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Detection & Prevention of School Violence

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The Students always KNOW! ... Massacre Prevented

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1.)... How to Stop a Massacre - "*Kids Are the Keys*"

http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Key_Articles.htm#Anthrax and select Article 40.

At Westside Middle School in Bono, Arkansas, just outside Jonesboro, the fire alarm sounded. As students and staff exited the building they were ambushed and gunned down. Surviving students told authorities that they knew the shooters were planning the attack but none of them reported. Last week in New Bedford, Massachusetts three students were arrested after a fellow student reported that a similar attack was being planned. Police found a letter that stated that the teens planned something bigger than Columbine, a Westside copycat attack. It should be extremely obvious now that schools must do everything possible to help students break through the "wall of silence" and report whenever they hear of such unthinkable plans. Key' provides a training to students and schools designed to help break down this "wall of silence". Follow the link above to learn more about "Kids are the Keys" Assembly.

2.)... **Lock Out Violence Everyday, a Campaign to stop violence in your community.**

<http://www.keystosaferschools.com/LOVECampaign.htm>

Violence is not spawned in our schools; it is brought in. The most effective means of curbing violence is to shine the light of awareness and prevention throughout the community. The LOVE Campaign is the way that your community can focus attention on violence in all its aspects, domestic, street, gang, television, music, and other locations. Beyond awareness, LOVE is designed to bring prevention through solutions and alternatives to the people who live with the social epidemic of violence everyday. Together, we can say, "Not in my school, not in my home, not in my community! ©" We will **Lock Out Violence Everyday!** ©

For more information, follow the link above.

3.)... Certification Training: Assessment of Early Warning Signs of At-Risk Students - December 7, 2001

On 9-11-01 Keys was in Illinois for a critical training event. Other events of that day made it the most memorable of seminars. On December 7, Pearl Harbor day, another memorable date, Keys returns to Illinois to provide educators training and certification in the *Assessment of Early Warning Signs in At-risk Youth*. Contact Amanda Matthews, Program Developer, ROE #12 Safe To Learn Grants Program, 301 S. Cross, Robinson, IL 62454 , (618) 544-2719 **immediately** to register for and make plans to attend this crucial learning experience. Amanda writes:

“This training provided by *Keys to Safer Schools.com* and sponsored by the *Regional Office of Education #12 - Safe to Learn Grants Program* is the perfect opportunity for teachers, administrators, and counselors to learn the "Key" signs of potentially violent students and how to address these issues before it's too late. Please join us at the Seasons Lodge on the Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington, IL.”

Register through Amanda at ROE #12 or on-line by following the links in **15)** below.

4.)...Crisis Management Team Training (A State Wide Model for Crisis Response)

This training provides the professional education and practical training required to provide an appropriate response to a critical incident anywhere within a state. Specific topics are presented by subject matter experts within the fields of Bomb Threat Readiness, Crisis Preparedness, Counter-Terrorism, Mental Health, and more. The development and training of a Crisis Management Team provides any state with a model for responding to a critical incident such as a school shooting, natural disaster or acts of terrorism. For more information on this valuable training go to:

http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Crisis_Management_Team_Training.htm

5.)...Harrisburg, PA, December 17 & 18, 2001

Keys will hold a two-day seminar on *The Management of Anger in Schools* at the 4-Points Sheraton in Harrisburg, PA. This training is sponsored by the Public Agency Training Council (PATC) and is open to all interested.

The **first day** is on how to deal with angry students, how to restore the learning environment, how to de-escalate a volatile, angry situation, when and how to break up a fight, how to avoid entering into a power struggle and other vital topics.

The **Second days'** training is **based on National Level research** by the Department of Education, Office of Juvenile Justice, the FBI, the Secret Service and others. It looks at "**Why**" we miss these students and "**What**" we can do to identify them. There is an emphasis on identification and assessment of **early warning signs** in troubled youth.

Attendees will be certified in Assessing Early Warning signs and will learn how to develop an assessment program within their schools. Contact Keys now to register for this training.

