact healthyschools@la.gov





Next Safe & Healthy Schools Community of Practice Call:

Date: October 23, 2025

Topic: Seizure Training

Contact healthyschools@la.gov for questions regarding our community of practice calls.





Questions?