

Power-packed Summer Institutes



Your district is receiving this from your local IU. This has grown out of conversation between the IU and Cheri Lovre from Crisis Management Institute. Your IU is willing to facilitate organizing a training if enough districts are interested, so this is a quick overview of the Summer Institutes with links that can give you additional information. Once you've looked through this, your IU will want to know whether you're interested so they can begin to ascertain numbers in order to reserve the best sized room.



The training and how it works

Districts decide to participate and send team members

The IU organizes the training, choosing dates and times and a location. Each participating district sends at least three and up to ten people to participate in three power-packed days of training. Those team members return to your districts with new skills and insights. They'll have set goals specific to the needs of your districts and will have resources to get to the next level up of crisis preparedness and response capacity.

[Training Overview](#)



Value to the districts

At the end of the training, your district will have **a team of key "go-to" people** who will sustain the effectiveness of current team operations while implementing additional mechanisms that will improve response capacity.

Within your district, **each school site will have an improved Rapid Response Team**, which is the team that mobilizes immediately when lives are at risk, such as in the aftermath of an accident in the parking lot or an attack by an armed intruder.

All districts within your IU will have a common language, certain common procedures, and all will have a strong, basic capacity to respond in the aftermath of a variety of kinds of incidents. When teachers or other staff transfer from one district to the next, they have a common approach.

[Overview of Multi-day Training](#)

The collaborative option

After spending this time together at a shared training and examining the varieties of options for how districts can organize, you may see the benefit to having one county-wide, shared collaborative team. The way it operates is this:

- A crisis occurs for a district.

- The district requests a team.
- The IU mobilizes a response team made up of team members from surrounding school districts.
- Those team members who are mobilized show up very early to the school or schools in need, providing a range of services and supports during that day and perhaps several days that follow.
- The team debriefs school staff at the end of the day.
- The team is debriefed following the school staff debriefing.
- Depending on needs identified during the day, follow-up plans are made.
- The district in crisis does not send anyone from any of their buildings to the building in crisis -- the help all comes from surrounding districts **in order to keep the home district stable at a time when students in several buildings may have known those who died.** This process only works when the entire team (from all participating districts) have had training together, so there is the opportunity to build mutual trust and create a shared philosophy.

The decision on whether to create a collaborative team or stay with district teams does not need to be made prior to the training. It is simply one organizational structure that is presented as an option for consideration. Most often, districts decide to collaborate, but whether they do or not, all of the training is designed to be helpful at the district **or** collaborative level.

Costs

Costs are shared by the districts unless the IU has funding available. Depending on the number of districts that choose to participate, the cost can be as little as \$1,000 per district plus a materials fee of \$110 per participant. Usual per-district registration fees range from \$1,000 - 1,500.

Grants

There is one grant that DOE gives for this specific training. To view more information about that, go to this link? [Grant information](#)

Thanks again for taking time to look through this overview. Please call with questions or comments. The IU knows that we can also be flexible in working out a plan that is tailored specifically to your regions needs. This is just a great starting place. You're welcome to call CMI at 503-585 -3484 with any questions about the content or training. Thanks again for your consideration.

Be well,

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