

Safety

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Half of the crisis mental health team attended the PREPaRE Training at the IU13. PREPaRE trains school-employed mental health professionals and educators how to best fill the roles and responsibilities generated by their membership on school crisis response teams. PREPaRE is the only comprehensive nationally available training curriculum developed by educators for educators. The curriculum is based on the following assumptions:

- The skill sets of school-based professionals are best utilized when they are embedded within a multidisciplinary team that engages in crises prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.
- School crisis management is relatively unique and, as such, requires its own model.
- By virtue of their professional training and job functions, school-employed mental health professionals are best prepared to address the mental health issues associated with school crisis.

Specifically, the PREPaRE Model emphasizes that members of a school crisis response teams must be involved in the following hierarchical and sequential set of activities:

- **P- PREVENT** and prepare for crisis
- **R- REAFFIRM** physical health and mental welfare, and perceptions of safety and security
- **E- EVALUATE** psychological trauma risk
- **P- PROVIDE** interventions
- **A- AND**
- **R- RESPOND** to mental health needs
- **E- EXAMINE** the effectiveness of crisis preparedness

-The following Table Top Discussions were held:

- Gas Leaks
- Bomb Threats