

Beyond Newtown: How to Ensure Safe Schools and Communities

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- o Grossmont Union High School District
- o Seven feeder districts
- o Three law enforcement agencies
- o Two school shootings in 2001
- o Suicide cluster of 5 students at one school in 2001-2002 school year
- o Long history of collaboration with partners

A white rectangular card is pinned to a blue textured wall with two silver pushpins. The card contains the text: "Are we REALLY doing everything we can to protect our students?"

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- o Virginia Tech Review Panel Report, 2007
- o Presidential Commission: Report to the President on Issues Raised by the Virginia Tech Report

- o Dr. Bernie James, Pepperdine University
- o Multiple sessions with key decision makers and legal counsels
- o HIPAA and FERPA do allow for information sharing
- o MOU for additional protection

MOU Signed in 2009

- o Six school districts
- o Three law enforcement agencies
- o San Diego County Child Welfare Services and Probation Department

- o Commitment to take our partnerships to the “next level”
- o Respecting confidentiality, but removing unnecessary policies and practices
- o Individual student concerns- Threat Assessments
- o Looking at data to improve services for individual students, analyze system effectiveness and move towards prevention

Commercially Sexually Exploited Child “Rose”

- 15 year old high school student
- Habitually truant
- Foster youth
- Probation for previous prostitution charges
- Chronic runaway

Social Autopsy

- Global Oversight Analysis Linking Systems (G.O.A.L.S) Process

GOALS

30 Victims

- o Looked across systems for answers in data
- o Law Enforcement: 24 were victims of violence or witnessed violence in the home; most had 2 RJ reports before first arrest for prostitution
- o CWS: 29 had more than 3 referrals before the age of 5
- o Probation: 3 on formal probation
- o Education: 21 Special Education; truancy; 30 off track with credits or dropped out

Outcomes of Agreement

- o Earlier identification and improved service coordination for individual students
- o Global Oversight Analysis Linking Systems (GOALS)
- o Curfew Sweeps
- o Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)
- o Coordinated Articulation

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