To learn more about these or to register to attend, follow the links in **15)** below (*Calendar of Up-coming Events*).

6.)...Tip of the Month: The Art of Redirection

Angry students who have their attention redirected, seldom continue to escalate their situation to a point of fighting. Here are some helpful hints for redirecting:

1. Stay goal focused; do not play their game or engage in a power struggle.
2. Speak calmly but with authority.
3. Refer to the rules and the students' knowledge of them.
4. Ask for an explanation of what has caused the anger; then listen carefully to the student's perception.
5. Use humor but be sure that it does not appear sarcastic or belittling to the students.
6. Agree (within reason) with the student's point of view and gradual guide the conversation to another topic or point of view.
7. Remember...you can and should revisit this situation once the student has calmed down.

7.)... Amazon.com is now available!!

Taking the Bully by the Horns; How to handle Bullies, Teasers and Other Meanies; How to Reach and Teach ADD/ADHD Children; and numerous other School Safety related books are now available through an arrangement with Amazon.com. Simply go to our book sales pages at:

<http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Materials&OrderingPg1.htm>, and you place your order as always. The difference to you is the lowest possible price and fastest possible shipping. While shopping at Amazon through this connection, any other book or material purchase will be credited to Keys. Buying books in this manner provides our subscribers the best service on books and helps offset the expense involved in bringing this service to you.

8.)... Who belongs on your campus? Visitor Badge Security Program

One of the greatest threats to the safety of students at school is the presence of unknown, unauthorized visitors on campus. Keys has a unique visitor's badge Security program that will bring a very visual control to this issue. We provide the school with a visitor's badge that contains the school's logo. What makes our system so different is the sticker that is applied over the badge. It begins to show red in a specified time (1 hr, a day, week or month) so that the visitor cannot reuse the badge or pass it on to someone else. For peace of mind about visitors on your school campus, go to:

http://keystosaferschools.com/Materials&OrderingPg2.htm#Visitor_Badge_Security_Program . *You may even be able to get this program for FREE!*

If interested email us at the email address below. You may also call Mike Nelson, *Keys To Safer Schools.com* "toll free" 1(877) 978-7678.

9.)... The Assessment Model

This model brings together different elements of the school and community to form an overall approach to school safety. It contains components for the school, the Students and the Law Enforcement and other first

responder agencies. It conforms to the recommendations made by the **Governor's Commission on Columbine.**

For more information, go to: <http://keystosaferschools.com/AssessmentTeamModel.htm>

10.)... *Students And Families Empowered (S.A.F.E.)*

Has your school been looking for a program to enhance safety; one that is student organized and student led; one that involves parents and other family members? It has been proven true many times that when anyone feels ownership or empowerment in a program, it is far more likely to succeed than any program simply given to them. S.A.F.E. is designed to meet all of these requirements. If your students are not taking leadership in finding solutions, then S.A.F.E. is what they need.

To learn more, go to http://www.keystosaferschools.com/SAFE_and_LOVECampaign.htm

11.)... *What Others Say About Keys To Safer Schools.com*

<http://keystosaferschools.com/WhatOthersAreSaying.htm>

What Others Say About Us. The best advertisement is word of mouth. We truly appreciate the many kind and encouraging words said about us by those of you who have attended one of our training's or received another service from us. Those who are considering one of our services might find it helpful to review some

of these comments. Please feel free to contact any of them that you recognize. If you have a comment about

Keys To Safer Schools.com and would like to share it with others, please email it to us and we will place it on

the site. Here are just a few of the comments:

* "The *Keys To Safer Schools.com* [International Conference] increased my confidence in managing crisis situations.

Laura Bishop, Westminster Academy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL [International Conference]

* "I would like to thank you for emailing me the handouts that I requested. I found all three very informative

and helpful, especially the handout on ADD. I have recommended your site to some of my friends too. :)"

Diane Attard, OASI Foundation-Prevention Officer Gozo, Malta

* "The topics covered were very good-Exactly what we were looking for! What did you like least about the training? Too little time for so much material."

