

Colorado School Safety Resource Center (Colorado Department of Public Safety)  
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# THREAT ASSESSMENT TRAINING

Thursday, June 7, 2012, 8:00 AM- 3:30 PM

## Details:

**Thursday, June 7, 2012**

Morning Session 8:00am-11:30am

Lunch on your own 11:30am-1:00pm

Afternoon Session 1:00pm-3:30pm

**Durango 9R Administration Building, 201 East 12th Street,  
Durango, CO 81301**

**No cost to participants**

**It is suggested that you attend with your entire threat assessment team:** administrator, school mental health professional and law enforcement personnel so that you can discuss policies and procedures together.



## Threat Assessment in Schools: Best Practices

Much has been written about the use of threat assessment in schools over the last twelve years. Schools have been encouraged to have a threat assessment team and a threat assessment process as part of their comprehensive safe schools effort. This workshop reviews the “lessons learned” from research and incidents around the country and world for the essentials in evaluation of information about a student threat and responding in a way that protects the well-being of all students and staff members, including the student who has displayed the threatening behavior.

Examples of student threats, writings, and drawings as well as effective assessment and intervention plans for elementary, middle, and high schools will serve to illustrate the process and give participants an opportunity to practice their procedures along with best practice recommendations for school personnel.

## Presenters:

**Barbara J. Downing, Ph.D.** is a school psychologist supporting Prevention Services of the Mental Health and Assessment Services in the Denver Public Schools (DPS). She has the responsibility of reviewing all threat assessments in the DPS during the academic year. Dr. Downing provides a variety of district trainings including: the District Crisis Response Team, School Crisis Response Teams, School Emergency Teams, the assessment of threats to safety and violence potential, the implementation of student discipline policies, and the causes of defiance among students and how to support them at school.

**Christine R. Harms, MS** is a former public school teacher, private school administrator, and trainer with over 30 years of experience working with youth, professionals and parents in schools, private practice and victim serving agencies. She has trained professionals on such issues as violence prevention and threat assessment, school based crisis response and trauma. She is currently the director of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center.

## REGISTRATION

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