

About the Director



Cheri Lovre, MS, Director of CMI, has over 30 years of experience in the field of school crisis response. The focus of much of that time has been working with schools in the aftermath of student and staff death or other tragedies that overwhelm their usual abilities to cope.

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She was asked to respond to Springfield Public Schools following of the shooting at Thurston High School in May of 1998, and she received initial contact from the superintendent's office of Jefferson County Public Schools as the tragedy at Columbine was unfolding and went on to spend a week in Littleton.

She received a call from the office of the Chancellor of New York on 9/11 as events were unfolding and spent much of the following two years serving the 29 "schools that fled" as the towers collapsed. She worked with administrators, counselors, teachers, parents and children, and integrated Systems Thinking into the activities used to help all regain stability.

Following the tsunami in Asia, Ms. Lovre spent time working with an orphanage and school in Sri Lanka. This provided new and important lessons regarding the resiliency and needs of an already-traumatized population who subsequently survive a catastrophic event together. This provided new and important lessons that have been helpful in anticipating the challenges we are facing in the US in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Ms. Lovre has provided training and technical assistance to the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the American School Counselors Association and other national and state educational services. As school crises have grown and changed, her materials and training continue to reflect the cutting edge in her field.

"Your company name here" is proud to offer your schools this exciting opportunity. Long before 9/11, Cheri Lovre, Director of CMI, was sent around the country to give cutting-edge presentations on a range of topics related to school crises, prevention and school climate as a "value added" benefit from companies partnered with schools. Now CMI is using advances in technology to make critical information available to much greater audiences by offering a series of video conferences.

Key topics most in demand by leading school administrators are offered at the beginning of each school year. As the year unfolds, we will continue to add more options as feedback from our audiences dictate.

Video Conferencing and Web-Based trainings are the two primary user-friendly choices for technology offered. Those sites that have video conferencing equipment that is H324 protocol will be able to participate with that technology. Others may tune in via a web-based technology.

Video conferencing segments will be targeted specifically for administrators, some for counselors, teachers, bus drivers and others. Some will be appropriate for all audiences.

Six trainings have been selected for the first set of presentations. We have a long list of others courses that be offered based on request and feedback from participants. See inside for those segments already selected for Jostens as well as the partial list of additional training options.

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Online and Web-Based Training Options

- All trainings include handouts for each attendee.
- Resource books are available for most trainings.
- Professional Development Credit's are available.
- Extended credit hours and training session, additional activities and projects are available to create two and four hour programs.

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Sample list of courses

- Bullying and Teasing
- Skills for Bus Drivers (special segment)
- Catastrophic Events
- Crises on athletic trips and field trips
- Crisis Team Leadership
- Dealing with a terminally ill staff member
- Facilitating Grief Groups (theory and activities)
- Grief, Loss and Bereavement
- Handling Media Issues Relative to School Crises
- Kids in Grief
- NEMS National Emergency Management System
- Parent meetings after a School Tragedy
- Safe Rooms
- School Culture
- Staff members arrested for pornography on the internet, sexual misconduct, etc.
- Staff needs in time of crisis for administrators
- Systems Thinking and Problem Solving Skills for Administrators, Teachers and Students
- Team Readiness Evaluation
- Threat Assessment
- Trauma and School Climate (gaining stability back)
- Trauma in the Individual (counselors, teachers)
- What to do with the Empty Desk (and other Teacher issues—single child loss)

For a complete listing of available courses and registration, please visit our web-site at www.cmionline.org

Highlighted Corporate Sponsored Trainings offered for Fall 2005

- **Avoiding litigation in the aftermath of catastrophic events** — *In looking at many of the catastrophic events that schools have survived, the issue of litigation is a tremendous concern for administrators and school boards. This segment looks at those school shootings that have resulted in huge settlements or lawsuits, and those in which parents have opted not to press any charges at all. The pattern that emerges has insights for all.*
- **Catastrophic Events Overview**—*When catastrophic events unfold on school campus during the school day, the building's "Rapid Response Team" has to be prepared to help all survive until help arrives.... And we know from 9/11 that sometimes help never arrives. This segment gives a framework for evaluating the school's readiness at the building level for those events that cause lock-down or evacuation without any outside agency support.*
- **CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)** - Two retired police officers (one who started as a fire fighter) lead school administrators and those in charge of buildings and grounds through design features that enhance the safety of schools.
- **De-escalating angry students** — *Students most often go through a series of stages before they are actually combative, violent or abusive. This segment looks at the process of moving from anxiety to outbursts and gives suggestions on helping students derail that process early on.*
- **School Climate** — *We know that the best insurance against bullying, violence and shootings is having students who will tell adults what they know. This segment provides an overview of an in-depth program that brings students together to motivate and empower them to change school climate, including ideas and inspiration that can help break down the divisions between cliques and student social groups at your building.*
- **Suicide prevention for teachers and school staff** — *Most often, youth give many signs and messages when they're contemplating suicide. And too often, we fail to recognize those signs or know what steps to take. Youth are very apt to self-disclose these thoughts to school staff, so we have a terrific opportunity to save lives. This segment outlines how youth most often get to the point of suicide in most cases ,and gives pragmatic steps to take to engage them and gain their trust, giving you the best chance possible to save their lives.*



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