



Asset-Based Approaches to Community Violence Prevention and Intervention Strategies Strengthening Community Safety Through Proactive Planning and Partnerships



“Out-of-school time plays an essential role in fostering safe and supportive environments, creating spaces of connection and opportunity for youth and families.”

— Dr. Janell Wood, U.S. Department of Education 21st CCLC Program Officer

This takeaway includes key information and resources shared during the second webinar in a series on asset-based approaches to community violence prevention and intervention for out-of-school time (OST) professionals. The series addresses the impacts of violence and juvenile crimes, strategies for prevention, and the power of cross-sector partnerships in preparing and strengthening communities. It's hosted by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) National Technical Assistance Center (NTAC). Our partner for this webinar is the [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center \(REMS TA Center\)](#). Register for future webinars at 21stcclcntac.org.



Key Takeaways

- **Proactive safety planning is critical.** It's essential for 21st CCLC programs to prioritize safety planning and follow best practices such as conducting emergency preparedness drills and mapping assets to identify and tap into community strengths and resources.
- **Safety planning should address the five mission areas of emergency preparedness.** The five areas are prevention, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation.
- **Collaborative partnerships and restorative practices are powerful strategies.** These strategies enhance safety and foster a supportive environment.
- **Youth engagement matters.** Actively involving youth in safety planning is not only valuable — it's transformative.
- **Resources and partnerships abound.** Many tools, resources, and partners are available. Keep attending this webinar series to discover more ways to strengthen your programs!

Our guest panelist, Mr. Steve Harris, is an instructor and curriculum developer for the REMS TA Center. He is also an adjunct instructor for the Louisiana State University NCBRT/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education center.





Resources Shared During the Webinar

- [REMS Technical Assistance Center](#) – Federally funded TA center that provides training and resources to help education agencies and their community partners manage safety, security, and emergency management programs. Most of the resources listed below are from the REMS TA Center. Visit their website for additional resources.
- [Building Blocks to School Safety](#) – Toolkit for K-12 schools and school districts for developing high-quality school emergency operations plans (EOPs).
- [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design \[CPTED\] Fact Sheet](#) – Tips and strategies for using the CPTED approach in K-12 school environments to remove or reduce opportunities for criminal behavior.
- [Developing and Enhancing Memoranda of Understanding \(MOUs\) With Your Community Partners](#) – Toolkit for formalizing agreements with community partners to strengthen and align EOPs and safety planning.
- [Emergency Preparedness for Afterschool Programs](#) – #REMSontheAir podcast Episode 33, addressing hazards, threats, and considerations for planning and implementing safety protocols and EOPs.
- [EOP ASSESS](#) – A self-assessment tool that EOP planning team members and safety leaders can use to assess their capacity to create and maintain an EOP that considers a range of threats and hazards.
- [Guiding Positive Student Behavior Toolkit](#) – Fifteen tools for OST programs, including “Restorative Practices: Introduction, Tips, and Research” and “Circle Practices to Foster Community, Engagement, and Discussion.” Also, for access to a mini-course on this topic, visit the [21st CCLC NTAC website](#), establishing a free user account, and log into the Professional Learning Portal’s learning management system.
- [SITE ASSESS](#) – Free, secure mobile app designed to help education agencies assess their safety, security, accessibility, and emergency preparedness.
- [State Emergency Management Resources Map](#) – Interactive map with links to State emergency management resources, including State contacts, reports, legislation, and more.
- [Timeless School Safety Strategies Fact Sheet](#) – Strategies for getting started with emergency management planning and EOP development.

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