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# Schools Newsletter

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AIU08, CIU10, and TIU11 (ACT) have joined together to bring you resources, timely information and helpful tips to keep your school safe. For more information and for a list of our partner providers, please visit us on the web at: <http://safeschools.tiu11.org/>

## Region 6 Flight Teams

The Region 6 Crisis Flight Team is a support service available to all of the Region 6 (IU08, IU10 and IU11) member school districts. The team is made up of trained individuals who are willing to render aid in response to a school crisis. The Flight Team does not take over responsibility for the response, but rather, lends support, guidance, and suggestions based on their training and expertise. At the conclusion of each day the on-site team conducts a debrief session with the home school leaders to determine whether additional assistance will be required. The main goal of the Flight Team is to help the school regain stability in the wake of a crisis by supporting students and staff members experiencing loss, grief or trauma. The Flight Team also supports the school administrator's efforts to manage the many details associated with the response to a crisis. The number of flight team members who respond to a building depends on the event and needed follow-up.

### School administrators can request Crisis Response Team support by contacting:

Primary contact IU08:  
**Judy Moyer**  
 580 Foot of Ten Rd  
 Duncansville Pa 814-695-5643 ext 3319

Primary contact IU10:  
**Haylee Hickman**  
 345 Link Road, West  
 Decatur, PA 814-342-0884 ext. 3021

Primary contact TIU11:  
**Brett Gilliland**  
 2527 US Highway 522  
 South McVeytown PA  
 814-542-2501 ext 192

### When might a flight team be activated?

- Accidental death or serious injury
- Suicide
- Murder
- Missing child
- Terminally ill student in the class
- Trauma (natural disaster, accidents, crime)
- High coverage media event
- Other traumatic event

### What does the Crisis Response Team assistance include?

- Monitoring and counseling for students/staff in need
- Filling in for building staff so they can deal with the crisis
- Facilitating community referrals and networking
- Support rooms for students and/or staff in crisis
- Crisis management communication and procedural support for building administration
- Coping strategy information for building staff
- Assisting with follow-up needs

### Become a member of a regional flight team:

If you are interested in becoming a member of a regional flight team, please email [LRusso@TIU11.org](mailto:LRusso@TIU11.org). We will be holding a comprehensive training in late March or April. Information about the training will be emailed to all who are interested and will be posted on our web-site at: [safeschools.tiu11.org](http://safeschools.tiu11.org).



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Office for Safe Schools, Pennsylvania Department of Education, announced a PA Bullying Prevention Consultation Line. The Bullying Prevention Consultation Line is a toll free number that allows individuals experiencing chronic and unresolved bullying to discuss effective strategies and available resources to deal with school-based bullying. This resource has been developed in collaboration with the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Messages can be left 24-hours a day, seven days a week, and will be returned Monday-Friday during normal business hours. The number is 1-866-716-0424.

## Save the Date:

An ALiCE Training Institute will be held on June 26 and 27, 2018 at the West Branch Area School District. This course provides ALiCE Instructor Certification for Violent Intruder Response. More detailed information along with a registration form will be arriving in your inbox in the coming weeks. Information will also be posted to the ACT Safe Schools Website.



## Coming this Fall:

Parent-Student Reunification Annex Workshop: This hands-on school safety workshop will help districts put in place a process for reunifying parents and students in response to a school or district Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) incident.

## CYBER SECURITY

### PARENT AND EDUCATOR TIPCARD (from Stop/Think/Connect)

Children are being exposed to technology increasingly each day and at even younger ages than before. Often these children also have a better understanding of how technology works than adults and parents. In order for children to be safe online and to make safe and smart choices with their technology, it requires the adults in their lives to remind them about practicing healthy cybersecurity hygiene and help them as they learn the advantages and disadvantages of technology and the Internet.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Parents of teens are notably less likely than parents of younger children age six to nine to say they monitor technology usage very closely.

Seven in ten young people are victims of cyberbullying and 37 percent experience cyberbullying on a frequent basis.

#### SIMPLE TIPS FOR PROTECTING KIDS

- Create an open and honest environment with kids.
- Start conversations regularly about practicing online safety.
- Emphasize the concept of credibility to teens: not everything they see on the Internet is true and people on the Internet may not be who they appear to be.
- Watch for changes in behavior — if your child suddenly avoids the computer, it may be a sign they are being bullied online.
- Review security settings and privacy policies for the websites kids frequent. These settings are frequently updated so check back regularly.
- Make sure mobile devices are secure. Use PINs and passwords, only install apps from trusted sources, and understand the privacy settings and permissions for all apps.

#### Sources:

1. Parenting in the Digital Age: How Parents Weigh the Potential Benefits and Harms of Their Children's Technology Use, [https:// www.fosi.org/policy-research/parenting-digital-age/](https://www.fosi.org/policy-research/parenting-digital-age/), 2014

2. Ditch the Label Annual Cyberbullying Survey 2013, [www.ditchthelabel.org/annual-cyber-bullying-survey-cyber-bullying-statistics/](http://www.ditchthelabel.org/annual-cyber-bullying-survey-cyber-bullying-statistics/)

*Stop.Think.Connect.™ is a national public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. The Campaign's main objective is to help you become more aware of growing cyber threats and arm you with the tools to protect yourself, your family, and your community. For more information visit [www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect).*

### Cyber Security Resources:

#### US-CERT.gov

The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) has numerous tips and resources on topics like choosing and protecting passwords, email attachments, and safely using social networks.

#### Cybersecurity Awareness Volunteer Education Program (C-SAVE)

The National Cybersecurity Alliance developed the C-SAVE program that is accessible online at [www.staysafeonline.org/in-the-classroom/c-save](http://www.staysafeonline.org/in-the-classroom/c-save). There are age-appropriate resources to discuss Internet safety in the classroom or an assembly with all students.

#### OnguardOnline.gov

This website, run by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), is a one-stop shop for online safety resources available to parents, educators, kids, and others.

#### Project iGuardian

ICE Homeland Security Investigations is one of the leading federal law enforcement agencies that investigate crimes involving child pornography and the sexual exploitation of minors. Project iGuardian provides resources to help children and teens stay safe online.

#### Cybertipline.com

The Congressionally-mandated CyberTipline, which is part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), receives online child solicitation reports 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Submit an online report or call 1-800-843-5678.