Beyond Newtown: How to Ensure Safe Schools and Communities

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Seven feeder districts
Three law enforcement agencies
Two school shootings in 2001
Suicide cluster of 5 students at one school in 2001-2002 school year
Long history of collaboration with partners
Are we REALLY doing everything we can to protect our students?

Presidential Commission: Report to the President on Issues Raised by the Virginia Tech Report
- Dr. Bernie James, Pepperdine University
- Multiple sessions with key decision makers and legal counsels
- HIPAA and FERPA do allow for information sharing
- MOU for additional protection
MOU Signed in 2009

- Six school districts
- Three law enforcement agencies
- San Diego County Child Welfare Services and Probation Department
Commitment to take our partnerships to the “next level”

Respecting confidentiality, but removing unnecessary policies and practices

Individual student concerns- Threat Assessments

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

GOALS

30 Victims

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

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


State Statues on Juvenile Interagency Information &Record Sharing, organized as an online resource by Dr. Bernard James, Professon of Law, Pepperdine university, in collaboration with the Fox Valley Technical College and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Available online at childprotecttraining@fvtc.edu