PREPaRE Workshop 1: Comprehensive School Safety Planning: Prevention Through Recovery
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In this 2-session workshop participants will learn how to establish and sustain comprehensive school safety efforts that attend to both physical and psychological safety. The workshop addresses critical components needed to develop, exercise, and evaluate safety and crisis teams and plans and conduct building vulnerability assessments. The model also integrates school personnel and community provider roles in providing school-based crisis preparedness and response activities. Additional topics addressed also include media/social media, communication, reunification, students with special needs, culture, and memorials. After this workshop, participants will be better prepared to improve their school’s climate, student resilience, and crisis response capabilities of school personnel. With updated research and strategies, this workshop makes a clear connection between ongoing crisis prevention, mitigation, protection, and response. It also provides a broad overview of the school crisis team's roles and responsibilities, with a special emphasis on crisis prevention and preparedness.

Who Should Receive Workshop 1 Training?
PREPaRE Workshop 1 is appropriate for all school personnel who need to understand how the comprehensive school crisis team is organized and functions. This can include but is not limited to school mental health professionals, administrators, teachers, other pupil services personnel, security officers, front office staff, transportation directors, and before and after school activities coordinators.

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