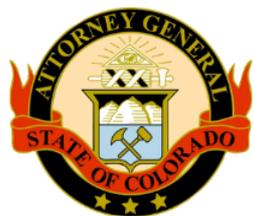




Colorado's Safe Communities and Safe  
Schools Strategy for Violence Prevention and  
Effective Interventions

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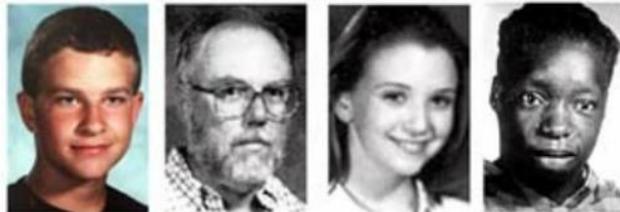


Engaging key stakeholder and empowering young people to be part of the solution of school and community safety.

# Columbine



Cassie Bernall Steven Curnow Corey DePooter Kelly Fleming Matthew Kechter



Dan Rohrbough William Sanders Rachel Scott Isalah Shoels



John Tomlin Lauren Townsend Kyle Velasquez Daniel Mauser



81%



*Source: Safe Schools Initiative, U.S. Secret Service Bystander Study*

# Precipitating Behaviors to Violence

- 93% of the perpetrators of targeted school violence exhibited concerning behavior before the attack.
- In 59% of the incidents, more than 1 person had prior knowledge of the attack.
- Of those with prior knowledge of school attacks, 93% were peers of the perpetrators –friends, schoolmates, or siblings.

# 2014 TARGET Study of School Shooters Across 13 Countries

*USA, Canada, Germany, Finland, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, Bosnia, Greece, Hungary, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Thailand*

**40%** of active shooters ultimately committed suicide

**88%** perpetrators had experienced problems and conflicts in their social lives

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**43%**

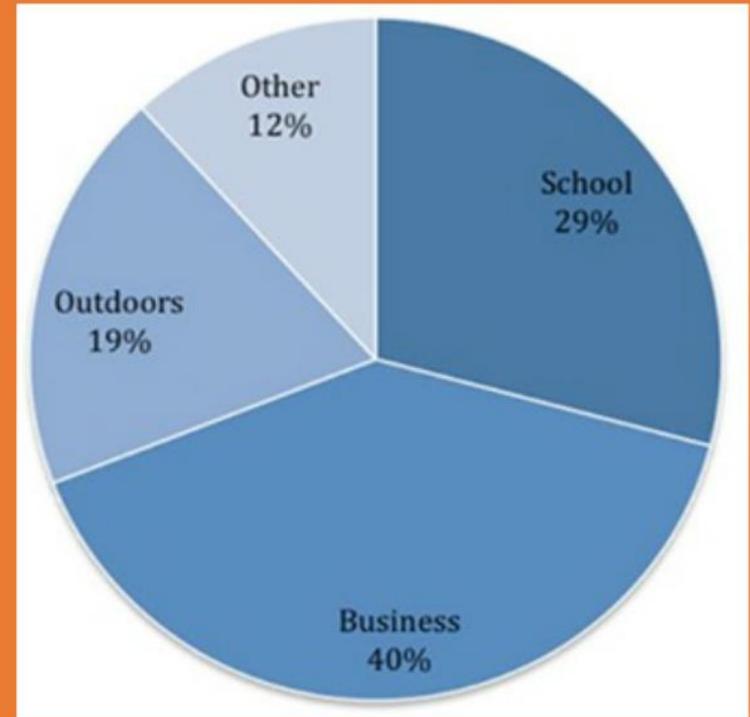
had problems, conflicts or unjust experiences with teachers and school representatives

**54%**

experienced forms of rejection or disappointment by their peers prior to the event

# U.S. Active Shooter Events

The most common location an active shooting incident was a business (40%), while the second most common location was a school (29%).



