



## How to Get More Help or Information

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## School Crisis Response Team

The MACS School Crisis Response Team was created in cooperation with the MN School Safety Technical Assistance Center and Southwest West Central Service Cooperative.



## SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM



The Association has assembled a School Crisis Response Team composed of crisis-trained personnel from metro area charter schools who are available to assist a school in times of a school crisis: school violence, student death, staff death, suicide, accidents, natural disasters, or others.



### **What is a School Crisis?**

School Violence  
Student Death  
Staff Death  
Suicide  
Natural Disaster  
Accidents

### **What is a School Crisis Response Team?**

A School Crisis Response Team is comprised of trained (Critical Incident Stress Management - CISM), experienced professionals who will provide support, guidance, and resources to schools that are dealing with a traumatic events.

### **Who is the MACS School Crisis Response Team?**

The MACS Team is composed of professionals from charter schools in the Twin Cities metro area who have been trained in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) to provide on-site support to those affected by traumatic events.

**The creation of the MACS Team was the result of schools identifying a need, and is a voluntary partnership between charter schools.**



### **SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM PROCESS OVERVIEW**

- 1] The school authority contacts the MACS School Crisis Response Team Coordinator
- 2] The Coordinator notifies and assembles a School Crisis Response Team
- 3] The Team leader will be assigned and will make contact with the school authority prior to the team being deployed on-site
- 4] Once on-site the Team will follow a four-step process that is the basis of Critical Incident Stress Management
  - Step 1 – Assemble/Ground Rules
  - Step 2 – Fact Phase
  - Step 3 – Education Phase
  - Step 4 – Resources/Re-entry Phase
- 5] At the end of its on-site time a Crisis Management Briefing with the school authority

**The goal of the CISM process is to lessen the impact of traumatic stress and provide a framework for individuals and the school to begin a healthy grieving process.**