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## **Best Practices in School Crisis**

### **Prevention and Intervention**

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### **Does your school have a crisis plan?**

### **Is it collecting dust?**

There is no more important component to crisis management than being prepared. But having a plan is not enough if it is sitting on a shelf collecting dust. On-going prevention and intervention must underpin any effective crisis plan, with trained crisis teams actively engaged in both aspects.

Schools have a primary responsibility to prevent and help manage a crisis that impacts the school community. Whether it is an act of violence on school grounds, suicide, a natural disaster, or an unthinkable event like the terrorist attacks on our country, effective school crisis teams can make the difference in both the immediate and long-term impact on students, staff, and families.

*Best Practices in School Crisis Prevention and Intervention* offers educators, mental health professionals, and relevant community service providers the latest in theory and practice across the spectrum of issues involved in crisis management. Leading national and international experts contributed to 37 chapters on topics that range from promoting school safety, identifying troubled youth, and community crisis response teams to natural disasters, school and war, and children's grief. The book's overriding message is that, if managed properly, crisis can be transformed into an opportunity to foster hope and resiliency as an antidote to violence. Topics are organized into six sections:

**Section I**, Introduction: From Theory to Practice

**Section II**, Primary Prevention: Preventing and Preparing for Crisis Events

**Section III**, Secondary Prevention: The Immediate Response to Crisis Events

**Section IV**, Secondary Prevention: Responding to Specific Crises

**Section V**, Tertiary Prevention: Long Term Treatment of Traumatized Individuals

**Section VI**, Special Issues in Crisis Prevention and Response

"I [am] struck by the breadth of the subject matter, the effective blend of theory and practical application, the magnitude of world class expertise reflected in these pages."- *Rear Admiral Brian W. Flynn, Assistant Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service*

To review the full table of contents and sample chapters, which were posted on the web as a resource in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, go to [www.nasponline.org/bestsellers](http://www.nasponline.org/bestsellers). The book will be available for sale in January 2002. For further information call NASP Publications at (301) 657-0270, ext. 225.