School Counselor, IL [Bullying & Conflict Resolution Training]

* "This is one of the BEST workshops I have attended! I would like for ALL of my teachers and Administrators to attend this. I liked the groups and interaction."

School Alternative Teacher [Anger Management/De-escalation Training]

* "The assessment practice exercise toward the end of the day I felt this was very beneficial."

School Resource Officer (SRO) [Assessment Training Attendee]

* "What I liked most was the examples and the first hand knowledge [of Presenters]. Excellent job!"

Paula Peach, K-5 Guidance Counselor - Mt. Carmel, IL [Assessment Training Attendee]

12.)...Co-sponsor a Training Seminar.

Would you like to have a training event in your school or local area but fear that you do not have the participation or budget to do so? Keys has a program just for you! Co-sponsor an open training event by arranging a meeting place, supplying equipment for the presentation and assisting us in getting the word out about the event in your area. Keys will do their part. The Co-sponsor will receive two training slots **FREE!!** It is a Win - Win arrangement.

If anyone has questions or desires more information about this training opportunity, go to (13.) below.

13.)... Expanded!! Home Drug Tests now Available On-line *Discounted & Falling Prices*

Alcohol: Been to a party and not sure if you should drive home? Keys has a saliva based Blood Alcohol Content tester that will let you know if you need a cab.

Street Drugs: Parents, your teen is having problems with illegal drugs and desires to quit or needs your help. Keys can provide you a testing device for up to 10 of the most common street drugs. You can use them in conjunction with your personal family drug policies to help teen follow through and keep their commitment.

Juvenile Probation: You want your clients tested but it is so involved and there are so many rules from the Health Department about handling urine and from the Court about privacy in sample collection. Keys has a tester that uses a saliva swab rather than urine and is just as accurate.

For information or to place an order, go to:

<http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Materials&OrderingPg3.htm>

Contact us today at (877) 978-7678 or email us at the address below to set up your account for using Purchase Orders.

14.)... Harry Potter

Love him or hate him, there is no denying that Harry Potter has captured the interest of thousands of students. It is one of Keys principles that finding a child's motivator is the Key to effecting change. Whenever students are caught up in something like the Harry Potter phenomenon, it is wise to use it as a means of guiding them toward the goals that we truly desire for them. Keys now offers study guides, in the guides each chapter exploration includes summary and discussion questions and cross-curricular activities (art, music, writing, drama, literature, logic, etc.).

in a variety of subject that use the Harry Potter characters and language to build on the students' existing interest to guide them toward learning goals.

For information or to place an order, go to:

http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Harry_Potter_Literature_Section.htm

15.)... Contact Information....

Keys To Safer Schools.com website is at <http://KeysToSaferSchools.com>. Contact: Mike Nelson or Frank Green

at keys@KeysToSaferSchools.com or call "toll free" (877)978-7678.

Specific Links:

* Material Ordering -

<http://keystosaferschools.com/Order%20Form.htm>

* Training/Inservices Offered -

<http://keystosaferschools.com/CriticalTraining.htm>

* Special Services -

<http://www.keystosaferschools.com/SpecialServices.htm>

* Keys' Safe School Articles -

http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Key_Articles.htm

* **FREE** Items to Request or Download -

http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Request_handouts_response_form.htm

*** Helping Children Cope with a Crisis **NEW Handouts**

*** Anthrax Tips **NEW Handouts**

*** Bullying in Schools **NEW Handouts**

* Calendar of Up-coming Events -

<http://keystosaferschools.com/calendar.htm>

* Schedule a Training in your area -

<http://keystosaferschools.com/RequestToSchedTraining.htm>

* Online Registration -

<http://keystosaferschools.com/On-lineRegistrationForm.htm>

* Obtain Emblem/Award from Keys' -

<http://www.keystosaferschools.com/AwardCriteria.htm>

* Tell me how to Link "Keys" to my site -

http://www.keystosaferschools.com/LOVECampaignTrademark1.htm#Placing_A_Link

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"ADVERTISE WITH US"

by clicking <http://www.keystosaferschools.com/Sponsorpage.htm>

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