

Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of School Safety

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Wisconsin Act 143

- Created Office of School Safety
- Provided \$100,000,000 in grant funds for school safety initiative
- Requires collaborative efforts between schools and police
- Requires annual violence drills performed by the schools
- Requires submission of safety plans and school blue prints
- Requires review of safety plans by schools and police, yearly
- Updated safety plans every three years, approved by school boards
- Mandatory reporting of threats of violence to police



Grant Funding

- Round One of Grant Funding
 - Facility Improvements
 - Required school safety assessment
 - Required support from local police
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences Training
 - Trauma Informed Practices Training



Grant Funding

- Round Two of Grant Funding
 - Continued funding of facility improvements
 - Funding of school culture and climate improvement training
 - Requires the development of School Safety Intervention Teams
 - Requires 10% of staff attend Adolescent Mental Health Training
 - Requires a member of SSIT attend Threat Assessment Team Course



Office of School Safety Philosophy

- We will provide training and technical assistance regarding:
 - School Safety Intervention Teams
 - Violence Prevention Initiatives
 - Crisis Management Protocols
 - School Resource Officers
 - Threat Assessment
 - Collaborative team building between educators, law enforcement and behavioral/mental health providers



Office of School Safety

- Current Projects
 - Grant Review
 - Adolescent Mental Health Training
 - Standard Response Protocol/Standard Reunification Method
 - Anonymous/Confidential Reporting Technology
 - Guidance on school safety protocol/procedure
 - Standardization of threat assessment protocol



Office of School Safety

- Future Projects
 - Evaluation of current programs
 - Census of School Resource Officers
 - Trends around state as reported via Threat Assessment
 - Delivering information sharing training in partnership with WISC



Upcoming OSS Training

- Adolescent Mental Health Training
 - See OSS website
- Threat Assessment Team Course
 - See OSS website
- FERPA/School Safety/Liability
 - Lake Geneva, October 26



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