*\*Source: FBI Active Shooter Events from 2000 to 2012 Report, By J. Pete Blair, Ph.D., M. Hunter Martaindale, M.S., and Terry Nichols, M.S.*

# Colorado Strategy with Safe2Tell

- A vortex for Sharing Information
- Interagency Social Support Team
- Safe School Planning
  - *Environmental Design*
  - *Target Hardening*
  - *Drills & Mindset*
  - *Staff Training*
  - *Community and Youth Engagement*
  - *Time Barrier*
- Identifying Behaviors Inside & Outside of School
- Consistent Language
- Surveillance Strategies
- Intelligence Gathering
- Culture and Climate
- Changing Attitudes & Removing Barriers



# Presidential Policy Directive-8 National Preparedness (PPD-8)

Prevention  
Protection  
Mitigation  
Response  
Recovery



# Precipitators to Violence

- Intervention and prevention focused on prevention bad things from happening to children
- Identifying behaviors that indicate a pretense violence
- Risk and vulnerability assessment of the dangers facing youth today
- Culture and Climate Surveys



# Protect and Educate

- Lesser Rates of Dropout
- Higher Test Scores
- Greater Gains in Academic Performance over time

CSPV 2006 (Controlling for grade in school, race, ethnic composition, % subsidized meals, average parent education, % ESL students)

*"Feeling safe and protected at school has a direct impact on academic performance and high achievement."*

*~Susan Payne, Safe2Tell Founder*

*"Early intervention is critical in the life of a child who is exhibiting behaviors identified as precursors to violence. Safe2Tell provides a tool to intervene in a proactive way"*

*~Dr. Delbert Elliott, Director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence*

# Can We Agree We Don't Want Bad Things to Happen to Children?

A focused effort in prevention

- Mental Health Concerns
- Concerning Behaviors
- Precipitators to Violence

# Safe2Tell:

a comprehensive prevention  
initiative with the commitment  
to research



# Safe2Tell solution:

education

awareness

early intervention

prevention

accountability

follow-up

# Key Components:

a•non•y•mous: not identified

- by procedure and protocol
- by state law



**Educate**

**Encourage**

**Engage**

**Empathize**

**Equip**

**Empower**

# Focusing on How Youth Communicate



call  
web  
text  
app

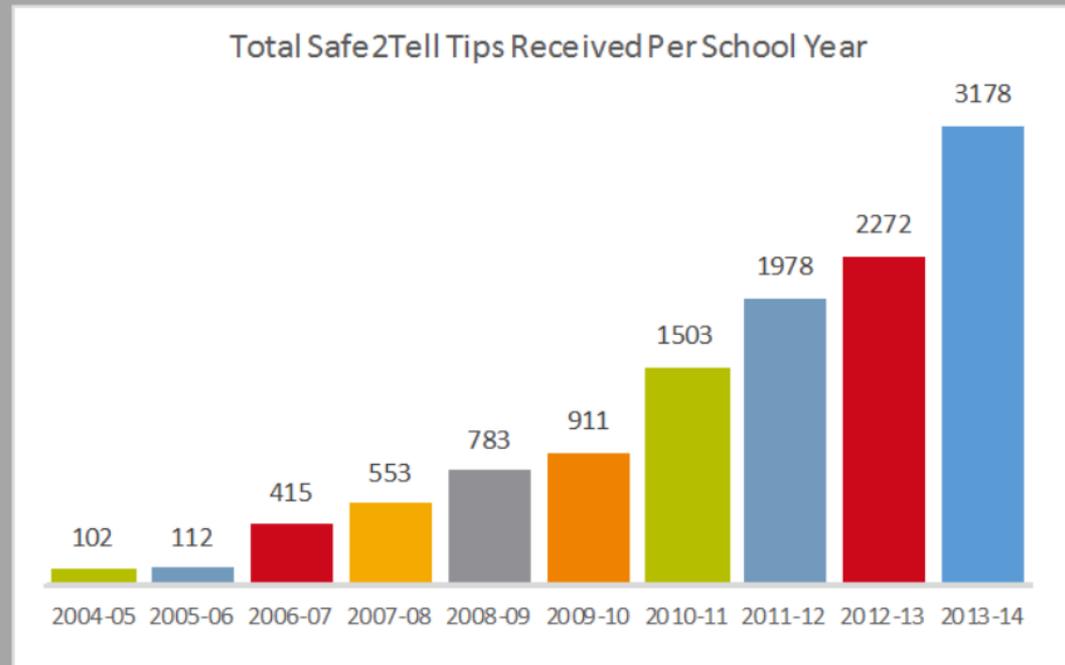


# S2T Intelligence Gathered Since Inception

Bullying	2,819
Assaults	335
Planned School Attacks	339
Drugs/Alcohol	1,733
Cutting	540
Domestic Violence	83
Depression	193
Suicide Interventions	1,908
Fighting	297
Animal Cruelty	22
Threats of Violence	915
Gangs	68
Thefts	103
Harassment	552
Guns/Weapons	363
Sexting	128
Sexually Related Crimes	588
Child Abuse	542
Vandalism	80

Overall Total Reports\*: 11,801

\*as of 8/31/2014



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