

## CSSRC Resource Review

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**Review Date:** 6/11/14

**Name/Title:** The Path to Violence

**Author:** Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)

**Media Type:** (Book, CD, Flyer, Poster, Website, etc) video

**Publisher/Supplier:** PBS

**Publication Date:** 2/20/13

**Re-order Source:** <http://www.pbs.org/program/path-to-violence/>

**Language:** English

**Usefulness Rating:**

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair XX
4. Poor
5. Rated by: (CSSRC staff member) Alice
6. Comments:
  - a. This is a one-hour video from PBS telling the story about the Secret Service Safe Schools Initiative. The program focuses on the ability to prevent acts of school violence through encouraging students to share information about threats and conducting threat assessments.
  - b. Looking at a pattern of behavior is emphasized as the important key, rather than looking for a typical profile of a potentially violent student. In addition, the program notes that students who have committed acts of school violence did not just “snap,” but shared a history of common behaviors leading up to the violent events. These students also provided clues or warnings to other students prior to the event. Thus, violent acts can be prevented through threat assessment procedures and encouraging students to tell adults about clues or warnings they receive.
  - c. This is not a training in school violence prevention, but could be useful for helping raise awareness and persuading people about the value of threat assessments.
  - d. Unique challenges for higher education are discussed, particularly that students are over 18 and considered adults responsible for making their own decisions about their health and welfare.
  - e. The program presents a discussion about mental health issues, particularly in adults who must seek mental health treatment of their own volition and have privacy rights.



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**Category:** (Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, Recovery, Promotional Item) Prevention

**Topic:** (Bullying, Substance Abuse, Threat Assessment, etc) Threat Assessment

**Audience:** (Administrators, Counselors/Psychologists/Social Workers, Emergency Responders, Health Professionals/Nurses, Law Enforcement/SROs/Security, Parents, Teachers, Other School Personnel) All

**Intended Age Group:** (pre-K, elementary, middle, high, higher education) Primarily discusses high school and higher education

**Cost:** 0

**Additional Comments:**

